



High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority



E-220 HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

Members of the public may participate in the virtual meeting via Zoom info below.
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HDC JPA Board Virtual Meeting Info:

Join HDC JPA Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom, click link below:

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HDC JPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

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Vacant, Joint Appointment, San Bernardino County/Los Angeles County

HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER ALTERNATES

Richard Loa, Council Member, City of Palmdale/Los Angeles County
Dave Perry, 5th Supervisorial District Transportation Deputy, Los Angeles County
Christopher Porter, 1st Supervisorial District Deputy, San Bernardino County
Curt Emick, Mayor, Town of Apple Valley/San Bernardino County
Elizabeth Becerra, Council Member, City of Victorville/San Bernardino County

HDC JPA STAFF

Executive Director: Arthur V. Sohikian
Clerk: Lynna Monell, San Bernardino Clerk of the Board
Auditor-Controller: Jessica Trillo, San Bernardino County
Legal Counsel: John Tubbs II, Deputy County Counsel, San Bernardino County

OPEN SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Kathryn Barger, Chair
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** HDC JPA is conducting business remotely. HDC JPA is committed to ensuring that our public meetings are accessible to the public and that the public can observe and address the meeting and to participate by providing written and oral comment on HDC matters. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Executive Director Arthur Sohikian at arthur@avsconsultinginc.com.

At this time members of the public can address the HDC JPA Board of Directors regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency that are not separately listed on this agenda. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

5. HDC JPA VIRTUAL/REMOTE BOARD MEETING OPT-IN UNDER AB 361 – Legal Counsel

Recommended Action: *Adopt findings and approve April 14, 2022, virtual meeting under AB 361 during Proclaimed State of Emergency with findings as follows:*

1. *There exists a “proclaimed state of emergency”, pursuant to the Governor’s State of Emergency Declaration, issued on March 4, 2020.*
2. *State and/or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.*

Future Meetings – Discussion and potential setting of special meetings.

If HDC JPA wishes to consider invoking AB 361 virtual meetings for subsequent meetings:

- a. *The proclaimed state of emergency must remain active; or*
- b. *State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing;*

AND

- c. *Not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time under the AB 361, and every 30 days thereafter, the board shall again make the following findings by majority vote:*

The board has reconsidered the circumstances of emergency, and at least one of the following circumstances exist:

- a) *The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or,*
- b) *State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.*

6. MINUTES/RECAP OF PROCEEDINGS: Executive Director

Recommended Action: *Approve October 21, 202, HDC JPA Board Meeting Minutes and February 28, 2022 HDC JPA Board Meeting Minutes.*

7. HDC JPA RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AND METRO FUNDING AGREEMENT – Executive Director

Recommended Action:

- a) Approve the High Desert Corridor JPA Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Recommended Budget of \$927,069 to enable the HDC JPA to close out the pending items to complete the CEQA Addenda and NEPA environmental clearance, Surface Transportation Board Filing, and HDC JPA Administration for dissolution of the HDC JPA.
- b) Approve the HDC JPA – Metro Funding Agreement for Metro to transfer funds in the amount of \$902,970 to HDC JPA to fund the completion of the NEPA environmental clearance, Surface Transportation Board Filing, and HDC JPA Administration for dissolution of the HDC JPA.

8. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR HDC JPA DISSOLUTION – *Executive Director*

Recommended Action: For the purpose of HDC JPA dissolution, it is necessary to complete and close out items pertaining to the Federal Railroad Administration application and Surface Transportation Board petition for the federal NEPA environmental clearance process, including the Record of Decision, and other relevant items: therefore, it is recommended the Board of Directors take the following actions:

- a) **Transportation Solutions Contract Amendment 8 and Funding:** Approve the Transportation Solutions Contract Amendment 8, including subcontractors, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$720,000 including the extension of the contractual performance period from December 31, 2022, to June 30, 2023, with funding included in the HDC JPA Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Recommended Budget effective July 1, 2022, and authorize the Executive Director/County of San Bernardino to execute the Transportation Solutions Contract Amendment 8; and,
- b) **HDC JPA Executive Director and Administration Support Services (AVS Consulting, Inc.) Contract Extension and Funding:** Approve the AVS Consulting, Inc. Contract Extension with funding in the HDC JPA Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Recommended Budget of a not-to-exceed amount of \$182,970 to conduct the work as the Executive Director and Administration Support Services for the HDC JPA for FY 2022-2023.

9. HDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – *Executive Director*

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

10. HDC JPA CORRESPONDENCE: *San Bernardino Clerk of the Board, Lynna Monell*

11. HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT. There will be no HDC JPA Board meetings after June 30, 2022. Interim Special Meetings TBD.