



**HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 11, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

Members of the public are welcome to participate via computer or by phone.
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HDC JPA Board Meeting Virtual Info:

Please Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device.

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TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE AT THESE ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS

<p>Kathryn Barger County of Los Angeles Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple Street Conference Room 864 Los Angeles, CA 90012 and Remote Location</p>	<p>Elizabeth Becerra & Bob Harriman Victorville - City Hall 14343 Civic Drive Conference Room A Victorville, CA 92392</p>	<p>Gabriel Reyes & Daniel Ramos Adelanto – City Hall 11600 Air Express Way Adelanto, CA 92301</p>
<p>Lauren Hughes-Leslie Lancaster - City Hall 44933 Fern Avenue Conference Room A Lancaster, CA 93534</p>	<p>Eric Ohlsen & Richard Loa Palmdale - City Hall 38300 Sierra Highway Suite B Palmdale, CA 93550</p>	<p>Ara Najarian 500 N. Brand Blvd Suite 830 Glendale, CA 91203</p>

HDC JPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

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HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER ALTERNATES

Richard Loa, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Palmdale
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Daniel Ramos, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Adelanto

HDC JPA STAFF

Executive Director: Arthur V. Sohikian
Legal Counsel: Laura Jacobson, Deputy County Counsel, Los Angeles County

OPEN SESSION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Kathryn Barger, Chair
- 2. ROLL CALL** – Arthur V. Sohikian, Secretary
- 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 V. Sohikian at sohikian@highdesertcorrrior.org. 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. When possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

HDC JPA BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Board, any public comments on any of the Consent Calendar items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless Board Members request items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

- 5. HDC JPA BOARD MEETING MINUTES/RECAP OF PROCEEDINGS**

Recommended Action: Approve January 11, 2024, HDC JPA Board Meeting Minutes/Recap of Proceedings held via virtual zoom webinar format.

HDC JPA BOARD REGULAR CALENDAR

6. HDC JPA PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET

Recommended Action:

- A. Approve High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget of \$6,174,000. Attachment A – HDC JPA Proposed FY24-25 Budget and HDC JPA FY23-24 Approved Budget.
- B. Authorize the Executive Director and Los Angeles County Counsel to execute all necessary funding agreements with Metro.
- C. Authorize the Executive Director contractual signing authority for an amount not to exceed \$299,000.
- D. Authorize the Executive Director to continue the agreement with Los Angeles County Public Works for procurement support services.

7. RESOLUTION OF THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AGENCY TO EXECUTE A MASTER AGREEMENT, AND PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS FOR STATE-FUNDED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Recommended Action:

- A. Approve HDC JPA Resolution FY23/24-01 (Attachment A) of the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency Authorizing the Chair of the Board of Directors and Executive Director of the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency to Execute Master Agreement (No. 64HDCJPAMA), and Program Supplements for State-Funded Transportation Projects.
- B. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Directors, Executive Director, and Los Angeles County Counsel to execute all necessary funding agreements.

8. COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT FOR HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR PROJECT WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES/ORANGE COUNTIES BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL AND THE SAN BERNARDINO-RIVERSIDE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL AND THE SIGNATORY CRAFT COUNCILS AND UNIONS

Recommended Action:

- A. Approve Community Workforce Agreement for High Desert Corridor Project with State Building and Construction Trades Council of California and Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, and the San Bernardino-Riverside Building and Construction Trades Council and the Signatory Craft Councils and Unions.
- B. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Directors, Executive Director, and Los Angeles County Counsel to execute all necessary agreements.

9. HIGH SPEED RAIL LABOR COALITION AGREEMENT TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT

Recommended Action:

- A. Approve High Speed Rail Labor Coalition Agreement with 13 Rail Unions to Operate and Maintain the High Desert Corridor High Speed Rail Project.
- B. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Directors, Executive Director, and Los Angeles County Counsel to execute all necessary agreements.

10. HDC JPA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH AVS CONSULTING, INC. FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND AGENCY ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT SERVICES

Recommended Action:

Approve the AVS Consulting, Inc. Contract Extension, including subcontractors, for a not-to-exceed annual amount of \$1,188,800 to conduct the agency management activities of the HDC JPA including those of the Executive Director and Agency Administration Support Services with a period of performance from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, pending funding of the FY2024-2025 adopted budget.

11. HDC JPA CONTRACT MODIFICATION TO EXISTING AMENDMENT NO 9 WITH TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS

Recommended Action:

Approve a modification to the existing Transportation Solutions Contract Amendment No 9, including subcontractors, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$358,000 to conduct additional tasks that have come up in the current fiscal year to support the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Record of Decision (ROD) processes, with a period of performance to coincide with the current period of performance that runs from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. The current year Budget of \$710,000 for this item will be adjusted with the \$358,000 modification for a revised total amount of \$1,068,000. The \$358,000 modification to this contract does not increase the overall HDC JPA FY24 Budget because the funds will be reallocated from unexpended funds in the current budget. These additional tasks are related to right-of-way planning and environmental/conceptual engineering design activities to reflect the minor adjustment made to the route alignment.

12. HDC JPA CONTRACT AMENDMENT 10 WITH TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS

Recommended Action:

Approve the Transportation Solutions Contract Amendment 10, including subcontractors, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$977,000 to complete the project's remaining tasks related to National Environmental Policy Act and Record of Decision processes with a period of performance from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, pending funding in the FY2024-2025 adopted budget.

13. HDC JPA EXPERT PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT

Recommended Action:

- A.** Find that the award of contract is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
- B.** Award contract to InfraStrategies LLC for Professional Financial and Business Advisory Services in the amount of \$3,500,000 for a three-year base contract with two one-year options.
- C.** Authorize the Executive Director and Los Angeles County Counsel, representing HDC JPA, to execute the contract.
- D.** Authorize the Executive Director to execute amendments to: (a) exercise the term extension options to extend the term of the Agreement for up to two additional one-year periods; (b) add, delete, and/or change Agreement terms and conditions that are non-substantive, required by the HDC JPA Board, or necessary for compliance with applicable law; (c) approve necessary changes to scope of services; (d) supplement the initial not-to-exceed contract amount of \$3,500,000 by up to 15% contingency of the original contract amount based on workload requirements; (e) to suspend and/or terminate the contract for convenience.

14. HDC JPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – HDC JPA Executive Director

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

15. HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. ADJOURNMENT. Next HDC JPA Board Meeting is July 11, 2024, 2 pm