



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

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 17, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.

Members of the public are welcome to participate via computer or by phone.
Please mute phones/computer audio, until you are called to speak.

HDC JPA Board Meeting Virtual Info:

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

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

HDC JPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

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HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER ALTERNATES

Richard Loa, Mayor, City of Palmdale
Bob Harriman, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Victorville
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 9, 2025, HDC JPA Board Meeting Minutes/Recap of Proceedings held via virtual zoom webinar format.

HDC JPA BOARD REGULAR CALENDAR

6. CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY UPDATE - *Ian Choudri, CEO, CHSRA*

Recommended Action: *Receive and File*

7. HDC JPA PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET

Recommended Action:

A. Approve High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget of \$11,937,350. Attachment A – HDC JPA Proposed FY25-26 Budget and HDC JPA FY24-25 Approved Budget.

B. Authorize the Chair, 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.

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

Recommended Action:

A. Approve the AVS Consulting, Inc. Contract Extension, including subcontractors, for a not-to-exceed annual amount of \$824,510 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, 2025, to June 30, 2026, pending funding of the FY2025-2026 adopted budget.

B. Authorize the Chair, Executive Director, and Los Angeles County Counsel to execute all necessary contracts.

9. HDC JPA CONTRACT AMENDMENT 11 WITH TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS

Recommended Action:

Approve the Transportation Solutions Contract Amendment 11, including subcontractors, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,585,000 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, 2025, to June 30, 2026, pending funding in the FY2025-2026 adopted budget.

10. HDC JPA ENGINEERING DESIGN AND RELATED 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 a contract to HDR, Inc. for Engineering, Design, and Related Advisory Services for the High-Speed Rail Project for a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$42,000,000, plus a 25% contingency of the contractual amount to be exercised at the discretion of the HDC JPA. The contractual agreement will be for a five-year term with three additional two-year options to be exercised at the discretion of the HDC JPA for a potential total performance period of 11 years.
- C. Authorize the Executive Director and Los Angeles County Counsel, representing HDC JPA, to execute the contract.
- D. Authorize the Executive Director to execute task orders to conduct the necessary engineering related activities as needed and execute amendments to: (a) exercise the term extension options to extend the term of the Agreement for up to three additional two-year periods; (b) add, delete, and/or change Agreement terms and conditions that are non-substantive, required by the HDC JPA Board of Directors, or necessary for compliance with applicable law; (c) approve necessary changes to the scope of services of the contract as needed; (d) supplement the initial not-to-exceed contract amount with a 25% contingency of \$10,500,000, based on workload requirements; and, (e) to suspend and/or terminate the contract for convenience.

11. HDC JPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – *HDC JPA Executive Director*

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

12. HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT. Next HDC JPA Board of Directors Meeting is July 10, 2025, 2 pm