



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

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 8, 2026 – 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:

JOIN Microsoft Teams meeting:

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Meeting ID: 223 684 278 754 070 Passcode: qb3k3yT3

TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE AT THESE ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS

Kathryn Barger County of Los Angeles Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple Street Conference Room 864 Los Angeles, CA 90012	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 Hwy Suite B Palmdale, CA 93550	Patsy Ayala Santa Clarita City Hall 23920 Valencia Blvd Santa Clarita, CA 91355

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Richard Loa, Council Member, City of Palmdale
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Nicholas Godin, City Engineer, City of Lancaster

HDC JPA STAFF

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

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER – Kathryn Barger, Chair
ROLL CALL – Arthur V. Sohikian, Secretary
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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 participate by providing written and oral comments on HDC matters. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Executive Director Arthur V. Sohikian at sohikian@highdesertcorridor.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.

CC-1. HDC JPA BOARD MEETING MINUTES/RECAP OF PROCEEDINGS

Recommended Action: Approve July 9, 2026, HDC JPA Board Meeting Minutes/Recap of Proceedings held via virtual Microsoft Teams meeting format.

HDC JPA BOARD REGULAR CALENDAR

RC-1. HDC JPA PROPOSED HDC JPA BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Recommended Action: *Receive and file Proposed 2027 HDC JPA Board of Directors Meeting Calendar*

- A. January 14, 2027, 2:00 to 3:30pm/virtual
- B. April 8, 2027, 2:00 to 3:30pm/virtual
- C. June 10, 2027, 2:00 to 3:30pm/virtual
- D. September 9, 2027, 2:00 to 3:30pm/virtual
- E. November 18, 2027, 2:00 to 3:30pm/virtual

RC-2. HDC JPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – *HDC JPA Executive Director*

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

RC-3. HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

RC-4. ADJOURNMENT. Next HDC JPA Board of Directors Meeting is January 14, 2027, 2pm/virtual

AGENDA BOARD REPORT – CONSENT ITEM 1

High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency

Date: October 8, 2026

To: Board of Director Members of the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency (HDC JPA)

From: Arthur V. Sohikian, Executive Director

Subject: **HDC JPA Board Meeting Minutes/Recap of Proceedings**

Recommendation Action:

Approve July 9, 2026, HDC JPA Board Minutes/Recap of Proceedings held via virtual Microsoft Teams meeting format.

1. **July 9, 2026 HDC JPA CALL TO ORDER – Chair Barger calls virtual Board meeting to order at 2:00pm**

2. **ROLL CALL – Quorum Present, 6 voting members as follows:**

HDC JPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS – present/voting members

Kathryn Barger, Chair, 5th Supervisorial District, Los Angeles County

Elizabeth Becerra, Vice Chair, Mayor, City of Victorville

Gabriel Reyes, Mayor, City of Adelanto

Lauren Hughes-Leslie, Council Member, City of Lancaster

Eric Ohlsen, Mayor, City of Palmdale

Ara Najarian, Director, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

HDC JPA STAFF

Executive Director: Arthur V. Sohikian

Legal Counsel: Laura Jacobson, Deputy County Counsel, Los Angeles County

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Director Najarian

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

CC-1 HDC JPA BOARD MEETING MINUTES/RECAP OF PROCEEDINGS

Recommended Action: Approve April 9, 2026, HDC JPA Board Meeting Minutes/Recap of Proceedings held via virtual zoom webinar format.

Approved Consent Calendar Item 1 by Motion by Director Najarian, second by Director Ohlsen

KB	EB	GR	LHL	EO	AN
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

HDC JPA BOARD REGULAR CALENDAR

RC-1. HDC JPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – *HDC JPA Executive Director*

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

RC-2. HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

RC-3. **ADJOURNMENT 2:27pm**

Next HDC JPA Board of Directors Meeting is October 8, 2026, 2pm/virtual



AGENDA REPORT – Regular Calendar ITEM 1
High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency

Date: October 8, 2026

To: Board of Director Members of the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency (HDC)

From: Arthur V. Sohikian, Executive Director

Subject: Proposed 2027 HDC JPA Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

Recommended Action: Receive and file Proposed 2027 HDC JPA Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

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For 2027, as the HDC HSR Project progresses we are anticipating more agenda items, so we added a 5th meeting and are allocating 90 minutes for the Board of Director meetings.



AGENDA REPORT – Regular Calendar Item 2

High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency

Date: October 8, 2026

To: Board of Director Members of the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency (HDC JPA)

From: Arthur V. Sohikian, Executive Director

Subject: HDC JPA Executive Director Report

Recommended Action: Receive and File Report

1. HDC JPA FY27 Work Program Implementation

On May 28, 2026, the Metro Board of Directors unanimously approved the HDC JPA FY27 Budget Work Program of \$10,838,470 from Measure M funds. HDC staff has been implementing the FY27 Planning First budget approach of completing the federal NEPA environmental process and continuing work on the Federal Railroad Administration Corridor Identification and Development Program (FRA CID) Service Development Plan. More information is contained in the presentation in Attachment A.

The Financial & Business Advisory Support team continues its work on the funding plan and as lead of the federal and state grant funding applications the HDC submitted federal grant applications in February 2026 and state grant funding TIRCP application in May 2026. The Engineering, Design and Related Services team continues its work on the conceptual design plans for the environmental approval process and support stakeholder coordination. More information is contained in Attachment B.

As the HDC HSR Project advances in 2027, it is anticipated that more items will require the Board of Directors approval such as agreements, contracts, and procurement solicitations and awards. An additional meeting has been added for the 2027 calendar year for a total of 5 Board of Director meetings.

2. High Desert Intercity High Speed Rail Project in Federal NEPA Environmental Process

The HDC JPA submitted the High Desert Intercity High Speed Rail Project petition for Reevaluation to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and Surface Transportation Board (STB) in April 2021. The FRA held a workshop in October 2023 for interested parties and in May 2024 asked the HDC JPA to focus on more planning and coordination with the CA High Speed Rail Project and the Brightline West Project before advancing further in the NEPA process.

In October 2024, the HDC JPA approached the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) to discuss the possibility that the CHSRA assume the role of NEPA Lead Agency through their NEPA delegation Authority agreement with the FRA. The High Desert Intercity High Speed Rail Project objective is to progress with the NEPA process to receive the Record of Decision (ROD) and Notice of Determination (NOD) approval. With the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

concurrence, this will complete environmental clearance for the high-speed rail project to advance to the next phase of Project Development.

In September 2025, the CHSRA sent a letter to the HDC JPA assuming the role of lead federal NEPA agency. A resolution was approved by the Board on October 9, 2025 Board Agenda Item 7, authorizing the Executive Director of the High Desert Corridor JPA to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements with CHSRA as the lead federal agency to conduct the tasks associated with NEPA work that is required to obtain a ROD anticipated in December 2026/January 2027. The HDC JPA is working closely with CHSRA on the NEPA Re-Evaluation process through ongoing submittals and reviews with monthly progress meetings.

3. HDC JPA Industry and Public Engagement

The HDC JPA is raising the profile of the High Desert Corridor Intercity High Speed Rail Project by engaging in various ways, such as: Conference/speaking events, engaging with Legislators and staff, industry professionals and Labor. The HDC JPA participated at the following events:

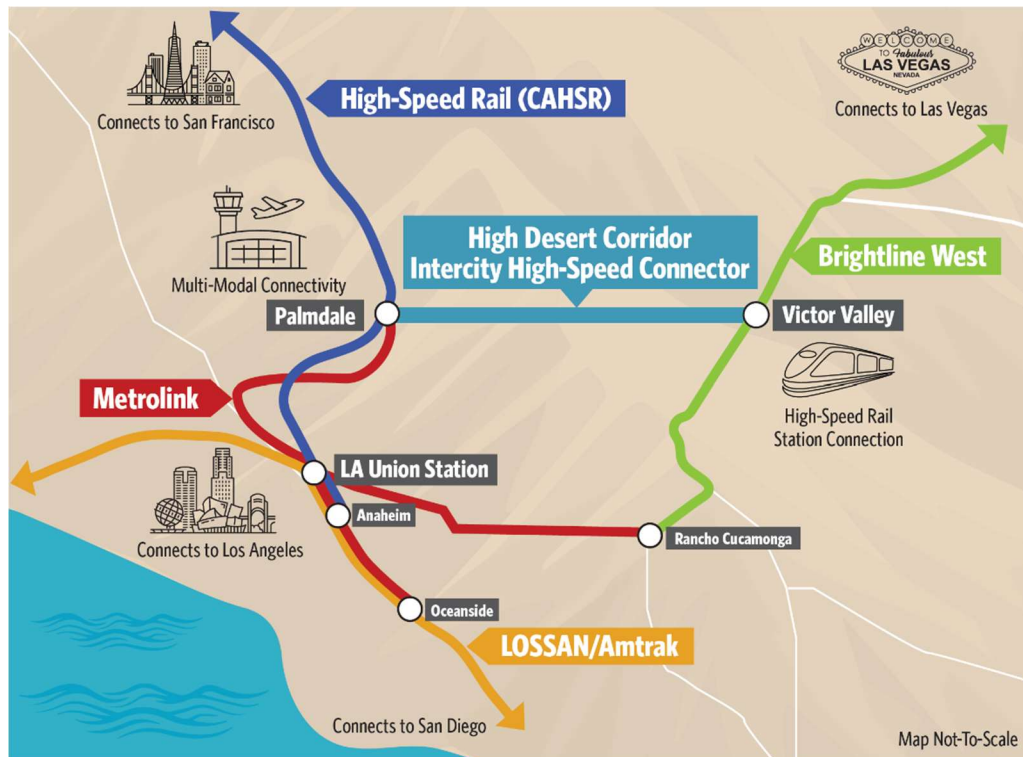
- Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce, Victorville, July 1
- Assembly Inland Empire Caucus Hearing, Victorville, July 17
- Construction Network, La Mirada, October 20 (upcoming)
- MoveLA – HSR Network, Palmdale, October 27 (upcoming)
- Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce Valley Morning Insight with Congressman Obernolte, Victorville, November 4 (upcoming)

4. HDC JPA Submits Federal and State Funding Grant Application

The HDC JPA submitted federal funding grant applications in February 2026 and submitted a state TIRCP grant application in May 2026 for the HDC HSR Project. The HDC HSR Project was not selected for an award on the federal grant programs. The HDC JPA FY 2026 BUILD application has been recognized as a “Project of Merit,” meaning the application advanced to the Highly Rated List. A debrief has been requested to discuss feedback on the HDC JPA’s application. Applications for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) are undergoing review.

Grant	Federal State Partnership (FSP)		US DOT BUILD		CA TIRCP
Tasks / Funding	Victor Valley Integration Planning & Design	Palmdale Integration Planning & Design	Victor Valley Integration Planning & Design	Mainline Segment Planning & Design	HDC HSR Planning, Design, ROW & Victor Valley Construction
Submitted	Feb 6	Feb 6	Feb 24	Feb 24	May 18
Status	No award	No award	No award	No award	Pending results Fall 2026

5. High Desert Intercity High Speed Rail Project Benefits, Maps, Highlights



Project Benefits

- The High Desert Intercity High Speed Rail Project proposes a 54-mile corridor (Palmdale to Victor Valley) that can be traveled in under 30 minutes providing a future connection to the California High Speed Rail Project and the Brightline West Project.
- One HSR station in Palmdale and one HSR station in Victor Valley: Proposed integration with California High Speed Rail Palmdale Station and Brightline West Victor Valley Station.
- Equitable transportation mobility options. The HDC HSR represents a significant investment in historically underserved and underinvested communities in the high desert communities of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties.
- The HDC JPA HSR Project is consistent with the CA State Rail Plan's objectives to improve connectivity of the California statewide rail network.
- The HDC HSR Project will improve travel safety and reliability from rural communities to major urban centers in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties.
- The HDC HSR Project, a zero-emission high speed rail technology, will reduce vehicle miles traveled, contributing to improved air quality and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
- The HDC HSR Project is estimated to generate more than \$12 billion in economic activity during development and construction.
- New business development will help create jobs closer to and within the growing communities in Southern California. Access to affordable housing options.

HDC JPA is seeking NEPA environmental approvals for the Intercity High Speed Rail Project with a federal Record of Decision (ROD) and Notice of Determination (NOD). More than \$2 billion of Los Angeles County Measure M funds are dedicated to the project.

Project Milestones (in descending order)

- June 2026: HDC JPA and CHSRA enters a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the process to cooperate and collaborate on the development of a high-speed rail operating and development plan to create an integrated high-speed rail network
- June 2026: Caltrans approved the Encroachment Project Review Process for the HDC HSR Project to be reviewed through the Short-form Project Delivery Quality Management Assessment Process (QMAP)
- June 2026: HDC JPA hosted community meetings which included in-person sessions in Victorville and Palmdale, as well as a virtual meeting via Zoom; together, the three meetings drew over 140 participants
- May 2026: HDC JPA Board approves, with Metro Board concurrence, the FY2026-27 budget allocating \$10,838,470 to proceed with HDC JPA HSR Project development activities and obtaining NEPA environmental approvals
- May 2026: HDC JPA submits TIRCP Grant request for the HDC HSR Project

- February 2026: HDC JPA submits Federal State Partnership and BUILD Grant request for the System Integration Projects
- February 2026: Metro finalizes audit of HDC on Proposition C 25% and Measure M for fiscal years 2021-2025, which verify records to be in accordance with acceptable accounting principles and no instances of noncompliance. Link to final audit report: www.highdesertcorridor.org
- September 2025: CHSRA assumes responsibility as NEPA lead agency for the HDC Intercity Rail Project
- May 2025: HDC JPA Board approves, with Metro Board concurrence, the FY2025-26 budget allocating \$11,937,350 to proceed with HDC JPA HSR Project development activities including seeking NEPA environmental approvals
- December 2024: HDC JPA submits Federal State Partnership Grant request for the Southwest Region Integration Project
- December 2024: HDC JPA submits FRA Corridor ID Stage 2 Scope, Budget, Timeline paving the way to complete the High Speed Rail Service Development Plan
- August 2024: HDC HSR Project signs two Labor Agreements with the CA Trades Councils for construction and US Rail Labor Coalition for Operation and Maintenance
- December 2023: \$8 million in CA Grant Funds allocated; Master Agreement completed, July 2024
- December 2023: HDC HSR Project accepted into Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Corridor Identification and Development Program (CID) Stage 1, with a \$500,000 grant award; grant obligated, August 2024
- April 2021: HDC JPA submits Reevaluation petition to Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and Surface Transportation Board (STB) to receive NEPA clearance and receive the Rail Project Record of Decision (ROD/NOD)
- 2020: Caltrans declares No Build for the highway portion
- 2018: High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority (HDC JPA) supports study of an alternative to the HDC
- 2016: High Desert Corridor Multi-purpose corridor receives California CEQA clearance which included a highway and high-speed rail line in the Locally Approved Alternative (LPA); EIR/EIS completed in 2016 after an 8-year Public Process

HDC JPA October 8 2026 Board Agenda Regular Calendar Item 2 - Attachment A

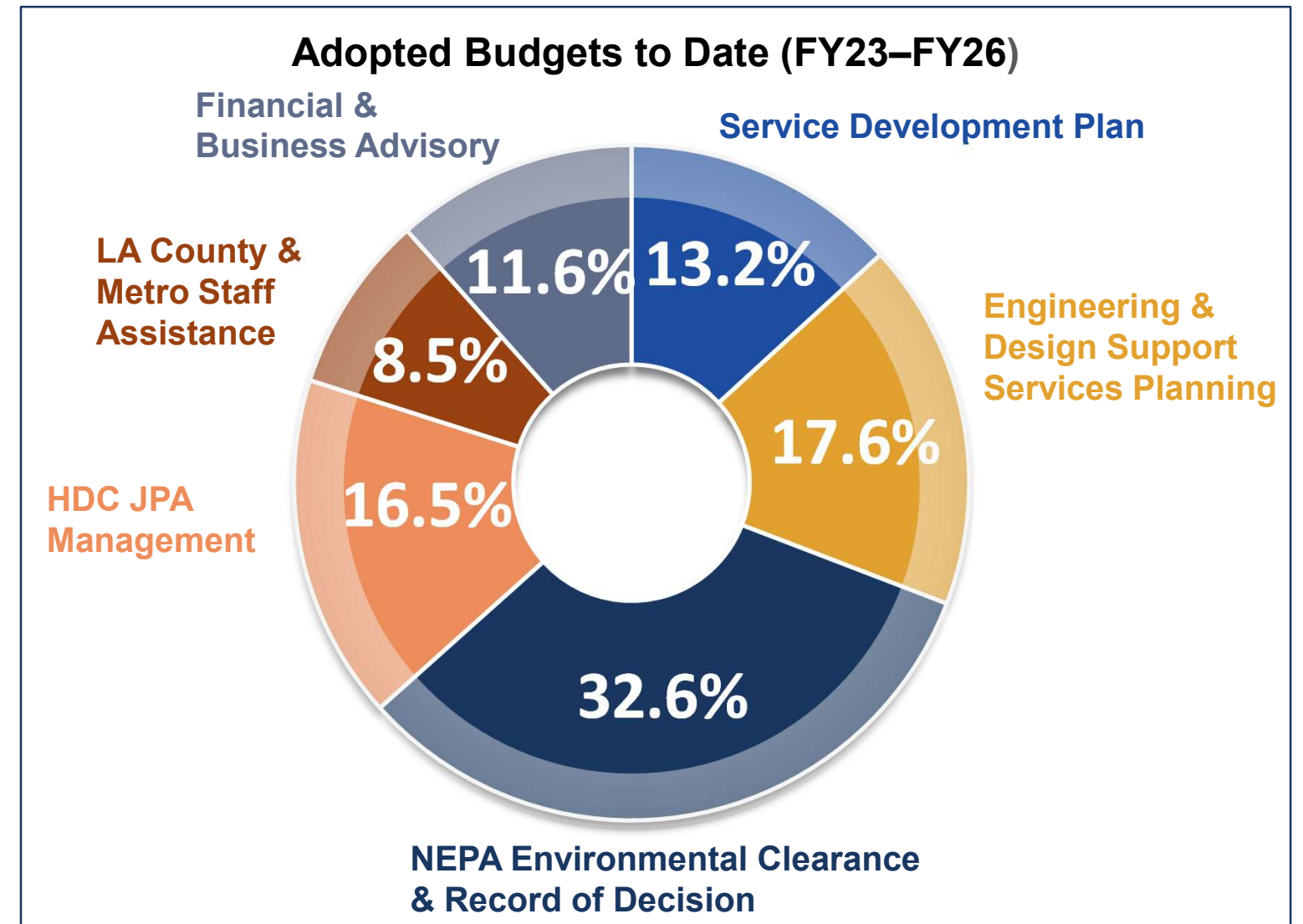


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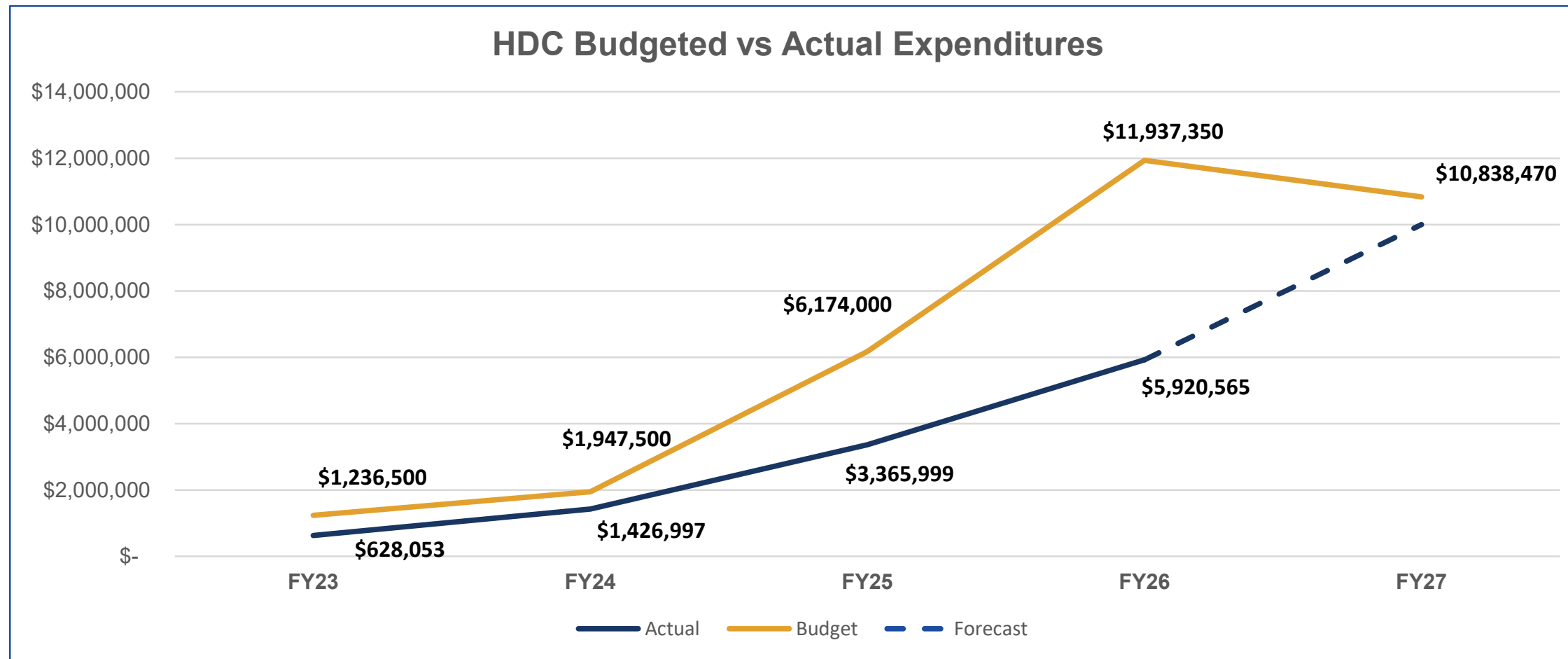
HDC JPA Executive Director Report

HDC JPA Budgets to Date (FY23–FY26)

- In recent years, HDC JPA adopted fiscal year budgets have reflected the JPA's planning priorities to achieve NEPA approvals/ROD, continue ROW planning and conceptual advanced planning design engineering work, and completion of the Service & Financial Development Plan.
- Key activities in FY26 included:
 - Coordination with the FRA and CHSRA to advance the NEPA environmental clearance toward a Record of Decision (ROD)
 - Continued coordination/integration with Brightline West at the Victor Valley Station and California High Speed Rail Authority at the Palmdale Station. Signed MOU with CHSRA to collaborate on high-speed rail integration and development
 - Initiated coordination with Caltrans on review and permitting process and secured approval to advance the Caltrans Encroachment Project Review Process
 - Leveraged Local Measure M funds by pursuing Federal FSP, BUILD, and CA State TIRCP grant funds
 - Closed-out Step 1 of the Corridor ID Program Service Development Plan
 - Completed the LA Metro FY21–FY25 Measure M/Prop C Audit
 - Completed series of community meetings on environmental process and status



HDC JPA Budgeted vs Actual Expenditures to Date (FY23–FY27)



- FY26 savings are primarily a result of:
 - Lower expenditures on NEPA activities by CHSRA staff and HDC JPA consultants, while meeting deliverables and maintaining schedule
 - Delay in advancing Corridor ID Step 2 of the Service Development Plan; dependent on FRA release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity

Anticipating an increased volume and complexity of work starting in early 2027 including: ROW / land acquisition, Market Engagement, and NEPA Record of Decision (ROD)



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 = Activity

 = Milestone

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CHSRA Coordination + Environmental Update



- CHSRA and JPA signed new MOU in June 2026 to improve coordination on environmental clearance and Palmdale Station planning
- CHSRA and JPA working through final NEPA ReExam and Section 4(f) Appendix edits
 - To be distributed to Cooperating Agencies in early November 2026
- ROD and MMRP Package will be reviewed/approved in November 2026
- On track for ROD issuance in December 2026/January 2027
- Under budget in FY25/26 for NEPA Reexamination costs for CHSRA support

Regulatory Agency Coordination

- USFWS approved amendment to Biological Opinion for HDC Project in August 2026
 - Revised Desert Tortoise and protected bird mitigation measures
 - No further consultation required
- Air Quality Record of Non-Applicability reviewed by FRA in September 2026
 - To be approved in October 2026
- SHPO concurred on cultural resources Finding of Effect in October 2026
 - CHSRA and JPA finalizing Programmatic Agreement



Milestone Schedule

Deliverable	Date
Draft NEPA ReExam Submitted	Jan 2026
NEPA ReExam Public Outreach Completed	Jun 2026
Consultation with USFWS Completed	Aug 2026
Air Quality RONA Approval	Oct 2026
Section 106 Programmatic Agreement Approval	Nov 2026
Final NEPA ReExam Approval	Nov 2026
MMRP Approval	Nov 2026
ROD Issuance	Dec 2026/Jan 2027

Attachment B

Financial and Business Advisory Support Quarterly Update July-September 2026

- Consultant team under contract as of June 2024
- Important part of building HDC JPA organizational capacity
- Team led by InfraStrategies, includes 9% DBE participation
- Broad range of activities, including:
 - **Facilitation Support/Administration** – coordination with HDC JPA leadership, within team, with other consultant teams; record-keeping
 - **Financial Plan Development** – identification and tracking of current and potential funding/financing sources and uses of funds
 - **Grants Management** – identifying and pursuing grant opportunities, tracking and ensuring compliance with grant and other funding requirements
 - **Organizational Management/Governance Structure Development** – assess organizational needs, develop strategy to ensure ability to implement program and meet evolving needs
 - **Project Development Support** – engagement with key stakeholders, identification of issues and strategies relating to advancement of project
 - **Procurement Support** – assist in developing, advancing the retention of necessary additional support services
 - **DBE Monitoring and Compliance** – establish processes and reporting mechanisms for ensuring DBE goal compliance

Significant activities/accomplishments for the quarter in support of HDC JPA leadership included:

- Coordinated with and supported HDC JPA leadership in follow-up for California Transit and Intercity Capital Rail Program (TIRCP) Cycle 8 application that was submitted on May 18
- Monitoring and tracking of California Air Resources Board (CARB) action affecting Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund levels and impacts on TIRCP, including engagement with California Transit Association
- Initiated development of procurement strategy and documents for right-of-way (ROW) services
- Review of California High-Speed Rail Authority Co-Development Agreement for implications to HDC project and industry engagement
- Development of future Board meeting cadence considerations and recommendations, including review of peer agency practices
- Initiated review of contracting options and considerations related to coordination with Brightline West

- Development of HDC project timeline identifying key internal and external activities and milestones
- Tracking and review of federal surface transportation reauthorization proposals
- Initiated development of procurement strategy for legal support services
- Assessing CHSRA Business Plan and implications for HDC
- Continued development of financial plan, including identification of potential funding/financing sources, assessment of federal policy changes and engagement with potential private sector partners
- Developed materials for presentation as part of July 9 Board meeting
- Maintained and updated budget and financial reporting tool
- Monitoring and strategy development for relevant State legislation
- Advancement of service and financial planning action plan
- Ongoing assessment of optimizing Measure M construction funds
- Continued coordination with Service Development Plan update team
- Assessment of potential CHSRA services and coordination
- Assessment of CHSRA interoperability and ridership information
- Continued assessment of HDC JPA capacity and organizational needs related to ROW acquisition post-NEPA approval
- Engagement with Caltrans for access to ROW and development of MOU/ cooperative agreements
- Monitored, reported on relevant federal legislative and regulatory issues and events
- Addressed issues relating to NEPA process
- Development of summary informational materials for use with stakeholders
- Supported discussions on ROW acquisition processes and the laws and rules HDC JPA is operating within that govern these acquisitions
- Coordinated with EDS consultant on regular basis on broad range of issues
- Ongoing assessment of JPA organizational, procedural and support needs
- Engagement with California State Transportation Agency and Caltrans, including in federal reauthorization working group
- Engagement with US High Speed Rail Association, California Transit Association

Key upcoming activities include:

- Continued activities in above-mentioned areas
- Advancement of financial plan
- Identification of policies for Board consideration
- Support of HDC JPA in advancing through federal Corridor Identification and Development Program
- Support of HDC JPA in development of the Service Development Plan

Attachment B

Engineering, Design, & Related Advisory Services (EDS) Quarterly Update July-September 2026

- EDS Consultant team under contract as of May 2025, initial five-year contract
- Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) No. 1 was issued for Task Order #1 on May 27, 2025, encompassing the first fiscal year (through June 2026)
- NTP No. 2 was issued for Task Order #2 on July 1, 2026, encompassing the second fiscal year (through June 2027)
- Expands the HDC JPA organizational capacity by providing extensive project management, engineering, grant support, and other advisory resources
- EDS team is led by HDR Engineering, Inc., which includes 23% DBE participation
- Broad range of activities, including:
 - **Engineering and Design Services** - advanced conceptual design to support the project development process and to define the project scope adequately for environmental clearance and to establish right-of-way requirements
 - **Cost Estimation, Scheduling, Value Engineering** - provide cost estimates, schedules, and value engineering/risk management services that are aligned with Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Guidance on development and implementation of railroad capital projects
 - **Real Property Identification, Planning, & Acquisition** - provide support for right-of-way/real property identification, planning, and acquisition strategy
 - **Stakeholder Coordination** - ongoing engagement with key stakeholders, identification of issues and strategies relating to advancement and approval of the project
 - **Environmental Support Services** - provide input and materials required to support environmental review, strategy, and project planning as they relate to design and right-of-way
 - **Support of Business Strategy and Procurement** - Support HDC JPA with development of business and procurement strategy recommendations regarding Project implementation
 - **OPTIONAL SCOPE: Preliminary Eng. Design Services** – prepare preliminary engineering plans, specifications and cost estimates (up to 30% PS&E) for the HSR component and related infrastructure to support the HDC JPA in coordination with the FRA

Major activities/accomplishments for the quarter:

- Prepared summary reports for Community Engagement Meetings held along the corridor in June 2026
- Secured Caltrans approval of the Encroachment Project Review Process for the HDC HSR Project to be reviewed through the Short-form Project Delivery Quality Management Assessment Process (QMAP)
- Supported the project development/project approval process with Caltrans to advance the conceptual design along Interstate 15 and spanning US-395
- Initiated the Caltrans' Design Engineering Evaluation Report (DEER) Process to streamline the Caltrans Project Development and Encroachment Permit process
- Continued coordination with CHSRA and the city of Palmdale on the initial phasing concepts for the Palmdale Station and regional drainage impacts
- Supported environmental studies through requests for information of technical data
- Continued coordination and participation with key State and local agency stakeholders such as Brightline West, CHSRA, Caltrans, city of Palmdale, LADWP, LAWA, and LA County
- Developed construction phasing approach for the Brightline West Victor Valley Station and improvements along I-15
- Continued project management and contract administration activities
- Facilitated and led Project Development Team (PDT) coordination and meetings
- Provided ongoing support to HDC JPA leadership

Key upcoming activities:

- Continue activities in above-mentioned areas, as required
- Continue Caltrans' project development activities through their DEER process
- Continue coordination with key stakeholders such as Brightline West, CHSRA, Caltrans, city of Palmdale, LADWP, LAWA, and LA County
- Coordinate with the HDC JPA Consultants and Strategic Advisors
- Support development of HDC Financial and Project Delivery Plan
- Update the draft Service Development Plan
- Support Right-of-way acquisition planning efforts
- Support development of new media materials for public information post-NEPA
- Support JPA with additional grant application(s) for new federal and state funding opportunities, as requested