

**HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Monday, June 6, 2011

1:30 p.m.

**County Government Center
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415**

	Directors Present	Brad Mitzelfelt , Supervisor, San Bernardino County First District (Chairman); Michael Cano , Alternate to Vice Chair Michael Antonovich; Norman L. Hickling , Deputy to Supervisor Antonovich; Ryan McEachron , City of Victorville; Rick Roelle , Town of Apple Valley James Ledford , City of Palmdale
	Directors Absent	Michael Antonovich , Los Angeles County (Vice Chairman); Ronald Smith , City of Lancaster
	Alternates Present	*None (<i>*Note: Michael Cano, Alternate, served in the absence of Vice Chair Antonovich</i>)
1.	Call to Order	<p>Chairman Mitzelfelt noted five directors are present, which constitutes a quorum of the JPA, and calls the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. Chairman Mitzelfelt states it has been a year since they last met to authorize Metro to contract with Caltrans District 7 to combine the High Desert Corridor E-220 EIR with the City of Victorville's EIR/S. He states the JPA has been waiting to meet to adopt the Metro EIR MOU, but Vice Chair Antonovich and he thought they should meet now to discuss and get involved in Supervisor Antonovich's work with Palmdale on High Speed Rail issues and get a formal briefing on Caltrans' environmental work and outreach to date. He states they will also formally adopt language for bylaws, contract extension and scope changes they authorized and begin efforts to coordinate their City and County Transportation and P3 advocacy with Metro and SANBAG.</p> <p>Self-introductions were made.</p> <p>He also acknowledges Doug Failing, Deputy Director for the Highway Program at Metro, who is present for the meeting today.</p>
2.	Approval of Minutes	<p>Chairman Mitzelfelt asks if there are any changes to the minutes.</p> <p>On motion of Director McEachron, seconded by Director Cano, the minutes of the May 13, 2010 Board meeting were approved unanimously as submitted. Click here</p>

3.	Director Reports	<p>Chairman Mitzelfelt reports that he, along with Ron Kosinski from Caltrans and Michael Schneider from Infraconsult, made a presentation on the High Desert Corridor for the Inland Empire Women's Transportation Seminar Chapter, which drew its largest attendance they had to date. He states he has also been invited to make a presentation to the Orange County Chapter in October. Additionally, he states he authored an article that will be coming out soon in a Victor Valley land use newsletter, The Bradco Report, which is put out by a local commercial realtor.</p>
4.	Membership Roster Update	<p>Chairman Mitzelfelt states they are in the process of bringing a new Director on Board from Adelanto in the future and will discuss amendments regarding Board membership in their next item.</p> <p>Secretary, Laura Welch, states the roster has been updated and distributed with no new changes.</p>
5.	Legislative Report	<p>Alternate Vice Chairman Cano calls on Raffi Hamparian, Director for the Federal Legislative Program at Metro, to present a legislative update. (<i>*Discussed after Item #12</i>)</p> <p>Laurie Hunter, Staff Coordinator, states the JPA previously adopted positions on the Surface Transportation Act Reauthorization, and have been advocating for TIFIA, Public Activity Bonds, Build America Bonds, and different loan programs. She says that now with the "no earmarks" policy and the trust fund 30% below what they are spending today, public/private partnerships may rise to a priority level in the next legislation. She says Mr. Hamparian will discuss how the High Desert Corridor fits into the Metro Fast Forward Program and how can the JPA work together with Metro and begin building a coalition of common support so all lobbyists can be seeing and advocating for the same thing and find some sort of eligibility criteria that puts the High Desert Corridor at the front of the funding line.</p> <p>Mr. Hamparian presents the Legislative Update (presentation #5 on file). Click here</p> <p>Mr. Cano requests from Mr. Hamparian an e-mail update in the future as follows: 1) Issue regarding the inter-city designation that the FRA uses to provide funding into improvements; current the system excludes the Antelope Valley line from Metrolink, between the Antelope Valley, and the split with Burbank for the Los Angeles quarter; 2) Monitor/update regarding development of two State bills (Lowenthal and Galgiani).</p>

6.	a) Rescind Amendment No. 2 to the JPA Agreement, approved by the Board on May 13, 2010; b) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the JPA Agreement to specify the San Bernardino County representation and add LACMTA and SANBAG as members of the JPA Board	<p>San Bernardino County Counsel, Michelle Blakemore, states at the last meeting the Board adopted Amendment #2 adding LACMTA and SANBAG as members. She says since that time clarification about the San Bernardino appointments was needed, so they are requesting rescission of the 5/13/10 action and instead request the Board adopt a new amendment no. 2 to recognize Victorville as a permanent member of representation. She states if approved, it will be sent to both counties, SANBAG and MTA for approval.</p> <p>On motion by Director Ledford, seconded by Director Roelle, the Board unanimously a) rescinds Amendment No. 2 to the JPA Agreement, approved by the Board on May 13, 2010; b) Approves Amendment No. 2 to the JPA Agreement to specify the San Bernardino County representation and add LACMTA and SANBAG as members of the JPA Board. Click here</p> <p>Michael Moore, Los Angeles County Counsel, clarifies this will go into effect after each member entity adopts the change.</p>
7.	Ratify Amendment No. 1 to amend the terms and scope, and extend the funding agreement between the HDCJPA and LACMTA, and authorize staff to extend agreement until June 30, 2013	<p>Chairman Mitzelfelt states originally their Metro contract was focused on issuing an RFP and hiring and supervising a private sector partner for the EIR, however, when Measure R passed they switched gears and authorized Metro and Caltrans District 7 to take charge. He says because the term of the contract had expired during the Metro reorganization to assume this work, at their last meeting they approved a new scope of work to be included in a contract extension for their Metro reimbursement funding. He states this action today will ratify amendment no. 1 to the contract between the High Desert Corridor and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACTMA).</p> <p>On motion by Director Cano, seconded by Director McEachron, the Board unanimously approves ratification of Amendment No. 1 to amend the terms and scope, and extend the funding agreement between the HDCJPA and LACMTA, and authorize staff to extend the agreement until June 30, 2013. Click here</p>
8.	Progress Report on EIR and Outreach	<p>Chairman Mitzelfelt states they will now receive a progress report on the EIR and outreach from Brian Lin, Osama Megalla and Karl Price. He also recognizes Ron Kosinski, who is not in attendance today, who leads their team. He states they are doing a tremendous job coordinating well with District 8 and keeping on schedule to complete the Draft EIR by Winter of 2012 and the final EIR in the Spring of 2013. (Combined presentations #8 and #9 on file). Click here</p> <p>Laurie states even though they we have not met frequently, it is great how they have kept on schedule and she thanks everyone for all work that has been done behind the scenes.</p> <p>Michael Cano states he believes it is important to clarify and be</p>

		specific about the statistics for the nature of the comments in the publications.
9.	Progress Report on Outreach Strategy	Karl Price introduces Ann Kerman, of MTA, to make a presentation on the outreach strategy, and she states this has been a very exciting project to do outreach on. Since March, she says they have revved up their operation and brought in Arellano and Associates, which is an outreach firm, and have in addition developed a comprehensive data base and have e-mail and hard addresses with which they are corresponding with people. She states they had four community meetings with phenomenal press coverage, which she attributes to the over 300 people attending. She says people are keenly interested in this project and want to know when it will be built. She believes social media will be very important for this project and says they are building a huge Facebook and Twitter following and also have a Metro and Caltrans website. In terms of their anticipated schedule, she states they plan to have another set of community meetings in the Fall and provide a project update. She says they also plan to meet with individual stakeholders along the alignment, who will need updates. She states when they have the Fall meetings, they will bring the newest information from Caltrans and a year from that time they hope to have the completed Draft EIR to put out to the communities. In the Winter of 2012, she says they hope to have the hearings; and in Spring 2012, they hope to be able to certify the environmental document. (Combined presentations #8 and #9 on file). Click here
10.	Presentation of MTA/Infraconsult, LLP P3 Business Case Study	Laurie Hunter states the presentation on the P3 Business Case Study will be presented by Kathleen Sanchez, Metro Director in charge of Public Private Partnership Section. Ms. Sanchez make a presentation to the JPA regarding the Public-Private Partnership Program. (Presentation #10 on file). Click here Ms. Hunter also introduces Michael Schneider of InfraConsult, who works for Metro on their P3 contract. Mr. Cano states one thing they really appreciate is Metro trying to take the lead on this in L. A. County and try to get ahead of the curve. He states, hopefully, this will help shape the discussion in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento to help make the High Desert Corridor a model project. He thanks Mr. Schneider and Ms. Sanchez for being here and working with them diligently.
11.	Support that any North/South alignment of the California High-Speed Rail Authority from Kern County include a station in Palmdale	Chairman Mitzelfelt states the California High Speed Rail Authority surprised many of them in the last week in April. He says they had chosen and adopted a route from Bakersfield that came to Southern California via Palmdale and their position at the JPA to accommodate High Speed Rail in the JPA right of way was to link that station with the DesertXpress station in Victorville. He says now, almost two years after adopting the Palmdale alignment, the California High Speed Rail Authority voted to re-open their evaluation of instead bringing the alignment south from Bakersfield

		<p>along the I-5. The Chair states he spoke with Vice-Chairman Antonovich, who stated his position at the meeting of the California Association of Governments, and urged the federal High Speed Rail dollars to fund improvements to Metrolink to enable increased speeds from Palmdale to San Diego.</p> <p>Chairman Mitzelfelt requests Directors Ledford and Cano to present the item and entertain a JPA position to join their coalition and retain a station in Palmdale to enable a rail connection to Victorville along the E-220.</p> <p>Director Ledford states they were surprised to learn of this new alternative. He says in the Antelope Valley he thinks they have a unique opportunity. He believes true intermodal can exist in the Antelope Valley and this is where the airport, certainly high speed rail, becomes an integral part of that. Each time they have had to fight this battle, and each time they have been able to overcome it with facts and reality. He says they are prepared to engage as a city and believes the federal dollars are restricted, and therefore, cannot be used for this and they are prepared to challenge that and participate at every level. He says he appreciates the Joint Powers Authority weighing in on this issue.</p> <p>Director Cano states Chairman Antonovich's position is that Palmdale is the place to be for this connection to the High Speed Rail and Metrolink systems. He calls on Don Sepulveda to make a presentation on the Regional Rail in L. A. County.</p> <p>Don Sepulveda, Executive Officer for Regional Rail for Metro to make a presentation on Regional Rail in L.A. County. (Presentation #11 on file). Click here</p> <p>Discussion takes place regarding the limited funding for rail projects in Southern California.</p> <p>On motion by Director Ledford, seconded by Director McEachron, the Board unanimously approves action to support that any North/South alignment of the California High Speed Rail Authority include a station in Palmdale, and that it incorporate and integrate improvements with Metrolink and DesertXpress.</p>
12.	Support efforts by DesertXpress to obtain Federal authority, funding or loan financing	<p>Ms. Hunter introduces Andrew Mack, Executive Director of DesertXpress, who makes a presentation and update of where they are in the process of this project.</p> <p>Mr. Mack makes an overview presentation on the DesertXpress project and presents an update in terms of environmental approvals and federal authority. (Presentation #12 on file). Click here for PowerPoint and Click here for Resolution 10-1</p> <p>On motion by Director McEachron, seconded by Director Ledford, with Director Mitzelfelt absent, the Board supports efforts by DesertXpress to obtain Federal authority, funding or loan financing. (*Note: Chair Mitzelfelt leaves at 3:16 p.m.)</p>
13.	Receive and file FY 08-09 and 09-10 Audit Findings	Gerry Newcombe, Deputy Executive Officer for the San Bernardino County Administrative Office, states before the JPA are

		<p>the audits for Fiscal 08-09 and 09-10. He notes the action on the agenda should read “receive and file audited financial statements for 08-09 and 09-10” and states there were no findings. He says there was a management recommendation to purchase insurance, since they were operating without it, so they acquired a fairly inexpensive insurance policy which has been in place since April 2011. (Presentation #13 on file). Click here for FY 08-09 and Click here for FY 09-10</p> <p>On motion by Director Ledford, seconded by Director McEachron, with Mitzelfelt absent, the JPA receives and files the FY 08-09 and 09-10 Audited Financial Statements.</p>
14.	Approve FY 11-12 Budget	<p>Gerry Newcombe states there are no salaries and benefits to budget for and they have about \$60,000 in services and supplies primarily for outside legal counseling, audit services and insurance. He states there are also some monies for travel to Sacramento and Washington, D. C. and reimbursements budgeted for the San Bernardino County staff coordinator position as well as a \$15,000 placeholder for other reimbursements for additional staff time if necessary. Mr. Newcombe says the remainder of funding is allocated in contingencies should the Board decide to allocate monies in the future. (Presentation #14 on file). Click here</p> <p>On motion by Director Ledford, seconded by Director Roelle, with Chairman Mitzelfelt absent, the JPA approves the FY 11-12 Budget.</p>
15	Public Comment	None
16.	Set Next meeting date/ adjourn	There being no further business, on motion by Director Ledford, seconded by Director Roelle, a meeting will be set in the future and the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.