

High Desert Corridor  
Joint Powers Authority

June 20, 2019

Meeting Materials

Item 4

Approve Minutes of December 20, 2018

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

Thursday, December 20, 2018

10:00 a.m.

**San Bernardino County Government Center  
385 North Arrowhead Ave, Magda Lawson Room - Fifth Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415**

The Board of Directors participated via teleconference from the following locations:

Robert Lovingood	12474 Cottonwood Avenue, Suite A Victorville, CA 92395
Kathryn Barger	Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Room 374 A, Los Angeles, CA
Scott Nassif	12474 Cottonwood Avenue, Suite A Victorville, CA 92395
Dave Perry	Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Room 374 A, Los Angeles, CA
Steven Hofbauer	38300 Sierra Highway, Suite A, Palmdale, CA 93550
Ed Camargo	11600 Air Expressway, Executive Conference Room, Adelanto, CA 92301

	<b>Directors Present</b>	<b>Robert A. Lovingood</b> , Supervisor, San Bernardino County First District (Chairman) <b>Kathryn Barger</b> , Supervisor, County of Los Angeles Fifth District (Vice Chair) <b>Dave Perry</b> , Deputy to Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County Supervisor <b>Fred S. "Scott" Nassif</b> , Mayor, Town of Apple Valley (Director) <b>Steven D. Hofbauer</b> , Mayor, City of Palmdale (Director) <b>Edgar "Ed" Camargo</b> , Council Member, City of Adelanto (Director)
	<b>Directors Absent</b>	<b>Raj Malhi</b> , City of Lancaster <b>Austin Bishop</b> , City of Palmdale (Alternate) <b>Curt Emick</b> , Town of Apple Valley (Alternate)
	<b>Members of the Public</b>	<b>Palmdale:</b> Council Member Richard Loa, City of Palmdale; <b>Los Angeles:</b> Isidro Panuco and Adollah Ansari of Metro; and Karen Hedlund and Neil Peterson of Transportation Solutions; <b>San Bernardino County:</b> Greg Devereaux; <b>Lancaster:</b> Trolis Niebla, City Engineer, City of Lancaster, and Chris Margaronis, Infra Associates; <b>Victorville:</b> Mayor Pro Tem Rita Ramirez, City of Victorville; <b>Adelanto:</b> Council Member Gerardo Hernandez, City of Adelanto.
1.	<b>Call to Order</b>	Chairman Robert Lovingood called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.  JPA Secretary Laura H. Welch conducted the roll call and confirmed there was a quorum.
2.	<b>Board Member Announcements</b>	Chairman Robert Lovingood called for Board Member Announcements.  There were no announcements.
3.	<b>Correspondence</b>	Chairman Robert Lovingood inquired of the Secretary if there was Board correspondence.  Secretary Welch indicated that there is a letter from the High Desert Corridor JPA to the Honorable Panorea Avdis, Chair of the

		California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, in support of the request by DesertXpress to adopt a reimbursement resolution to facilitate the reimbursement of capital expenditures for an intercity rail system with the proceeds of future California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank-issued conduit revenue bonds.
	<b>Public Comment</b>	Chairman Lovingood called for Public Comment; there was none.
4.	<b>Recommended Action:</b> Approve Minutes of June 27, 2018 and November 30, 2018 Meetings	<p>County Counsel Carol Greene stated that the minutes of November 30, 2018, show Director Jim Kennedy as both present and absent; Director Kennedy was present via conference call at this meeting.</p> <p>On motion of Director Barger, seconded by Director Nassif, the Board approved the minutes of the June 27, 2018, and amended November 30, 2018 minutes as corrected.</p> <p>Secretary Welch conducted a roll call vote of all members present:  AYES: Lovingood, Barger, Hofbauer, Perry, Nassif  NAYS: none  ABSTAIN: Carmargo</p>
5.	<b>Recommended Action:</b> Amend the Transportation Solutions (TS) Professional Services Agreement for the Record of Decision of Advancement Project for an amount not to exceed \$465,000	<p>Josh Candelaria provided a presentation, including the historical context of the rail corridor and the proposed vendor. Mr. Candelaria stated at the workshop on 09/13/18 multiple stakeholders were present, including SBCTA, LA Metro, High Speed Rail, and Metrolink, to look at possible alternatives and processes. He said one thing all the stakeholders emphasized was the commitment to move forward on an east-west corridor to increase mobility. The JPA was supportive of looking at CA-138/CA-18 as a possible alternative, in the interim, for the highway component. Josh commented that it is also with the stakeholders participation that they are looking to move forward with the Record of Decision (ROD). Mr. Candelaria stated that this was raised in October 2017 during a presentation, where the Board received a briefing on the next steps for the rail corridor. The Board brought on Transportation Solutions in 2015 specifically to expedite the rail corridor. It has been a direction from the Board to move forward with the rail corridor as the first phase of this project.</p> <p>Regarding Transportation Solutions, Mr. Candelaria commented that both Neil Peterson and Karen Hedlund have a familiarity with this project. Ms. Hedlund is the former Deputy Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and Mr. Peterson has been on contract with the JPA since 2015. Mr. Candelaria stated that this recommendation is consistent with the direction of the Board, as well as moving the project to the next steps in coordination with the respective agencies.</p> <p>Vice Chair Barger asked how the deliverables are being quantified in terms of the amount of money to be expended. Mr. Candelaria stated that the Scope of Work (SOW) contains line items for each of the different sub-vendors, and the total amount is not to exceed \$465,000. This SOW supplants the previous one and Transportation Solutions will work specifically on obtaining the final Record of Decision from the FRA.</p> <p>Vice Chair Barger also asked if this would duplicate the efforts of</p>

		<p>what is being done in Washington, D.C., or complement them. She gave the floor to Adollah Ansari of LA Metro for comment. Mr. Ansari stated that with the amendment to the SOW for obtaining the ROD, there are many changes that need to be made as far as the reassignment of the lead agency responsibility. He indicated that they have had conversations with staff of the FRA that lead them to believe that the FRA is willing to take the lead on this project. He continued that the connection between the FRA and the project would be the availability of federal rail funds, which are currently not available. He said that the next step is to contact Brightline and other parties in this project to identify sources of funds that could be available to the project so the applications can be filed. Mr. Ansari said some of this work is in progress, and if it becomes the responsibility of the consultant, then we need to decide if they should stop and allow the consultant to go forward. Director Barger interjected that they could also work with the consultant to move this forward, to which Mr. Ansari agreed.</p> <p>On motion of Director Hofbauer, seconded by Director Nassif, the Board approved the recommended action by unanimous vote of all members present.</p> <p>AYES: Lovingood, Barger, Hofbauer, Perry, Camargo, Nassif  NAYS: None  ABSTAIN: None</p> <p><i>Director Perry noted for the record that Bryn Lindblad of Climate Resolve joined the meeting from the Los Angeles location during the discussion on this item.</i></p>
6.	<b>Recommended Action:</b> Authorize Staff of Issue a Request for Proposal for Consulting Services	<p>Josh Candelaria stated that the previous item (Item No. 5) is limited specifically to the right-of-way work and coordination between invested stakeholders and the FRA. He continued that this item (Item No. 6) requests that the Board issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for local, state and federal consulting services. Mr. Candelaria said that this does not obligate the Board to move forward with the RFP, but it will give him a better sense of various available services, costs, deliverables and strategies.</p> <p>On motion of Director Barger, seconded by Director Hofbauer, the Board approved the recommended action by unanimous vote of all members present.</p> <p>AYES: Lovingood, Barger, Hofbauer, Perry, Camargo, Nassif  NAYS: None  ABSTAIN: None</p>
7.	<b>Public Comment</b>	<p>Chairman Lovingood called for additional public comment.</p> <p>Public Comment: Bryn Lindblad of Climate Resolve</p>
	<b>Board Member Comments</b>	<p>Director Camargo thanked Chairman Lovingood for giving him the opportunity to serve on this Board and said he is honored to represent the City of Adelanto.</p>
7.	<b>Adjourn</b>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.</p>