

**REVISED AGENDA**  
**Mountain/Desert Policy Committee**

**NOTE: NEW MEETING DATE**  
**June 18, 2021**

**9:30 AM**

**MEETING ACCESSIBLE VIA ZOOM AT: <https://gosbcta.zoom.us/j/91826908341>**

**Teleconference**

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 918 2690 8341

**This meeting is being conducted in accordance with Governor Newsom's  
Executive Order N-29-20.**

**Mountain/Desert Policy Committee Membership**

**Chair**

Dawn Rowe  
*Board of Supervisors*

Rick Herrick, Mayor Pro Tem  
*City of Big Bear Lake*

Debra Jones, Mayor  
*City of Victorville*

**Vice Chair**

Art Bishop, Council Member  
*Town of Apple Valley*

Cameron Gregg, Mayor  
*City of Hesperia*

Rick Denison, Council Member  
*Town of Yucca Valley*

Vacant  
*City of Adelanto*

Ed Paget, Vice Mayor  
*City of Needles*

Janice Rutherford  
*Board of Supervisors*

Paul Courtney, Mayor  
*City of Barstow*

Joel Klink, Council Member  
*City of Twentynine Palms*

Paul Cook  
*Board of Supervisors*

**San Bernardino County Transportation Authority  
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To obtain additional information on any items, please contact the staff person listed under each item. You are encouraged to obtain any clarifying information prior to the meeting to allow the Board to move expeditiously in its deliberations. Additional “*Meeting Procedures*” and agenda explanations are attached to the end of this agenda.

**CALL TO ORDER**

(Meeting Chaired by Dawn Rowe)

- i. Pledge of Allegiance
- ii. Attendance
- iii. Announcements
- iv. Agenda Notices/Modifications – Julie Perales

**Possible Conflict of Interest Issues**

Note agenda item contractors, subcontractors and agents which may require member abstentions due to conflict of interest and financial interests. Board Member abstentions shall be stated under this item for recordation on the appropriate item.

**1. Information Relative to Possible Conflict of Interest**

Note agenda items and contractors/subcontractors, which may require member abstentions due to possible conflicts of interest.

**This item is prepared for review by Board and Committee members.**

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Discussion - Administrative Matters

#### 2. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

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Conduct elections for members to serve as Chair and Vice Chair of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Mountain/Desert Policy Committee for terms to end June 30, 2022.

**Presenter: Andrea Zureick**

**This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee.**

### Discussion - Project Delivery

#### 3. Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 17-1001742 with Caltrans for contribution of State Highway Operations and Protection Program Minor Funds on the US 395 Phase I Project

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That the Mountain/Desert Policy Committee recommend the Board, acting as the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority:

Approve Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 17-1001742 with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to increase the State Highway Operation and Protection Program Minor Funds contribution from \$214,000 to \$333,000 for the US 395 Phase I Project.

**Presenter: Henry Stultz**

**This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee. SBCTA General Counsels has reviewed this item and the draft amendment.**

### Discussion - Legislative/Public Outreach

#### 4. High Desert Corridor JPA Update

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Receive an update on the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority and provide direction as appropriate.

**Presenter: Otis Greer**

**This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee.**

### Public Comment

Brief Comments from the General Public

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## **Comments from Board Members**

Brief Comments from Board Members

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Additional Information**

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**The committee will go dark in July.**

**The next Mountain/Desert Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2021.**

## **Meeting Procedures and Rules of Conduct During COVID-19 'Stay in Place' Orders**

**Meeting Procedures** - The Ralph M. Brown Act is the state law which guarantees the public's right to participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. These rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code 54950 et seq., and shall apply at all meetings of the Board of Directors and Policy Committees. California Governor Gavin Newsom has issued Executive Order N-29-20 waiving portions of the Brown Act requirements during the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

**Accessibility** – During the COVID-19 crisis, meetings are being held virtually using web-based or telephone technologies. If accessibility assistance is needed in order to participate in the public meeting, requests should be made through the Clerk of the Board at least three (3) business days prior to the Board meeting. The Clerk can be reached by phone at (909) 884-8276 or via email at [clerkoftheboard@gosbcta.com](mailto:clerkoftheboard@gosbcta.com).

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**Agenda Actions** – Items listed on both the “Consent Calendar” and “Discussion” contain recommended actions. The Board of Directors will generally consider items in the order listed on the agenda. However, items may be considered in any order. New agenda items can be added and action taken by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors or unanimous vote of members present as provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act Government Code Sec. 54954.2(b).

**Closed Session Agenda Items** – Consideration of closed session items excludes members of the public. These items include issues related to personnel, pending litigation, labor negotiations and real estate negotiations. Prior to each closed session, the Chair will announce the subject matter of the closed session. If action is taken in closed session, the Chair may report the action to the public at the conclusion of the closed session.

**Public Testimony on an Item** – Public Comment may be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Board via email at [clerkoftheboard@gosbcta.com](mailto:clerkoftheboard@gosbcta.com). Written comments must acknowledge the Agenda Item number, and specify whether the commenter wishes the comment be included with the minutes or read into the record. Comments read into the record will be read for three minutes; if three minutes pass and there is comment still unread, the time will not be extended and the remaining comment will not be read. Public Comment must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm the day before the meeting. Members of the public are afforded an opportunity to speak on any listed item. Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors or Policy Committee Members should indicate their request when Public Comment is called for during the meeting. This request to speak can be achieved by either using the ‘Raise Hand’ feature in Zoom platform or by verbally stating interest when the Chair calls for Public Comment. When recognized by the Chair, speakers should be prepared to announce their name for the record. In the interest of facilitating the business of the Board, speakers are limited to three (3) minutes on each item. Additionally, a twelve (12) minute limitation is established for the total amount of time any one individual may address the Board at any one meeting. The Chair or a majority of the Board may establish a different time limit as appropriate, and parties to agenda items shall not be subject to the time limitations. Members of the public requesting information be distributed to the Board of Directors must provide such information electronically to the Clerk of the Board via email at [clerkoftheboard@gosbcta.com](mailto:clerkoftheboard@gosbcta.com) no later than 5:00 pm the day before the meeting. The Consent Calendar is considered a single item, thus the three (3) minute rule applies. Consent Calendar

items can be pulled at Board member request and will be brought up individually at the specified time in the agenda allowing further public comment on those items.

**Agenda Times** – The Board is concerned that discussion take place in a timely and efficient manner. Agendas may be prepared with estimated times for categorical areas and certain topics to be discussed. These times may vary according to the length of presentation and amount of resulting discussion on agenda items.

**Public Comment** – At the end of the agenda, an opportunity is also provided for members of the public to speak on any subject within the Board’s authority. Matters raised under “Public Comment” may not be acted upon at that meeting. “Public Testimony on an Item” still applies.

**Disruptive or Prohibited Conduct** – If any meeting of the Board is willfully disrupted by a person or by a group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible, the Chair may recess the meeting or order the person, group or groups of person willfully disrupting the meeting to be removed from the virtual meeting. Disruptive or prohibited conduct includes without limitation: addressing the Board without first being recognized, not addressing the subject before the Board, repetitiously addressing the same subject, posting profane or rude content in the virtual meeting environment, or otherwise preventing the Board from conducting its meeting in an orderly manner. Your cooperation is appreciated!

**General Practices for Conducting Meetings  
of  
Board of Directors and Policy Committees**

**Attendance.**

- The Chair of the Board or a Policy Committee (Chair) has the option of taking attendance by Roll Call or Self-Introductions. If attendance is taken by Roll Call, the Clerk of the Board will call out by jurisdiction or supervisorial district. The Member or Alternate will respond by stating his/her name. If attendance is by Self-Introduction, the Member or Alternate will state his/her name and jurisdiction or supervisorial district.
- A Member/Alternate, who arrives after attendance is taken, shall announce his/her name prior to voting on any item.
- A Member/Alternate, who wishes to leave the meeting after attendance is taken but before remaining items are voted on, shall announce his/her name and that he/she is leaving the meeting.

**Basic Agenda Item Discussion.**

- The Chair announces the agenda item number and states the subject.
- The Chair calls upon the appropriate staff member or Board Member to report on the item.
- The Chair asks members of the Board/Committee if they have any questions or comments on the item. General discussion ensues.
- The Chair calls for public comment based on “Request to Speak” forms which may be submitted.
- Following public comment, the Chair announces that public comment is closed and asks if there is any further discussion by members of the Board/Committee.
- The Chair calls for a motion from members of the Board/Committee.
- Upon a motion, the Chair announces the name of the member who makes the motion. Motions require a second by a member of the Board/Committee. Upon a second, the Chair announces the name of the Member who made the second, and the vote is taken.
- The “aye” votes in favor of the motion shall be made collectively. Any Member who wishes to oppose or abstain from voting on the motion, shall individually and orally state the Member’s “nay” vote or abstention. Members present who do not individually and orally state their “nay” vote or abstention shall be deemed, and reported to the public, to have voted “aye” on the motion.

**The Vote as specified in the SANBAG Bylaws.**

- Each Member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote. In the absence of the official representative, the alternate shall be entitled to vote. (Board of Directors only.)
- Voting may be either by voice or roll call vote. A roll call vote shall be conducted upon the demand of five official representatives present, or at the discretion of the presiding officer.

**Amendment or Substitute Motion.**

- Occasionally a Board Member offers a substitute motion before the vote on a previous motion. In instances where there is a motion and a second, the maker of the original motion is asked if he or she would like to amend his or her motion to include the substitution or withdraw the motion on the floor. If the maker of the original motion does not want to amend or withdraw, the substitute motion is voted upon first, and if it fails, then the original motion is considered.
- Occasionally, a motion dies for lack of a second.

**Call for the Question.**

- At times, a Member of the Board/Committee may “Call for the Question.”
- Upon a “Call for the Question,” the Chair may order that the debate stop or may allow for limited further comment to provide clarity on the proceedings.
- Alternatively and at the Chair’s discretion, the Chair may call for a vote of the Board/Committee to determine whether or not debate is stopped.
- The Chair re-states the motion before the Board/Committee and calls for the vote on the item.

**The Chair.**

- At all times, meetings are conducted in accordance with the Chair’s direction.
- These general practices provide guidelines for orderly conduct.
- From time-to-time circumstances require deviation from general practice.
- Deviation from general practice is at the discretion of the Chair.

**Courtesy and Decorum.**

- These general practices provide for business of the Board/Committee to be conducted efficiently, fairly and with full participation.
- It is the responsibility of the Chair and Members to maintain common courtesy and decorum.

*Adopted By SANBAG Board of Directors January 2008  
Revised March 2014  
Revised May 4, 2016*



### ***Minute Action***

AGENDA ITEM: 1

***Date:*** June 18, 2021

***Subject:***

Information Relative to Possible Conflict of Interest

***Recommendation:***

Note agenda items and contractors/subcontractors, which may require member abstentions due to possible conflicts of interest.

***Background:***

In accordance with California Government Code 84308, members of the Board may not participate in any action concerning a contract where they have received a campaign contribution of more than \$250 in the prior twelve months from an entity or individual, except for the initial award of a competitively bid public works contract. This agenda contains recommendations for action relative to the following contractors:

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Contract No.</b>	<b>Principals &amp; Agents</b>	<b>Subcontractors</b>
		None	

***Financial Impact:***

This item has no direct impact on the budget.

***Reviewed By:***

This item is prepared for review by Board and Committee members.

***Responsible Staff:***

Andrea Zureick, Director of Fund Administration

Approved  
Mountain-Desert Committee  
Date: June 18, 2021

Witnessed By:

*Entity: San Bernardino Council of Governments, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority*

## *Minute Action*

AGENDA ITEM: 2

***Date:*** June 18, 2021

***Subject:***

Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

***Recommendation:***

Conduct elections for members to serve as Chair and Vice Chair of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Mountain/Desert Policy Committee for terms to end June 30, 2022.

***Background:***

Terms for the Chair and Vice Chair of each of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) policy committees and Metro Valley Study Session expire on June 30, 2021. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for each of the policy committees and Metro Valley Study Session is scheduled to immediately follow the annual election of SBCTA Officers, which occurred at the June Board of Directors meeting.

This item provides for an election to be conducted, which will identify the Chair and Vice Chair of the Mountain/Desert Policy Committee to serve until June 30, 2022. A complete listing of SBCTA policy committees, memberships, and chairs is attached to this item for reference.

***Financial Impact:***

This item has no financial impact on the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget, or the proposed Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget.

***Reviewed By:***

This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee.

***Responsible Staff:***

Andrea Zureick, Director of Fund Administration

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Approved  
Mountain-Desert Committee  
Date: June 18, 2021

Witnessed By:

*Entity: San Bernardino Council of Governments, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority*

## San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Policy Committee Membership

COMMITTEE	PURPOSE	MEMBERSHIP	TERMS
<p><b>General Policy Committee</b>            Membership consists of the following:            SBCTA President, Vice President, and Immediate Past President            4 East Valley (3 City, 1 County)            4 West Valley (3 City, 1 County)            4 Mt/Desert (3 City, 1 County)</p> <p>City members shall be SBCTA Board Members elected by caucus of city SBCTA Board Members within the subarea.</p> <p>Policy Committee and Board Study Session Chairs are members of this policy committee.</p> <p>All City members serving as Board officers, Committee chairs, or Board Study Session Chair, are counted toward their subareas City membership. Supervisors collectively select their representatives.</p> <p>The SBCTA Vice President shall serve as Chair of the General Policy Committee.</p>	<p>Makes recommendations to Board of Directors and:</p> <p>(1) Provides general policy oversight which spans the multiple program responsibilities of the organization and maintains the comprehensive organization integrity;</p> <p>(2) Provides policy direction with respect to administrative issues, policies, budget, finance, audit, and personnel issues for the organization;</p> <p>(3) Serves as policy review committee for any program area that lacks active policy committee oversight.</p> <p>Committee has authority to approve contracts in excess of \$25,000 with notification to the Board of Directors.</p> <p>(Brown Act)</p>	<p><u>West Valley</u>            Alan Wapner, Ontario            L. Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga (Chair TC)            Acquanetta Warren, Fontana            Curt Hagman, Supervisor (Chair/Vice President/Chair MVSS)</p> <p><u>East Valley</u>            Frank Navarro, Colton (Vice Chair/President)            Darcy McNaboe, Grand Terrace (Past President)            Larry McCallon, Highland            Dawn Rowe, Supervisor (Chair MDC)</p> <p><u>Mountain/Desert</u>            Art Bishop, Apple Valley            Rick Herrick, Big Bear Lake            Rick Denison, Yucca Valley            Paul Cook, Supervisor</p> <p>Should the chairs of each Committee and the Officers all be from the East Valley, West Valley or Mountain/Desert, additional members may be added to maintain geographical balance. Additional Board Members may be appointed annually at the discretion of the Board President.</p>	<p>6/30/2021            6/30/2021            6/30/2021            6/30/2021</p> <p>6/30/2021            6/30/2021            6/30/2021            6/30/2021</p> <p>6/30/2021            6/30/2021            6/30/2021            6/30/2021</p>
<p><b>Transit Committee</b>            Membership consists of 12 SBCTA Board Members:            10 Valley-members, two being Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) primary (*) and two being SCRRA alternate (**) members, and 2 Mountain/Desert Board Members.</p> <p>SCRRA members and alternates serve concurrent with their term on the SCRRA Board of Directors as appointed by the SBCTA Board.</p> <p>Other members are appointed by the SBCTA President for 2-year terms.</p>	<p>Provides policy guidance and recommendations to the SBCTA Board of Directors and Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) delegates with respect to commuter rail and transit service.</p> <p>* SCRRA Primary Member            ** SCRRA Alternate Member</p> <p>(Brown Act)</p>	<p>L. Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga (Chair)            Ray Marquez, Chino Hills** (Vice Chair)            Frank Navarro, Colton            John Dutrey, Montclair**            Larry McCallon, Highland*            David Avila, Yucaipa            Deborah Robertson, Rialto            Alan Wapner, Ontario*            Acquanetta Warren, Fontana            Dawn Rowe, Supervisor            John Valdivia, San Bernardino            Rick Denison, Yucca Valley</p>	<p>12/31/2021 (6/30/2021)            Indeterminate (6/30/2021)            12/31/2021            Indeterminate            Indeterminate            12/31/2022            12/31/2022            Indeterminate            12/31/2021            12/31/2022            12/31/2022            12/31/2022</p>

## San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Policy Committee Membership

COMMITTEE	PURPOSE	MEMBERSHIP	TERMS
<p><b>Mountain/Desert Committee</b>                      Membership consists of 12 SBCTA Board Members from each Mountain/Desert jurisdiction and County Supervisors representing the First, Second, and Third Districts.</p>	<p>Provides ongoing policy level oversight related to the full array of SBCTA responsibilities as they pertain specifically to the Mountain/Desert subregion.</p> <p>The Committee also meets as the Mountain/Desert Measure I Committee as it carries out responsibilities for Measure I Mountain/Desert Expenditure Plan.</p> <p>(Brown Act)</p>	<p>Dawn Rowe, Supervisor (Chair)                      Art Bishop, Apple Valley (Vice Chair)                      Gerardo Hernandez, Adelanto                      Paul Courtney, Barstow                      Rick Herrick, Big Bear Lake                      Cameron Gregg, Hesperia                      Edward Paget, Needles                      Joel Klink, Twentynine Palms                      Debra Jones, Victorville                      Rick Denison, Yucca Valley                      Janice Rutherford, Supervisor                      Paul Cook, Supervisor</p>	<p>Indeterminate (6/30/20                      Indeterminate (6/30/20                      Indeterminate                      Indeterminate                      Indeterminate                      Indeterminate                      Indeterminate                      Indeterminate                      Indeterminate                      Indeterminate</p>
<p><b>Legislative Policy Committee</b>                      Membership consists of the following:                      President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President and four Board members appointed by the Board President.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 East Valley member</li> <li>- 1 West Valley member</li> <li>- 1 Mountain/Desert member</li> <li>- 1 County member</li> </ul> <p>Members shall serve for the duration of the State and Federal two-year legislative session in which they were appointed, with terms expiring December 31 of odd-numbered years. The SBCTA Board President shall serve as Chair of the Legislative Policy Committee.</p>	<p>Provide guidance and recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding issues and actions relating to the executive, legislative or judicial branches of the State and Federal government, or any other local governing body.</p> <p>Review and provide input on drafting of State and Federal legislative platform, which will serve as guiding principles to support or oppose State and Federal legislation and regulations.</p> <p>(Brown Act)</p>	<p>Frank Navarro, Colton (President)                      Curt Hagman, Supervisor (Vice President)                      Darcy McNaboe, Grand Terrace (Past President)                      Larry McCallon, Highland                      Alan Wapner, Ontario                      Art Bishop, Apple Valley                      Janice Rutherford, Supervisor</p>	<p>12/31/2021                      12/31/2021                      12/31/2021                      12/31/2021                      12/31/2021                      12/31/2021                      12/31/2021</p>

<b><u>Policy Committee Meeting Times</u></b>	General Policy Committee	Second Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., SBCTA Office
	Legislative Policy Committee	Second Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., SBCTA Office
	Transit Committee	Second Thursday, 9:00 a.m., SBCTA Office
	Mountain/Desert Committee	Third Friday, 9:30 a.m., Victorville, CA

### Board of Directors Study Sessions for Metro Valley Issues

STUDY SESSION	PURPOSE	MEMBERSHIP	TERMS
<p>Board of Directors Study Sessions for Metro Valley Issues                      Refer to SBCTA Policy 10007.</p>	<p>To review, discuss, and make recommendations for actions to be taken at regular meetings of the Board on issues relating to Measure I Projects in the Valley.</p> <p>(Brown Act)</p>	<p>Board of Directors                      Curt Hagman, Supervisor (Chair)                      Dawn Rowe, Supervisor (Vice Chair)</p>	<p>6/30/2021                      6/30/2021</p>

**Meeting Time:** Second Thursday, 9:30 a.m., SBCTA Office

Attachment: SBCTA Policy Committee Membership (7678 : Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair)

**I-10 and I-15 Corridor Joint Sub-Committee**

Joint Sub-Committee	PURPOSE	MEMBERSHIP	TERMS
<p><b>I-10 and I-15 Corridor Joint Sub-Committee of the Board of Directors Metro Valley Study Session and the Mountain/Desert Policy Committee</b></p> <p>Members of the committee will be members of the SBCTA Board of Directors and will be appointed by the SBCTA Board President. The President will appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee will include a minimum of nine and a maximum of fourteen SBCTA Board members. Membership will be composed of a minimum of three representatives from the East Valley; and a minimum of two representatives from the Victor Valley. The Sub-Committee will meet as necessary immediately following the Metro Valley Study Session.</p>	<p>The purpose is to consider and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on the development of express lanes in San Bernardino County, in particular on the I-10 and I-15 Corridors.</p> <p>(Brown Act)</p>	<p>Alan Wapner, Ontario (Chair)                      Art Bishop, Town of Apple Valley (Vice Chair)                      Joe Baca Jr., Supervisor                      Paul Cook, Supervisor                      Larry McCallon, Highland                      L. Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga                      Frank Navarro, Colton                      Deborah Robertson, Rialto                      Acquanetta Warren, Fontana</p>	<p>12/31/2022                      12/31/2022                      12/31/2022                      12/31/2022                      12/31/2022                      12/31/2022                      12/31/2022                      12/31/2022                      12/31/2022</p>

**Public and Specialized Transportation Advisory and Coordinating Council (PASTACC)**

COMMITTEE	PURPOSE	MEMBERSHIP	TERMS
<p>Public and Specialized Transportation Advisory and Coordinating Council (PASTACC)</p> <p>Membership consists of 11 members appointed by the SBCTA Executive Director.</p> <p>5 representing Public Transit Providers                      1 representing County Dept. of Public Works                      2 representing the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency - Omnitrans and VVTA also represent CTSA for the Valley and High Desert respectively.                      5 At Large Members representing Social Service Providers</p>	<p>Subject to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Section 99238 – establishes PASTACC’s statutory responsibilities;</p> <p>(1) Review and make recommendations on annual Unmet Transit Needs hearing findings                      (2) Score and make recommendations for Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Capital Grant Program applications                      (3) Assist SBCTA in developing public outreach approach on updating the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan                      (4) Review call for projects for Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant applications                      (5) Monitor and make recommendations on Federal regulatory processes as they relate to transit and specialized transit                      (6) Monitor and disseminate information in reference to State level law and recommendations as they relate to transit and specialized transit                      (7) Receive annual reports on funded specialized programs funded through FTA Section 5310 and Measure I                      (8) Identify regional or county level areas of unmet needs                      (9) Address special grant or funding opportunities                      (10) Address any special issues of PASTACC voting and non-voting members</p> <p>(Brown Act)</p>	<p>Standing Membership –                      Morongo Basin Transit Authority                      Mountain Transit                      City of Needles Transit Services                      Omnitrans                      Victor Valley Transit Authority                      County of San Bernardino Dept. of Public Works</p> <p>At Large Membership –                      San Bernardino Dept. of Aging and Adult Services                      Foothill Aids                      OPARC                      Option House                      Loma Linda University Health</p>	<p>On-going                      On-going                      On-going                      On-going                      On-going                      On-going</p> <p>5/31/2024                      9/30/2023                      9/30/2023                      6/30/2022                      5/31/2024</p>

Attachment: SBCTA Policy Committee Membership (7678 : Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair)

**Meeting Dates and Time:** Bi monthly, beginning in January, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 10:00 a.m., (Location rotates: SBCTA Office, VVTA, MBTA)

**Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) Review of Measure I Expenditure Plan**

COMMITTEE	PURPOSE	MEMBERSHIP	TERMS
<p>Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) Review of Measure I Expenditure Plan</p> <p>The ITOC shall provide citizen review to ensure that all Measure I funds are spent by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (hereby referred to as the Authority) in accordance with provision of the Expenditure Plan and Ordinance No. 04-01. The ordinance specifies that each member of the ITOC have certain credentials or experience as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. One member who is a professional in the field of municipal audit, finance and/or budgeting with a minimum of five years in a relevant and senior decision-making position in the public or private sector.</li> <li>B. One member who is a licensed civil engineer or trained transportation planner with at least five years of demonstrated experience in the fields of transportation and/or urban design in government and/or the private sector. No member shall be a recipient or sub-recipient of Measure “I” funding.</li> <li>C. One member who is a current or retired manager of a major publicly financed development or construction project, who by training and experience would understand the complexity, costs and implementation issues in building large scale transportation improvements.</li> <li>D. One member who is current or retired manager of a major privately financed development or construction project, who by training and experience would understand the complexity, costs and implementation issues in building large scale transportation improvements.</li> <li>E. One public member, who possesses the knowledge and skills which will be helpful to the work of the ITOC.</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the appointed members, the SBCTA President and Executive Director will serve as ex-officio members.</p>	<p>The ITOC shall review the annual audits of the Authority; report findings based on the audits to the Authority; and recommend any additional audits for consideration which the ITOC believes may improve the financial operation and integrity of program implementation.</p> <p>The Authority shall hold a publicly noticed meeting, which may or may not be included on the agenda of a regularly scheduled Board meeting, with the participation of the ITOC to consider the findings and recommendations of the audits.</p> <p>(Brown Act)</p>	<p>Vacant (A)                  Gerry Newcombe (B)                  Wayne Hendrix (C)                  Rick Gomez (D)                  Mike Layne (E)                  Frank Navarro, Ex-Officio                  Ray Wolfe, Ex-Officio</p>	<p>12/31/24                  12/31/22                  12/31/22                  12/31/22</p>

**SBCTA Ad Hoc Committees**

COMMITTEE	PURPOSE	MEMBERSHIP
<p><b>Council of Governments Ad Hoc Committee</b>                      In June 2016, the SBCTA Board President appointed this ad hoc committee.</p>	<p>To provide direction relative to the Council of Governments annual work plan.</p>	<p>Alan Wapner, Ontario – Chair                      Larry McCallon, Highland                      L. Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga                      Frank Navarro, Colton                      Janice Rutherford, Supervisor</p>
<p><b>Omnitrans/San Bernardino County Transportation Authority Ad Hoc Committee</b>                      In April 2019, President McNaboe appointed SBCTA members to this ad hoc committee.</p>	<p>To provide policy guidance related to funding allocations and project delivery.</p>	<p>Ron Dailey, Loma Linda (Omnitrans)                      Penny Lilburn, Highland (Omnitrans)                      Sam Spagnolo, Rancho Cucamonga (Omnitrans)                      Darcy McNaboe, Grand Terrace (SBCTA)                      Dusty Rigsby, Loma Linda (SBCTA)                      Ray Marquez, Chino Hills (SBCTA)</p>

Attachment: SBCTA Policy Committee Membership (7678 : Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair)

<p><b>Equity Ad Hoc Committee</b>                  On October 7, 2020, the Board approved the establishment of this ad hoc committee composed of seven Board members appointed by the Board President. Membership consists of the following:                  - 2 East Valley member                  - 2 West Valley member                  - 2 Mountain/Desert member                  - 1 County member</p>	<p>To look broadly at equity and inequity region-wide both within the practices, policies and projects of SBCTA, as well as policies and issues facing SBCOG's member agencies.</p>	<p>L. Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga                  Acquanetta Warren, Fontana                  John Valdivia, San Bernardino                  Rick Denison, Yucca Valley                  Darcy McNaboe, Grand Terrace                  Art Bishop, Apple Valley                  Joe Baca Jr., Supervisor</p>
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**SBCTA Technical Advisory Committees**

COMMITTEE	PURPOSE	MEETING SCHEDULE
<p><b>Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)</b>                  Committee membership consists of a primary staff representative of each SBCTA member agency designated by the City Manager or County Administrative Officer.</p>	<p>SBCTA's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee was formed by SBCTA management to provide input to SBCTA staff on technical transportation-related matters and formulation of transportation-related policy recommendations to the SBCTA Board of Directors.                   The TTAC is not a Brown Act committee.</p>	<p>Generally meets on the first Monday of each month at 1:30 PM, at SBCTA.</p>
<p><b>City/County Manager's Technical Advisory Committee (CCM TAC)</b>                  The committee is composed of up to two representatives of the County Administrator's Office and the city manager or administrator from each city and town in the County.</p>	<p>SBCTA's City/County Manager's Technical Advisory Committee was established in the Joint Powers Authority that established San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG). The primary role of the committee is to provide a forum for the chief executives of SANBAG's member agencies to become informed about and discuss issues facing SANBAG/SBCTA. It also provides a forum for the discussion of items of mutual concern and a way to cooperate regionally in addressing those concerns.                   The CCM TAC is a Brown Act Committee.</p>	<p>Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM, at SBCTA.</p>
<p><b>Planning and Development Technical Forum (PDTF)</b>                  Committee membership consists of a primary staff representative of each SBCTA member agency designated by the City Manager or County Chief Executive Officer.</p>	<p>The SBCTA Planning and Development Technical Forum was formed by SBCTA management to provide an opportunity for interaction among planning and development representatives of member agencies on planning issues of multijurisdictional importance.                   The PDTF is not a Brown Act Committee.</p>	<p>Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Santa Fe Depot (in the SCAG Office).</p>
<p><b>Project Development Teams</b></p>	<p>Project Development Teams (PDTs) are assembled for all major project development activities by SBCTA staff.                  Teams are generally composed of technical representatives from SBCTA, member jurisdictions appropriate to the project, Caltrans, and other major stakeholder entities that have significant involvement in the project.                  PDTs make recommendations related to approaches to project development, evaluation of alternatives, and technical solutions.                  PDTs meet on a regular basis throughout the project phase to review progress and to provide technical input required for project development.                   The PDTs are not Brown Act Committees.</p>	<p>Varies with the PDT.</p>

Attachment: SBCTA Policy Committee Membership (7678 : Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair)

## *Minute Action*

AGENDA ITEM: 3

***Date:*** June 18, 2021

***Subject:***

Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 17-1001742 with Caltrans for contribution of State Highway Operations and Protection Program Minor Funds on the US 395 Phase I Project

***Recommendation:***

That the Mountain/Desert Policy Committee recommend the Board, acting as the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority:

Approve Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 17-1001742 with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to increase the State Highway Operation and Protection Program Minor Funds contribution from \$214,000 to \$333,000 for the US 395 Phase I Project.

***Background:***

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) is the lead agency for the widening of US 395 to a four-lane facility from Palmdale Road (SR-18) to Chamberlaine Way in the cities of Victorville and Adelanto (Project). Caltrans performed the design of the Project. During the design phase, Caltrans Traffic Operations recommended the implementation of a traffic signal at the intersection of the US 395 and Seneca Road. Since the intersection is within the Project limits and will not require additional right-of-way, Caltrans requested the incorporation of the traffic signal into the Project.

SBCTA is the funding agency for the Project and supported implementation of a signal at Seneca Road, provided that Caltrans fund the additional Project cost to incorporate the signal into the Project. As a result, the Seneca Road traffic signal was incorporated in the Project plans and a Cooperative Agreement No. 17-1001742 was executed between SBCTA and Caltrans for Caltrans' funding of the new traffic signal.

Caltrans' contribution required for the Project was anticipated to be \$214,000 and was funded with State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Minor Funds. The agreement requires that after SBCTA and Caltrans agree that all work for the Project is complete, SBCTA will submit a final accounting of all costs. The construction of the Project is completed and the actual costs for the traffic signal at the intersection of Seneca Road exceeds the estimated amount in the agreement.

The actual total cost of the traffic signal work on US 395 at the Seneca Road intersection is \$456,570. The SHOPP Minor Funds contribution limit is \$333,000; therefore, Amendment No. 1 to the existing Cooperative Agreement No. 17-1001742 has been prepared to revise the SHOPP contribution from \$214,000 to \$333,000, which is the capped amount that Caltrans can use from this particular funding source. Caltrans is committed to fund the remaining obligation of \$123,570, with a future funding swap to another SBCTA project and will confer with SBCTA when an option is identified as shown in Attachment A to this item. Caltrans will send a separate cooperative agreement when the identified project has been concurred upon by both agencies. The following table summarizes the contributions:

*Entity: San Bernardino County Transportation Authority*



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17-1001742	\$214,000
17-1001742-01	\$119,000
<b>TOTAL SHOPP Contribution to US 395</b>	<b>\$333,000</b>
<b>FUTURE FUNDING SWAP (Attachment A)</b>	<b>\$123,570</b>
<b>ACTUAL COST</b>	<b>\$456,570</b>

Staff recommends the approval of Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 17-1001742 to increase the amount of Caltrans' contribution from the SHOPP Minor Funds from \$214,000 to \$333,000, with the understanding that Caltrans will fulfill the remaining obligation of \$123,570 once the SBCTA project has been identified.

**Financial Impact:**

This item is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Task 0891 - US 395 Widen SR-18/Chamberlaine/Cities Victorville and Adelanto.

**Reviewed By:**

This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee. SBCTA General Counsels has reviewed this item and the draft amendment.

**Responsible Staff:**

Henry Stultz, Director of Project Delivery

Approved  
Mountain-Desert Committee  
Date: June 18, 2021

Witnessed By:

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

**General Contract Information**

Contract No: 17-1001742 Amendment No.: 1  
 Contract Class: Receivable Department: Project Delivery  
 Customer ID: N/A Customer Name: Caltrans  
 Description: US 395 SHOPP Minor Fund Program Contribution  
 List Any Accounts Payable Related Contract Nos.: 18-1001860 00-1000876 15-1001175

Dollar Amount					
Original Contract	\$	214,000.00	Original Contingency	\$	-
Prior Amendments	\$	-	Prior Amendments	\$	-
Current Amendment	\$	119,000.00	Current Amendment	\$	-
<b>Total/Revised Contract Value</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>333,000.00</b>	<b>Total Contingency Value</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Dollar Authority (Contract Value and Contingency)</b>					<b>\$ 333,000.00</b>

**Contract Authorization**

Board of Directors Date: 07/07/2021 Mountain/Desert Committee Item # \_\_\_\_\_

**Contract Management (Internal Purposes Only)**

State \_\_\_\_\_ Funding Agreement \_\_\_\_\_

**Accounts Receivable**

Total Contract Funding: \$ 333,000.00 Funding Agreement No: 17-1001742  
 Beginning POP Date: 06/12/2017 Ending POP Date: 12/31/2039 Final Billing Date: 12/31/2039  
 Expiration Date: 12/31/2039

Fund	Prog	Task	Sub-Task	Revenue	Total Contract Funding:	Fund	Prog	Task	Sub-Task	Revenue	Total Contract Funding:
GL: 2550	40	0820	0891	42205005	333,000.00	GL:					-
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Andrea Nieto  
Project Manager (Print Name)

Paula Beauchamp  
Task Manager (Print Name)

Additional Notes:

Attachment: 17-1001742-01 CSS (7478 : Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 17-1001742 - SHOPP Funds for US 395 Phase I Project)

08-SBD-395-11.6  
 EA: 1H810  
 Project Number: 0817000137  
 Agreement 08-1648 A/1  
 SBCTA Agreement 17-1001742-1

### **AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 08-1648**

This AMENDMENT NO. 1 (AMENDMENT) to Agreement No. 08-1648 (AGREEMENT), effective on \_\_\_\_\_, is between the State of California, acting through its Department of Transportation, referred to as CALTRANS, and:

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, a public corporation/entity, referred to hereinafter as SBCTA.

### **RECITALS**

1. CALTRANS and SBCTA, collectively referred to as PARTIES, entered into AGREEMENT on June 12, 2017, defining the terms and conditions for installing traffic signals on US-395 at Seneca Road in the cities of Adelanto and Victorville within the State Highway System and is referred to as PROJECT.
2. The AGREEMENT established that CALTRANS' contribution required for the PROJECT, anticipated to be in the amount of \$214,000 and would be funded from SHOPP Minor funds.
3. PARTIES now seek to increase the amount of CALTRANS' contribution from the SHOPP Minor funds for the PROJECT.

### **IT IS THEREFORE MUTUALLY AGREED:**

1. Article #7 in the AGREEMENT is replaced in its entirety to read as follows:
  7. CALTRANS will increase its SHOPP Minor funds contribution for the PROJECT from \$214,000 to \$333,000.
2. All other terms and conditions of the AGREEMENT shall remain in full force and effect.
3. This AMENDMENT is deemed to be included and made a part of the AGREEMENT.

08-SBD-395-11.6  
EA: 1H810  
Project Number: 0817000137  
Agreement 08-1648 A/1  
SBCTA Agreement 17-1001742-01

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

The information provided below indicates the primary contact information for each PARTY to this AGREEMENT. PARTIES will notify each other in writing of any personnel or location changes. Contact information changes do not require an amendment to this AGREEMENT.

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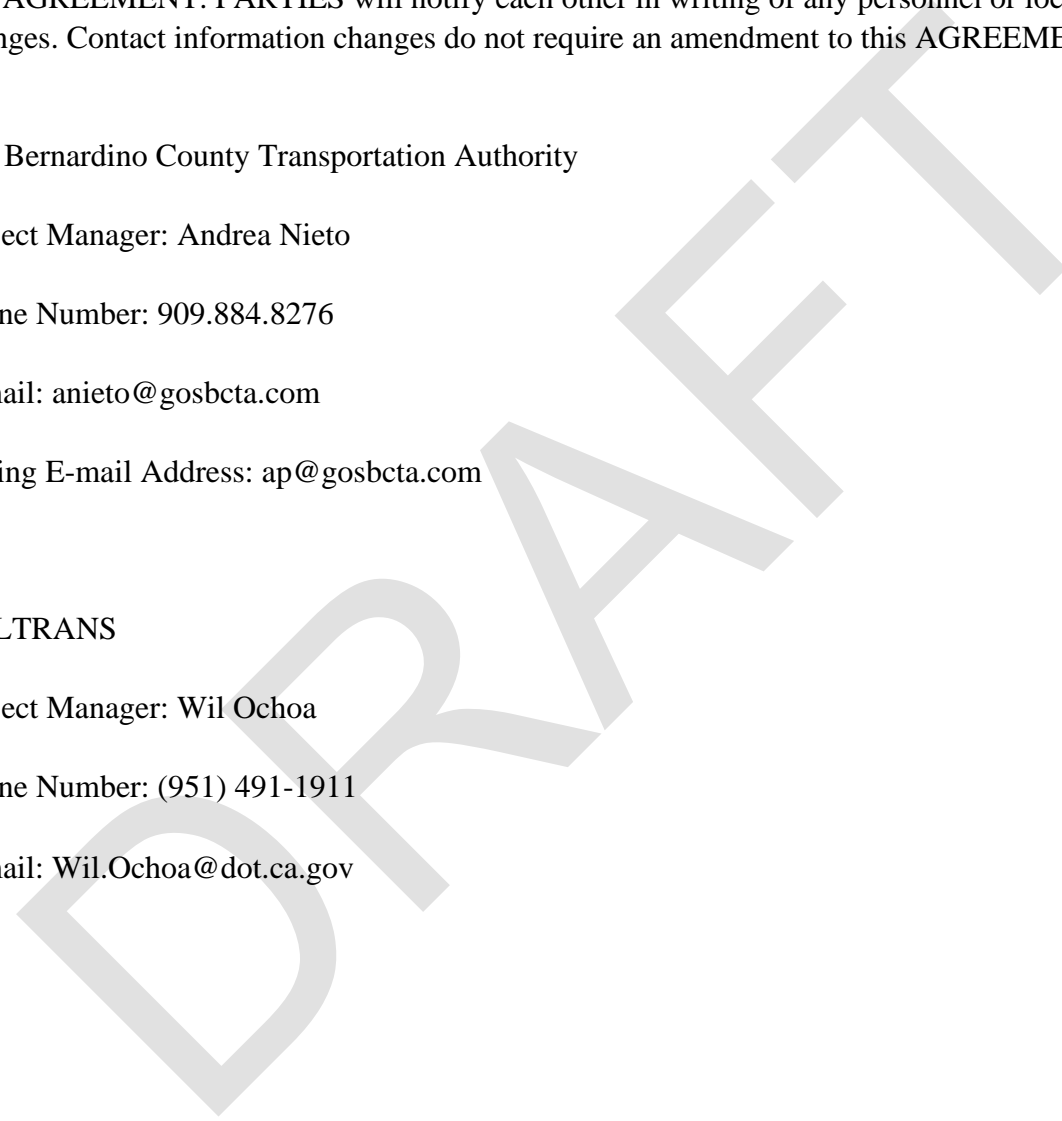
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-----SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE-----

08-SBD-395-11.6  
EA: 1H810  
Project Number: 0817000137  
Agreement 08-1648 A/1  
SBCTA Agreement 17-1001742-01

**SIGNATURES**

PARTIES are empowered by the law to enter into this AMENDMENT and have delegated to the undersigned the authority to execute this AMENDMENT on behalf of the respective agencies and covenants to have followed all the necessary legal requirements to validly execute this AMENDMENT.

This AMENDMENT may be executed and delivered in counterparts, and by each PARTY in a separate counterpart, each of which when so executed and delivered shall constitute an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

The PARTIES acknowledge that executed copies of this AMENDMENT may be exchanged by facsimile or email, and that such copies shall be deemed to be effective as originals.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael D. Beauchamp  
District 8 Director

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Frank J. Navarro  
President

VERIFIED OF FUNDS & AUTHORITY:

APROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Corina Harriman  
District 8 Budget Manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Juanda Lowder Daniel  
Assistant General Counsel

# ATTACHMENT A

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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April 20, 2021

Paula Beauchamp  
Director of Project Delivery and Toll Operations  
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority  
1170 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92410

Dear Mrs. Beauchamp:

As per our conversation, in response to SBCTA's December 30, 2020 email to Jamal Elsaleh, Design Deputy District Director, requesting documentation of the Department's funding commitment for the US-395 Project 0F631.

The Department is in the process of requesting additional funds to increase the capital construction budget and has sent the amendment to the existing cooperative agreement with SBCTA to revise the financial contribution from \$214,000 to \$333,000. To fulfill the remaining obligation of \$123,570; we will confer with SBCTA on a particular project and the Department will send an agreement for that project.

The adjusted contribution amount reflects changes needed to move forward expeditiously with approvals.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (909) 388-7149 or by cell phone at (909) 224-8742 (preferred).

Sincerely,

*Diane Morales*

Diane Morales  
Deputy District Director  
District 8 Program Project Management

Attachment: Attachment A - Funding Swap Letter from Caltrans (7478 : Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 17-1001742 - SHOPP Funds for US

## *Minute Action*

AGENDA ITEM: 4

***Date:*** June 18, 2021

***Subject:***

High Desert Corridor JPA Update

***Recommendation:***

Receive an update on the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority and provide direction as appropriate.

***Background:***

The High Desert Corridor (HDC) was identified decades ago as a potential means to address the ever increasing traffic and goods movement through Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. The concept was originally proposed in the 1970s as a metropolitan by-pass for trucks to alleviate truck traffic in the Los Angeles Basin and to facilitate truck movement from Mexico to points north and east. In 1993, a study by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), “The Adoption for the Route 138 Transportation Corridor”, contemplated a variety of options to consider.

A Regionally Significant Transportation Investment Study (RSTIS) was prepared by Caltrans between 1992-2002 to document the need to improve the transportation infrastructure as traffic increased between the Antelope and Victor Valleys. The HDC was one of the strategies considered by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) in 2004. In fact, the HDC was recognized in 2005 as a high priority corridor in the National Highway system from Los Angeles to Las Vegas via Palmdale and Victorville.

The proposed 63-mile-long east-west facility was contemplated to provide route continuity and relieve traffic congestion between State Route (SR) 14 in Los Angeles County and SR 18 and Interstate 15 (I-15) in San Bernardino County and would connect residential, commercial and industrial areas in Southern California, including the cities of Palmdale, Lancaster, Adelanto, Victorville and the Town of Apple Valley.

In 2004, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) supported the adoption of the Metro Board North County Combined Highway Corridor Study that recommended strategies for addressing the high volume of truck traffic traveling on the I-5, SR 14 and SR 138 freeways.

In November of 2006, the Counties of San Bernardino and Los Angeles entered into a joint powers agreement to create a non-funded HDC Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to pursue funding and provide for the planning, design, construction, financing, operation, and maintenance of a new freeway/expressway known as the HDC between Los Angeles County in the vicinity of the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, and San Bernardino County in the vicinity of the cities of Victorville, Apple Valley, and Adelanto. At the time, the project was anticipated to be completed by 2020 and the purpose of the JPA was to accelerate this schedule through an aggressive pursuit of supplemental funding.

*Entity: San Bernardino County Transportation Authority*



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The HDC JPA is governed by a Board of Directors (Board) comprised of nine Directors which was reconfigured in 2007 to provide affected cities a more active and participatory role. The Board designations are as follows:

- San Bernardino County is represented by its First District Supervisor, and second, third and fourth Directors are recommended for appointment by the First District Supervisor and appointed by action of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. The second, third and fourth Directors must be elected or appointed officials of San Bernardino County, the City of Adelanto, the City of Victorville, the City of Hesperia or the Town of Apple Valley.
- Los Angeles County is represented by its Fifth District Supervisor; a second Director recommended for appointment by the Fifth District Supervisor and appointed by action of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, who must be an elected or appointed official of the City of Palmdale; a third Director recommended for appointment by the Fifth District Supervisor and appointed by action of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, who must be an elected or appointed official of the City of Lancaster.
- One Director is recommended jointly by the First District Supervisor of San Bernardino County and Fifth District Supervisor of Los Angeles County and appointed by action of the JPA Board.

In late 2010, Caltrans and Metro partnered to initiate the HDC Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). Following that, they released the Draft EIS/EIR (including the High Speed Rail (HSR) between Victorville and Palmdale) for public review and comment in late 2014. Metro and Caltrans studied five functional alternatives in the Draft EIS/EIR and identified the Preferred Alternative (PA). The five alternatives are as follows:

- **The Freeway/Expressway Alternative** would combine a controlled-access freeway and an expressway. The alignment would generally follow Avenue P-8 in Los Angeles County and just south of El Mirage Road in San Bernardino County then extend east to Air Expressway Road near I-15 and finally curve south, ending at Bear Valley Road.
- **The Freeway/Tollway Alternative** would follow the same alignment as the Freeway/Expressway Alternative, but the section between 90th Street East and United States (US) 395 would be operated as a tollway.
- **The Freeway/Expressway Alternative with HSR Feeder/Connector Service** would be the same as the Freeway/Expressway Alternative, but with a HSR Feeder/Connector Service between the cities of Palmdale and Victorville.
- **The Freeway/Tollway Alternative with HSR Feeder/Connector Service** would be the same as the Freeway/Tollway Alternative, but it would include a HSR Feeder/Connector Service (as described above) between the cities of Palmdale and Victorville

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- **The No Build Alternative** would not provide new transportation infrastructure within the High Desert area to connect Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. Only existing SR 138 safety corridor improvements in Los Angeles County and SR 18 corridor improvements in San Bernardino County would be constructed.

Caltrans, as lead agency under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as assigned by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and in cooperation with Metro, identified **The Freeway/Tollway with HSR Alternative** as the Preferred Alternative and the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA). The PA was believed to meet the project purpose and need through:

- Improved traffic operations along the approximate 63-mile length of the corridor;
- Enhanced modal choice while accommodating planned growth in the High Desert region;
- Helping reduce the potential for head-on vehicular crashes and promoting safety by introducing more gentle and gradual curves, wider lanes, and other geometric engineering improvements;
- Would provide a connection to existing and future passenger rail systems, including the California HSR system and the XpressWest HSR system;
- Include a Class I bike path at the bottom of the freeway embankment providing a continuous linkage between Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties;
- The total cost for the preferred alternative was estimated at \$7.3 - \$8.7 billion.

Financial investments from FHWA, Metro and SBCTA were made to advance the Project Approval & Environmental Documents (PA/ED) phase of the project. This resulted in the filing of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Determination (NOD) but the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Record of Decision (ROD) was not completed due to a lack of identified funding for the next phase of the project. As a result, Caltrans submitted a letter (provided as Attachment A) to the Federal Highway Administration announcing their decision to select the **No Build Option** for the Freeway/Tollway elements of the project and listed the following reasons:

- Local Funding for the highway elements were not available for the foreseeable future (Measure M money is programmed for 2063);
- Potential public-private partnerships did not materialize;
- Expansion of the Los Angeles/Palmdale Regional Airport & Southern California Logistics Airport did not occur;
- Imminent improvements to State Routes 138 & 18 appear to address near term East-West mobility needs.

The No Build Action left the Rail portion of the project being carried out by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to complete the ROD. The estimated cost of the rail portion of the project is \$3.21-\$4.62 billion. Caltrans allowed for the possibility that it may come back in the future to resume work on the highway portion of the project.

The HDC JPA is currently in a Reevaluation/Revalidation ROD petition with FRA and the US Surface Transportation Board (STB) with the goal of achieving a final ROD/NOD by the end of San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

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2021. Given the lack of financial commitment by the California High Speed Rail Authority to improve the rail connection between Palmdale and Los Angeles Union Station, as evidenced in their recent Business Plan updates, coupled with the continued lack of funding from either county well into the foreseeable future, the focus of the JPA moving forward is questionable.

Attachment A: Letter from Caltrans District 7 to the Federal Highway Administration regarding HDC project.

***Financial Impact:***

This item has no financial impact on the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget.

***Reviewed By:***

This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee.

***Responsible Staff:***

Otis Greer, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs

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Approved  
Mountain-Desert Committee  
Date: June 18, 2021

Witnessed By:

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

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December 31, 2020

Mr. Omar Elkassed  
Acting Project Delivery Team Leader North  
Federal Highway Administration

Dear Mr. Elkassed:

I want to follow-up on recent discussions between Caltrans District 7, LA Metro, and FHWA regarding the path forward for the High Desert Corridor (HDC) project. I appreciate the past collaboration between our agencies and look forward to us continuing to work together for our mutual benefit.

The HDC EIR/EIS was completed in June of 2016 with the Freeway/Tollway with High Speed Rail Feeder Service identified as the preferred alternative; the CEQA NOD was filed the same month but the NEPA ROD was not completed due to a lack of funding identified for the next project phase. Recently there has been interest in moving the rail component forward and FRA has assumed the role of NEPA lead agency for that effort; they are currently working on a Re-evaluation of the EIS and, ultimately, a ROD.

As you know, FHWA provided approximately \$11 million in federal funds to facilitate the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PAED) phase of the project. FHWA regulations require that highway projects move beyond PAED and into substantial right-of-way acquisition or construction within 10 years or the money is forfeited and must be repaid back to FHWA. The HDC project has exceeded that limit and FHWA has graciously approved two, time extensions. At this time the HDC has exhausted the approved time extensions and will require additional time per 23 CFR § 630.112(c)(2). However, because of a lack of progress on moving the highway portion of the project forward, we have been advised that under the current circumstances, a third time extension request would not be approved.

With that in mind, Caltrans has reached the following conclusion: while the rail project is moving forward and we anticipate an FRA ROD in 2021, regrettably we are selecting the no build option for the Freeway/Tollway elements at this time. The primary reasons for this decision are as follows:

1. Local Funding for the highway elements is not available in the foreseeable future (Measure M money has been allocated for the project, but not until 2063).
2. Potential public-private partnership (P3) funding did not materialize.

Attachment: dot.ca.gov/20201231 (7630 : High Desert Corridor JPA Update)

Mr. Omar Elkassed  
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3. Expansion of the Los Angeles/Palmdale Regional Airport & Southern California Logistics Airport did not occur.
4. Imminent improvements to State Routes 138 & 18 appear to address near term East - West mobility needs.

While this letter provides our decision-making notification, more formal NEPA documentation will be provided in the FRA ROD.

Current conditions do not justify proceeding with the highway component of the HDC at this time, however, Caltrans reserves the right to resume work on the highway at some point in the future should more favorable circumstances arise. If funding becomes available, for example, if a P3 opportunity develops, the environmental and engineering efforts could be reactivated.

Caltrans looks forward to continuing to work with FHWA on future projects and accomplishing our shared goals of improving transportation safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

Sincerely,



**Ron Kosinski**  
Deputy District Director  
Caltrans District 7  
Division of Environmental Planning

2000

**2004:** SANBAG supported the adoption of the Metro Board North County Combined Highway Corridor Study.

**2007:** HDCJPA reconfigured Board of Directors to provide affected cities a more active and participatory role.

**2006:** the Counties of San Bernardino and Los Angeles entered into a joint powers agreement to create a non-funded High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority (HDCJPA) to pursue funding and provide for the planning, design, construction, financing, operation, and maintenance of the High Desert Corridor (HDC).



**2010:** Caltrans and LA Metro partner agencies initiated the HDC Environmental Impact Statement/Report (EIS/EIR).

**2014:** Caltrans and LA Metro released Draft EIS/EIR for public review and comment.  
  
(including the High Speed Rail between Victorville and Palmdale)

- Freeway/Expressway
- Freeway/Tollway
- Freeway/Expressway/HSR Connector
- Freeway/Tollway/HSR Connector
- No-Build Alternative

**2020:** Caltrans selects the NO BUILD roadway alternative; defers rail connection to FRA

2021

**Freeway/Expressway/HSR Connector**  
Estimated Cost: \$7.3 - \$8.7 Billion

**Rail Connection (FRA)**  
Estimated Cost: \$3.2 - \$4.6 Billion



**ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION**

**MOUNTAIN/DESERT POLICY COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD – 2021**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>Gerardo Hernandez</b> City of Adelanto				**								
<b>Art Bishop</b> Town of Apple Valley	X	X	X	**	X							
<b>Paul Courtney</b> City of Barstow			X	**								
<b>Rick Herrick</b> City of Big Bear Lake	X	X	X	**	X							
<b>Cameron Gregg</b> City of Hesperia	X	X	X	**	X							
<b>Ed Paget</b> City of Needles				**	X							
<b>Joel Klink</b> City of Twentynine Palms	X	X	X	**	X							
<b>Debra Jones</b> City of Victorville	X	X	X	**	X							
<b>Rick Denison</b> Town of Yucca Valley	X	X		**	X							
<b>Paul Cook</b> County of San Bernardino	X	X	X	**	X							
<b>Janice Rutherford</b> County of San Bernardino		X		**								
<b>Dawn Rowe</b> County of San Bernardino	X	X	X	**								

\*Non-voting City Representative attended  
+ Measure I Committee representative

\*\*The Mountain/Desert Committee did not meet  
x\*Alternate Attended

\*\*\* New SBCTA Board Member

X = Member attended meeting.  
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Empty box = Member did not attend meeting

Crossed out box = Not a Board Member at the time.



This list provides information on acronyms commonly used by transportation planning professionals. This information is provided in an effort to assist Board Members and partners as they participate in deliberations at Board meetings. While a complete list of all acronyms which may arise at any given time is not possible, this list attempts to provide the most commonly-used terms. Staff makes every effort to minimize use of acronyms to ensure good communication and understanding of complex transportation processes.

AB	Assembly Bill
ACE	Alameda Corridor East
ACT	Association for Commuter Transportation
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADT	Average Daily Traffic
APTA	American Public Transportation Association
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ATMIS	Advanced Transportation Management Information Systems
BAT	Barstow Area Transit
CALACT	California Association for Coordination Transportation
CALCOG	California Association of Councils of Governments
CALSAFE	California Committee for Service Authorities for Freeway Emergencies
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMIA	Corridor Mobility Improvement Account
CMP	Congestion Management Program
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
COG	Council of Governments
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CSAC	California State Association of Counties
CTA	California Transit Association
CTC	California Transportation Commission
CTC	County Transportation Commission
CTP	Comprehensive Transportation Plan
DBE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
DEMO	Federal Demonstration Funds
DOT	Department of Transportation
EA	Environmental Assessment
E&D	Elderly and Disabled
E&H	Elderly and Handicapped
EIR	Environmental Impact Report (California)
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement (Federal)
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FSP	Freeway Service Patrol
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
GFOA	Government Finance Officers Association
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
HOV	High-Occupancy Vehicle
ICTC	Interstate Clean Transportation Corridor
IEEP	Inland Empire Economic Partnership
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
IIP/ITIP	Interregional Transportation Improvement Program
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
IVDA	Inland Valley Development Agency
JARC	Job Access Reverse Commute
LACMTA	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
LTF	Local Transportation Funds

**Acronym List**

MAGLEV	Magnetic Levitation
MARTA	Mountain Area Regional Transportation Authority
MBTA	Morongo Basin Transit Authority
MDAB	Mojave Desert Air Basin
MDAQMD	Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MSRC	Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
NAT	Needles Area Transit
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
OA	Obligation Authority
OCTA	Orange County Transportation Authority
PA&ED	Project Approval and Environmental Document
PASTACC	Public and Specialized Transportation Advisory and Coordinating Council
PDT	Project Development Team
PNRS	Projects of National and Regional Significance
PPM	Planning, Programming and Monitoring Funds
PSE	Plans, Specifications and Estimates
PSR	Project Study Report
PTA	Public Transportation Account
PTC	Positive Train Control
PTMISEA	Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account
RCTC	Riverside County Transportation Commission
RDA	Redevelopment Agency
RFP	Request for Proposal
RIP	Regional Improvement Program
RSTIS	Regionally Significant Transportation Investment Study
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
SB	Senate Bill
SAFE	Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
SAFETEA-LU	Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users
SCAB	South Coast Air Basin
SCAG	Southern California Association of Governments
SCAQMD	South Coast Air Quality Management District
SCRRA	Southern California Regional Rail Authority
SHA	State Highway Account
SHOPP	State Highway Operations and Protection Program
SOV	Single-Occupant Vehicle
S RTP	Short Range Transit Plan
STAF	State Transit Assistance Funds
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
STP	Surface Transportation Program
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TCIF	Trade Corridor Improvement Fund
TCM	Transportation Control Measure
TCRP	Traffic Congestion Relief Program
TDA	Transportation Development Act
TEA	Transportation Enhancement Activities
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
TMC	Transportation Management Center
TMEE	Traffic Management and Environmental Enhancement
TSM	Transportation Systems Management
TSSDRA	Transit System Safety, Security and Disaster Response Account
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
VCTC	Ventura County Transportation Commission
VVTA	Victor Valley Transit Authority
WRCOG	Western Riverside Council of Governments



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to improve the quality of life and mobility in San Bernardino County. Safety is the cornerstone of all we do.

We achieve this by:

- Making all transportation modes as efficient, economical, and environmentally responsible as possible.
- Envisioning the future, embracing emerging technology, and innovating to ensure our transportation options are successful and sustainable.
- Promoting collaboration among all levels of government.
- Optimizing our impact in regional, state, and federal policy and funding decisions.
- Using all revenue sources in the most responsible and transparent way.

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