



# VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

*representing the communities of Adelanto, Apple Valley, Hesperia,  
Victorville, Barstow and San Bernardino County*

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

September 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:00 p.m.

Victor Valley Transit Authority  
17150 Smoke Tree Street  
Hesperia, CA 92345

1. Recognition of guests and public comments: Visitors are requested to make comments only on those items not identified in the agenda. Comments concerning agenda items can be presented when that item comes up. Please limit comments to three minutes per item.

- 2. Review Draft Board Agenda .....K. Kane/Group
  - a. Unmet Needs.
  - b. Change order for MARRS.
  - c. Participation in APTA's Safe Seal of Commitment Program.
  - d. Closed Session: Executive Director Review.

3. Bus stop shelters/benches/lighting .....S. Herrera

4. SBCTA Update .....N. Strickert

- 5. Other Business:
  - Hesperia property update ..... C. Plasting
  - Battery storage .....R. Zirges
  - Keolis update .....K. Kane

6. Adjournment.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 7<sup>th</sup>. To obtain further or available information regarding agenda items, please contact the Clerk of the Board VVTA at 760 948-3262. **Posted: Friday, August 28, 2020.**

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**AGENDA MATTER**

**Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Unmet Needs Findings.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

In September 2019, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) held two (2) public hearings for the Mountain/Desert Region in San Bernardino County in response to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) requirement to obtain testimony regarding unmet transit needs that can be reasonably met (Public Utilities Code Sections 99238.5 and 99401.5). The first meeting was held on September 16, 2019, in Hesperia, covering the upper desert region, and the second meeting was held on September 26, 2019, in Joshua Tree, covering the lower desert region. The governing bodies of the Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTa) and the Morongo Basin Transit Authority (MBTA) served as the hearing boards.

The following detail pages provides as summary of the testimony that was received for the upper desert region as well as the lower desert region and recommendation by staff.

**Lower Desert**

In the MBTA service area, the following were items of concern or interest for MBTA riders:

- Increase weekend service, service coverage, service frequency and expand service hours -MBTA has included these requests as part of their Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). However, due to anticipated funding implications as a result of the continuing COVID-19 response, MBTA will temporarily suspend consideration of service expansions, later or earlier bus service, and weekend or new service proposals until financial sustainability has been demonstrated.
- Bus Stop Improvements – Bus stop locations and amenities will be improved as part of MBTA’s on-going bus stop improvement program. These are based on need as well as ridership usage.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Review and approve the testimony and findings from September 2019 Unmet Public Needs Public Hearings.

<b>PRESENTED BY</b>	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>
Nancy Strickert, SBCTA	N/A	September 21, 2020	

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### AGENDA MATTER

#### **Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Unmet Needs Findings.**

### SUMMARY STATEMENT

During this process, the MBTA Board of Directors approved the motion that remaining Local Transportation Funds (LTF) would no longer be returned to the Cities for streets and roads purposes. This will allow for MBTA to save funding for future needs such as Zero-Emission Bus requirements.

#### **Upper Desert**

In the VVTA service area, the following were items of concern for VVTA riders:

- Bus Stop Improvements – VVTA, in cooperation with the cities in the service area, has completed or will complete the bus stop requests that were identified at these hearings. Several of the stops have already been improved and or will be improved in the coming year. There are a few stops that, due to their location, cannot be improved.
- Vehicle Amenities – It is recommended that VVTA continue to use its in-house process, as well as reach out to its operators, to ensure its onboard amenities are working in proper order.
- Routes, frequency, increased service, reliability and other service changes/requests – VVTA has included these requests as part of their SRTP. However, due to anticipated funding implications as a result of the continuing COVID-19 response, VVTA will temporarily suspend consideration of service expansions, later or earlier bus service, weekend or new service proposals until financial sustainability has been demonstrated.

As a result of this public hearing process, staff recommends that VVTA, MBTA and SBCTA Board of Directors approve these findings as there are no unmet needs that can be reasonably met.

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**AGENDA MATTER**

**Consider VVTA's Participation in the APTA National Transit/Safe Seal of Recovery Commitment Program.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

VVTA's Executive Director/CEO recently received a request from APTA for VVTA to participate in its National Transit/Safe Seal of Recovery Commitment Program. The details of the program are:

*"The health and safety of transit passengers and employees is the most important priority for public transportation agencies. The coronavirus pandemic and its impact on our industry have underscored this principle and challenged us to develop innovative solutions. As the work continues to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, our industry will speak with a single voice about its commitment to transit users.*

*The APTA National Transit/Safe Seal of Recovery Commitment Program is designed to help public transit agencies put in place their own, individualized policies and practices that transit users have told us they want and expect. The Program defines four core categories of responsibilities – for every transit agency and for their passengers – making this a true partnership for health and safety."*

VVTA's Senior management feels strongly that participation in this program positively reinforces VVTA's commitment to to take the necessary steps to help protect its riders from contracting the Corona virus during the Covid 19 pandemic.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Follow the direction of the Board.

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Kevin Kane, Executive Director	N/A	September 21, 2020	



## NATIONAL TRANSIT RECOVERY COMMITMENT PROGRAM

The health and safety of transit passengers and employees is the most important priority for public transportation agencies. The coronavirus pandemic and its impact on our industry have underscored this principle and challenged us to develop innovative solutions. As the work continues to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, our industry will speak with a single voice about its commitment to transit users.

The APTA National Transit Recovery Commitment Program is designed to help public transit agencies put in place their own, individualized policies and practices that transit users have told us they want and expect. The Program defines four core categories of responsibilities – for every transit agency and for their passengers – making this a true partnership for health and safety.

By agreeing to participate in the Program, my agency pledges to address the following areas:

### For Our Agency:

### For Our Passengers

Follow policies and practices based on official guidance from public health experts and agencies.	Help riders of diverse ages, needs, and abilities to feel safe by following official guidance from public health experts and agencies, and transit agency rules.
Keep transit vehicles clean, disinfected, and maintained daily using EPA-approved disinfectants and accepted industry practices.	Ask riders to wear face coverings, use hand sanitizer or disinfecting wipes, and minimize touching common surfaces wherever possible.
Communicate timely information about changes in service, and high-density routes and vehicles.	Help riders practice physical distancing with other passengers and operators, and make informed choices based on timely information.
Require transit personnel to use face coverings and PPE, and to take leave at the sign of illness or possible exposure to the coronavirus.	Request that passengers assess their own health before using transit and to avoid transit if ill or possibly exposed to the coronavirus.

Additionally, we agree to stay current with changes to these commitments as guidance and science regarding the pandemic continue to evolve.

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Kevin Kane, CEO/Executive Director  
Victor Valley Transit Authority  
Hesperia, CA

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**AGENDA MATTER**

**Closed Session.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Closed Session.**

Personnel Matters - Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) – Public Employee Evaluation. Title: Executive Director.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

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John Tubbs, III, County Counsel	N/A	September 21, 2020	