



VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

October 5, 2022 3:00 p.m.

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- 2. Review Draft Board AgendaK. Kane/Group
 - a. Letter of Support for SBCTA regarding Brightline.
 - b. Budget Amendment.
- 3. Bus stop shelters/benches/lighting S. Herrera
- 4. SBCTA UpdateN. Strickert
- 5. Other BusinessGroup
- 6. Adjournment.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 2, 2022. To obtain further or available information regarding agenda items, please contact the Clerk of the Board VVTA at 760 948-3262. **Posted: Friday, September 30, 2022.**

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AGENDA MATTER

SBCTA Request for Letter of Support for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

On August 23, 2022, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) contacted Victor Valley Transit Authority to request a letter of support for a grant SBCTA is preparing for the US 395 Freight Mobility and Safety Project for the SB 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP). The project will involve converting the two-lane segment of 395 between I-15 and SR-18 into four-lane divided, with a raised median.

One of the points SBCTA will be making is the need for improved multimodal accessibility to the future Brightline station in Hesperia. Currently there is not a VVTA transit route that travels this segment of 395 down to I-15. The US 395 project has been prioritized by Victor Valley jurisdictions, and VVTA is supportive of this SBCTA grant submittal.

With the arrival of Brightline, VVTA is planning feeder service to the Brightline station in Hesperia via a combination of route adjustments and new route(s) to the Brightline station including linear service down US 395 itself. VVTA also expects to consider feeder service from the east side of I-15 via several east-west corridors such as Main Street in Hesperia and Bear Valley Road. This new service concept and financing will be developed as part of VVTA's upcoming Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). Additionally, placing bus stops at signalized intersections for pedestrian and bicycle access and safety will transition US 395 to a more community-centric multimodal corridor, while significantly improving the existing freight flows.

For VVTA Board review is Attachment 1, the draft letter of support for this project. SBCTA and VVTA agree that this is a multimodal collaboration which Caltrans is looking for and strongly supports.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Direct the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support as requested by SBCTA for the upcoming Brightline Project.

PRESENTED BY	FISCAL IMPACT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Kevin Kane, Executive Director	N/A	October 17, 2022	

SAMPLE LETTER ON POTENTIAL FUTURE VVTA SERVICE TO BRIGHTLINE

Date

Dr. Raymond Wolfe
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
1170 W. Third Street, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92410

Subject: Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) transit service to a future Brightline station in Hesperia

Dear Dr. Wolfe,

VVTA has been in communication with SBCTA staff regarding the need to coordinate transit and highway access to a future Brightline High Speed Rail (HSR) station to be located at the junction of Interstate 15 (I-15) and Joshua Street in Hesperia. VVTA also understands that SBCTA is applying for SB 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funds this fall for the US 395 Freight Mobility and Safety Project. This is the same corridor that will be a primary feeder to the Brightline station from the north.

The Brightline HSR system will open up a new opportunity for transit accessibility between Las Vegas and Southern California. In addition, the Brightline stations in Apple Valley and Hesperia provide a new opportunity for an alternate mode of travel / commuting through the Cajon Pass between the Victor Valley and Rancho Cucamonga, with access to additional destinations throughout the Metrolink system, including downtown Los Angeles. VVTA looks forward to playing an significant role in providing High Desert residents with excellent transit access to and from this new high-speed rail system.

There is currently no transit service that runs directly down US 395 between Adelanto, Victorville, and I-15. Rather, the existing routes in that corridor use shorter segments of US 395 as they provide local service on the west side of I-15 connecting the cities and unincorporated areas. Examples are: Route 21 - Hesperia/Phelan; Route 25 – Oak Hill; Route 33 – Adelanto Circulator; and Route 31 – Victorville/Adelanto South.

With the advent of Brightline, VVTA anticipates providing a feeder service to the Brightline station in Hesperia via a combination of route adjustments, new route(s) to the Brightline station including linear service down US 395 itself. VVTA also expects to incorporate feeder service from the east side of I-15 via several east-west corridors such as Main Street in Hesperia and Bear Valley Road. Details will be developed as we get closer to the date of Brightline revenue service. This new service concept and financing will be developed as part of VVTA's planned Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). VVTA strongly supports the proposed four-lane cross-section for US 395 with raised median, along with new transit service. additionally, placing bus stops at signalized intersections for pedestrian and bicycle safety will transition US 395 to a more community-centric multimodal corridor, while significantly improving the existing freight flows.

On a side note, it is also significant that VVTA is on a path to zero-emission transit service. As you are aware, VVTA was the first transit agency in the County to put Battery Electric Buses (BEBs) into service. VVTA now expects that hydrogen fuel cell will become the power train of choice as time goes on and the costs of hydrogen come down. This is especially important for VVTA given the range required for the agency's route blocks and to eliminate the need to procure two (2) ZEBs to replace a single CNG bus. VVTA suggests this will work hand-in-hand with SBCTA's initiative to partner with truck fueling/charging vendors on both battery-electric and hydrogen-based powertrains for trucks in

the I-15 and US 395 corridors. A good summary of the status can be viewed in VVTA's PowerPoint presentation to the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District at: www.mdaqmd.ca.gov.pptx (live.com).

As indicated above, more detail will be provided as we get closer to the onset of Brightline revenue service. It will be very important to work together to provide adequate maneuverability and passenger loading accommodations for VVTA buses at the Brightline stations as they are developed. We look forward to continued collaboration with SBCTA and Brightline on how to maximize the use of this major new high-speed rail transit asset by integrating it with local transit service. Should you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kane, Executive Director/CEO
Victor Valley Transit

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AGENDA MATTER

Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget to Re-allocate Surplus Local Funding.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

After completing the Driver Safety Shield project, FTA facilitated moving surplus federal funds to Garage and Shop Equipment. This budget amendment is simply to reallocate the STA matching funds to the same Garage and Shop Equipment project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Amend the VVTA Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget to re-allocate FY 2021 STA S21-VVT-02B from Driver Safety Shields to Garage and Shop Equipment.

PRESENTED BY
Marie Downing,

FISCAL IMPACT
Re-allocation
\$19,327

MEETING DATE

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Grants Manager

October 17, 2022