



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

California High-Speed Rail Authority

Board meeting minutes

June 26-27, 2024

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on June 26, 2024, at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, 2500 North Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA and by Zoom. The minutes were prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

Members Present:

- Mr. Tom Richards, Chair
- Ms. Nancy Miller, Vice Chair
- Ms. Lynn Schenk
- Mr. James Ghielmetti
- Ms. Martha Escutia
- Mr. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Henry Perea
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- Ms. Emily Cohen

Members Absent:

- The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, Ex Officio Member
- The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member

Agenda Item #1 – Consider Approving the April 11, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

The April 11, 2024, meeting minutes were moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director Perea and approved (8-0)

Questions and comments made during agenda item #1 can be found on page of the May 16, 2024, transcripts.

Agenda Item #2 – Staff Presentation on the Palmdale to Burbank Project Section Final EIR/EIS and Proposed Selection of the Preferred Alternative (Alternative SR14A including a Central Subsection and the Burbank Subsection) from Spruce Court in Palmdale to Winona Avenue in Burbank and Related Decisions

The Authority's Southern California Regional Directors LaDonna DiCamillo, Department of Environmental Services Director Stefan Galvez and Strategic Delivery Director Christine Inouye presented on the proposed selection of the preferred alternative for the Palmdale to

Burbank project section.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #2 can be found on pages 34 – 48, 55 – 67, 71 – 72, 74 - 78 of the June 26, 2024, transcript.

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was offered. Public comment can be found on page 135-139 of the June 26, 2024, transcript.

Agenda Item #7 Confidential Closed Session

Board Chair Richards announced that the Board would enter into closed session.

Agenda Item #3 – Consider Approving the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Internal Audit Plan and acknowledging the Internal Quality Assurance Self-Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

The Authority’s Chief Auditor Paula Rivera provided a presentation on the proposed fiscal year 2024-25 internal audit plan. Resolution #HSR24-07 was moved for approval by Vice Chair Miller, seconded by Director, and approved (8-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #3 can be found on page 139 of the June 26, 2024, transcript.

Agenda Item #4 – Consider Accepting the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget.

Chief Financial Officer Brian Annis provided a presentation on the recommendation to approve the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year budget. Resolution #HSR24-08 was moved for approval by Vice Chair Miller, seconded by Director Williams, and approved (6-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #4 can be found on pages 146 - 157 of the June 26, 2024, transcript.

Agenda Item #5 – Consider Providing Approval to Award the Agreement Resulting from the Design Services for Track and Overhead Contact Systems Procurement

Chief of Rail Operations Bruce Armistead provided a presentation on the recommendation to award the agreement resulting from the design services for track and overhead contacts systems procurement. Resolution #HSR24-09 was moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Vice Chair Miller, and approved (7-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #3 can be found on pages 164 - 185 of the June 26, 2024, transcript.

Agenda Item #6 – CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Brian Kelly, provided a program update to the Board.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #5 can be found on pages 191 of the June 26, 2024, transcripts.

The August 17, 2022, California High-Speed Rail Authority Monthly Board of Directors adjourned until June 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

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10:00 a.m.

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Agenda Item #8 Staff Response to Public Comment Received Following Item #2, Staff Presentation on the Palmdale to Burbank Project Section Final EIR/EIS and Proposed Decisions

Strategic Delivery Director Christine Inouye, Sarah Wilson, Principal Tunnel Engineer, Delve Underground, Authority Environmental Counsel Minming Wu Morri, Director of Environmental Services Stefan Galvez, and Southern California Regional Director LaDonna DiCamillo provided a staff response on public comment related to item #2 from Jun3 26, 2024 on the Palmdale to Burbank project section.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #8 can be found on pages 13 – 39, 43 – 59, 61 – 78, 80 - 92 of the June 27, 2024, transcript.

Agenda Item #9 Consider certifying the Palmdale to Burbank Project Section Final EIR/EIS under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Environmental Counsel for the Authority Minming Wu Morri, and Chris Stiles, a partner at the firm of Remy Moose Manley, presented resolution #24-10 to the Board. The motion to approve resolution #24-10 was moved for approval by Vice Chair Miller, seconded by Director Williams, and was approved (9-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #9 can be found on pages 95-96 of **the June 27, 2024, Board Meeting transcripts.**

Agenda Item #10 Consider approving the Preferred Alternative (SR14A including the Central

Subsection and the Burbank Subsection) from Spruce Court in Palmdale to Winona Avenue in Burbank, and the related CEQA Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Enforcement Plan for the Palmdale to Burbank Project Section
Environmental Counsel for the Authority Minming Wu Morri, presented resolution #24-11 to the Board. The motion to approve was moved for approval by Vice Chair Miller, seconded by Director Schenk, and was approved (9-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #10 can be found on pages 102-105 of the June 27, 2024, Board Meeting transcript.

Agenda Item #11 Consider selecting the Preferred Alternative (the SR14A Alternative including the Central Subsection and the Burbank Subsection) from Spruce Court in Palmdale to Winona Avenue in Burbank and Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with a Record of Decision for the Palmdale to Burbank Project Section
Environmental Counsel for the Authority Minming Wu Morri, presented resolution #24-12 to the Board. The motion to approve was moved for approval by Director Williams, seconded by Director Camacho, and was approved (9-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #11 can be found on page 109 of the June 27, 2024, Board Meeting transcript.

Agenda Item #12 Finance and Audit Update
No comments were made.

Meeting Adjourned
Chair Richards announced at 12:27 p.m. that the Board would Adjourn.