

**MEMORANDUM  
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

FROM: Vice Mayor Ron Smith  
Council Member Sherry Marquez

DATE: February 9, 2010

SUBJECT: **Report on the Activities of the Board of Directors for the Antelope Valley Transit Authority**

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**Recommendation:**

Receive a report of the proceedings and issues discussed at the January 26, 2010, regular Board of Directors meeting of the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA).

**Background:**

The Antelope Valley Transit Authority is a distinct government entity created under a joint powers authority agreement between the City of Lancaster, the City of Palmdale, and Los Angeles County that provides public transit services. Vice Mayor Ron Smith chairs and Council member Sherry Marquez sits on the AVTA Board for the City of Lancaster.

The following significant events took place during the January Board meeting:

- Apollo Video gave a presentation to the Board about the mobile video security system installed in all AVTA buses. Each bus has eight cameras that record activity on all exterior sides and the entire interior. The cameras can record audio and are saved in order for law enforcement to review the tapes, if necessary.
- The Board approved the award of contract for the bus stop improvement program. This Federal Transit Administration formula grant to AVTA for a total of \$1,082,000 will provide the City of Lancaster \$443,620 to construct capital improvements at city bus stops including concrete pads, curb cuts, and customer amenities. Arrow Engineering Services, Inc. can, if needed, develop engineering drawings, coordinate any permitting and right-of-way issues, and manage all contractors related to the program. Costs of any services rendered by Arrow Engineering will be billed to the City's portion of the grant.

All other items approved were routine.