

**MEMORANDUM  
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

FROM: Council Member Sherry Marquez  
Council Member Marvin Crist

DATE: December 14, 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 October 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. Council members Sherry Marquez and Marvin Crist sit on the AVTA Board for the City of Lancaster.

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

- The Board authorized the executive director to release an RFP for an automated vehicle location (AVL) and automated passenger counting (APC) systems. The AVL system allows customer service representatives to see, in real time, the location of buses. This provides a great benefit to patrons in that they can call in to find out if they have missed a bus or when the next bus will arrive. This information can also be placed on the AVTA website or provided via a mobile device. The APC system keeps track of the number of passengers on the bus, in real time, and can provide boarding/alighting information at each bus stop. This information is necessary for the member jurisdictions as they use this data to determine bus stop amenity placement.
- The Board adopted Resolution 2010-009, authorizing an application to the director of Industrial Relations, State of California for a certificate to consent to self-insure workers' compensation liabilities. According to AVTA, Preferred Employers, the provider for workers' compensation liability for AVTA is not able to cover liabilities associated with transit-maintenance. The self insurance plan available for public agencies, which is applicable to AVTA is through CSAC Excess Insurance Authority (EIA), a joint powers agency formed by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) to serve the risk management needs of its members. This expenditure item will come under budget by \$53,790. The annual premium for Primary Workers' Compensation is \$99,720 and \$27,096 for the Excess Workers' Compensation liability, which total \$126,816. The budget in line item 1025.000 is \$62,558 plus \$118,048 for maintenance/bus stop-related operations, which add up to \$180,606.
- Three employees including the Executive Director resigned their positions effective October 28, 2010.