

**MEMORANDUM
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Vice Mayor Marvin Crist
Council Member Sandra Johnson

DATE: October 28, 2014

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

Recommendation:

Receive a report of the proceedings and issues discussed at the September 2014 regular Board of Directors meetings 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 Marvin Crist serves as the Vice Chair and Council Member Sandra Johnson serves as a Director on the AVTA Board for the City of Lancaster.

The following significant events took place at the September Board meeting:

Attendance. Alternate Director Ken Mann (Vice Chairman Marvin Crist absent)
Alternate Director Fred Thompson (Director Tom Lackey absent)

Award Contract for Two Expansion Commuter Coaches. The Board of Directors authorized the executive director to exercise two of the four options for the procurement of expansion coaches under Contract No. 2015-04 with Motor Coach Industries (MCI). The contract was awarded to MCI after a joint agency procurement led by Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA). The contract between VVTA and MCI provides other agencies to join the procurement for added volume discounts. AVTA's capital plan calls for the replacement of 16 commuter coaches over the next five years. The purchase of these two commuter coaches will increase AVTA's commuter coach fleet from 28 to 30 coaches.

Executive Director's Report Acknowledging Vice Chairman Crist. Executive Director Austin acknowledged Vice Chairman Crist and the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) for awarding AVTA the William J. "Pete" Knight AIRE Award for AVTA's efforts to reduce emissions.