

**MEMORANDUM
CITY OF LANCASTER**

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Vice Mayor Marvin Crist
Council Member Sandra Johnson

DATE: December 9, 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 October 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 October Board meeting:

Attendance. All Directors were in attendance.

Award Contract for Dial-A-Ride Paratransit Servicers. The Board of Directors authorized the executive director to execute a contract for Dial-A-Ride (DAR) Paratransit Services to Transdev, Inc. of Lombard, Illinois for a term of four years and six months for an estimated amount of \$5,735,270.

AVTA released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on August 29, 2014. Four proposals were received in response to the RFP. A review committee evaluated and ranked each proposal, and Transdev, Inc. ranked the highest, and well as submitted the lowest proposed cost.

Award Contract for Apollo Video System Upgrade. The Board of Directors authorized the executive director to execute a contract for Apollo Video System Upgrade to Apollo Technology in the amount of \$ 171,593. In February, staff presented a plan to upgrade the video recording system on the AVTA fleet. The plan included replacing some cameras, relocating cameras, replaced a limited number of the DVRs and upgrading the Vehicle Information Management Software. The software upgrade allows automatic download of video by bus by time, search video for location, wireless real-time viewing, and other security related functions.

Purchase Order for Electric Bus Project Infrastructure. Mr. Konisek shared that the first purchase order for the electric bus project infrastructure was executed and covers the costs for the WAVE charging systems at Lancaster City Park and Palmdale Transportation Center. The next step in the project will include construction and electrical planning, Southern California Edison requirements, construction scheduling, and the main engineering plans.

TIGER Grant Fund Debriefing. At the Board's request, staff requested a debriefing regarding why AVTA's application for the TIGER grant was not selected. AVTA learned that over 800 applications were received with only 71 projects awarded funds. Staff was told that although AVTA provided good discussion on the description of the project, areas served, demographic data, and other crucial areas, AVTA could have expanded on how the grant would improve the quality of life and safety for the citizens of the Antelope Valley. Only 4% of the projects presented were approved for any funding.