

High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

Item	HDC JPA FY25 Budget Description	Amount
1	<p>Re-evaluate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) & Record of Decision (ROD): Complete the remaining tasks for NEPA Re-evaluation/RE-validation and Record of Decision (ROD) with Final Review by Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Due to Federal review of submittals this task is scheduled to be completed by FRA in in FY25. Tasks for FY25 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Addressing FRA comments, provide revised version for FRA final review, Prepare final version for NEPA Re-evaluation and prepare a ROD for FRA final approval. -Draft a Letter of Concurrence and re-initiate ROD Section 7 consult. Complete Section 106 process, Tribe Consultation. Prepare CEQA addendum for state funding. Conclude Surface Transportation Board (STB) Petition Approval process. <p>Contractors: Transportation Solutions: \$110,000 Epic Land Solutions, Inc.: \$132,350 Circlepoint: \$390,000 Venable LLP: \$135,000 HDR: \$135,000 AECOM: \$75,000</p>	\$977,350
2	<p>HDC JPA Management: Oversee agency management including technical analysis, grant applications, budgetary activities, equity focused planning, administration, engineering, right-of-way planning, stakeholder engagement and communications. For FY25, HDC JPA management functions will be augmented to meet the increased project needs requiring the services of a senior level project management/planning, engineering and right-of-way planning support, communications staff, and administrative support staff. As the project progresses beyond the environmental phase into preliminary engineering and final design, the HDC JPA requires additional staffing to support the increasing complexity, expertise, and level of effort.</p> <p>Contractors: AVS Consulting, Inc.: \$296,400 Cal Strategic Management: \$227,400 Other Support Staff Services: \$665,000</p>	\$1,188,800
3	<p>Program Management Support and Construction Management Support Services (PMC): Procure the professional services of a program management support and construction management support services (PMC) firm to support HDC JPA with overseeing the work related to the phases of Engineering and Design, Construction, Transition to Operational Control, and Closeout. This work includes development of statements of work, contract development, contract administration support, local, regional, state, federal, and interjurisdictional grant agreement compliance, procurement support services, set and monitor program controls, project management, third party management including utility relocation, right-of-way acquisition & relocation plans and implementation, cost scheduling & control functions, cost estimating, environmental compliance, configuration management, transition to operational management, and other related support services. For FY25, the PMC contractor will be performing work at a level of effort that will be commensurate with transitioning from the environmental phase into the Preliminary Engineering phase of the project consisting of developing the Preliminary Engineering and Design (PE) statement of work and contract development, and developing a right-of-way acquisition and relocation plan. This budgeted amount is estimated for a 6 month work period during FY 25. Estimate is based on a previous three-year look ahead that will be revised to reflect the updated Service Development Plan assumptions and costs.</p>	\$1,035,000

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4	<p>Financial Advisor Services: Conduct ongoing financial planning & analysis, modeling, and structural management analysis to support project development into the preliminary engineering phase that includes identifying, developing, and refining the project funding plan, analyze options for local, state, and federal funding contributions toward the project, assess alternative project delivery options and the viability of public-private partnerships through a Value for Money analysis, provide updated ridership forecasting as needed, provide organizational structuring options to adapt to the future growth of the HDC JPA. perform additional financial modeling and diligence on financing options, identify credit enhancement strategies, provide right-of-way coordination to the Program Management Firm as needed, and support discussions with potential market participants.</p>	\$1,165,000
5	<p>Service Development Plan (SDP) Update: Metro will continue as lead on the HDC Service Development Plan (SDP) to be submitted to FRA for final consideration in FY25. The current January 2023 SDP requires additional analysis and cost updates due to the alignment, structural, and operational changes made to the Project since Jan 2023. This budgeted amount will be reimbursed to the HDC JPA through the Federal Railroad Administration Corridor Identification Grant funds awarded in Dec 2023.</p>	\$500,000
6	<p>LA Metro Regional Rail Program Management Staff Support: Provide program management staff support and assistance on an as-needed basis to support implementing HDC JPA program management functions and related activities.</p>	\$350,000
7	<p>County of Los Angeles Treasury, Auditor-Controller, Legal Counsel, Public Works Staff Support: Monthly Support for Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable functions, Legal Counsel Support, Budget Oversight, Board Meetings staffing, Agency Oversight & Compliance Items, Procurement /Contract Services plus Request for Proposals preparation and Oversight, and contract execution.</p>	\$665,000
8	<p>Stakeholder and Public Engagement and Planning Assistance: Provide communications, community engagement, and other related planning assistance to support the Agency communications and planning functions.</p>	\$185,000
9	<p>Audit Services: County of Los Angeles Audit Services</p>	\$30,000
10	<p>LA Metro Funding Agreement Audit Services</p>	\$25,350
11	<p>Multi-Media Promotion, Materials & Advertising</p>	\$30,000
12	<p>IT Support, GIS, Software & Website Mgmt.</p>	\$22,500
13	<p>Total Proposed FY25 Budget</p>	\$6,174,000
14	<p>Less: Reserve Fund-Cash on Hand as of March 31, 2024</p>	\$1,800,000
15	<p>Measure M Funds Requested for FY25 Budget</p>	\$4,374,000