



# Orange County Transportation Authority

## Board Agenda

Monday, February 24, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

550 South Main Street, Orange, California

### **Board Members**

Doug Chaffee, Chair  
Jamey M. Federico, Vice Chair  
Valerie Amezcua  
Mike Carroll  
Jon Dumitru  
Katrina Foley  
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Michael Hennessey  
Fred Jung  
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## **Call to Order**

### **Invocation**

Director Hennessey

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Amezcua

### **Closed Session**

There are no Closed Sessions scheduled.

## **Special Calendar**

### **Orange County Transportation Authority Special Calendar Matters**

#### **1. Presentation of the 2024 Orange County Transportation Authority Bus and Maintenance Roadeo Awards**

Johnny Dunning, Jr.

#### ***Overview***

Presentation of the 2024 Orange County Transportation Authority Bus and Maintenance trophies to the first place Coach Operator and Maintenance team, as well as Administrative and Executive participants.

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### 2. Presentation of Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees of the Month

Darrell E. Johnson

#### **Overview**

Present Orange County Transportation Authority resolutions of Appreciation to Anthony Jimerson, Coach Operator, Resolution No. 2025-016; Christopher Pettit, Maintenance, Resolution No. 2025-017; and Allison Kale, Administration, Resolution No. 2025-018 as Employees of the Month for February 2025.

### **Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 13)**

All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved in one motion unless a Board Member or a member of the public requests separate action on a specific item.

### **Orange County Transportation Authority Consent Calendar Matters**

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Clerk of the Board

#### **Recommendation(s)**

Approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

#### **Attachments:**

[Minutes](#)

### 4. Approval of Board Member Travel

Clerk of the Board

#### **Overview**

On an annual basis, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) conducts meetings with rating agencies, financial institutions, and other key stakeholders in New York. This year, OCTA representatives will meet with New York-based analysts to discuss various topics affecting the agency, including the Interstate-405 Express Lanes, the 91 Express Lanes, the Measure M2 Program, sales tax collections, the Fiscal Year 2025-26 approved budget, and the state of the local economy. The meetings are scheduled with Moody's Investors Service, Fitch Ratings, Standard & Poor's, and other interested parties. These discussions will take place during the week of July 28, 2025.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

Approve the travel to New York for Chair Doug Chaffee, Vice Chair Jamey M. Federico, and Finance and Administration Committee Chair Michael Hennessey for the Orange County Transportation Authority's Annual Rating Agency Trip.

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### 5. **Audit Responsibilities of the Finance and Administration Committee**

Janet Sutter

#### **Overview**

The Finance and Administration Committee of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Transportation Authority serves as an audit committee in its oversight of audit activities. Annually, the Board of Directors approves the audit responsibilities of the Finance and Administration Committee to reaffirm these responsibilities.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

Approve the audit responsibilities of the Finance and Administration Committee.

#### **Attachments:**

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### 6. **Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - December 2024**

Robert Davis/Andrew Oftelie

#### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority has a comprehensive investment and debt program to fund its immediate and long-term cash flow demands. Each month, the Treasurer submits a report detailing investment allocation, performance, compliance, outstanding debt balances, and credit ratings for the Orange County Transportation Authority's debt program. This report is for the month ending December 31, 2024. The report has been reviewed and is consistent with the investment practices contained in the investment policy.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

Receive and file as an information item.

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### 7. Approval of Local Transportation Fund Fiscal Year 2025-26 Apportionment Estimates

Sam Kaur/Andrew Oftelie

#### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority, as the transportation planning agency and county transportation commission for Orange County, is responsible for developing estimates used in apportioning revenues earned and deposited in the Orange County Local Transportation Fund. Transportation Development Act regulations require that the apportionments for fiscal year 2025-26 be determined, and prospective claimants be advised of the amounts.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

Approve the Local Transportation Fund fiscal year 2025-26 apportionment estimates and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to advise all prospective claimants of the amounts of all area apportionments from the Orange County Local Transportation Fund.

#### **Attachments:**

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### 8. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Update

Pia Veesapen/Andrew Oftelie

#### **Overview**

On April 9, 2024, the United States Department of Transportation issued a Final Rule that introduced significant amendments to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program regulations. As these changes are significant, the Orange County Transportation Authority must update its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program to align with the new regulations and submit it for approval by the Board of Directors.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

Adopt the proposed revisions to the Orange County Transportation Authority's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and direct staff to implement the recommended changes.

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### 9. State Legislative Status Report

Clara Brotcke/Kristin Jacinto

#### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority provides regular updates to the Legislative and Communications Committee on policy issues directly impacting its overall programs, projects, and operations. Staff recommends a support position on two pieces of legislation: the first related to safety enhancement measures for transit operators, employees, and riders and the second related to clarifying the California Environmental Quality Act exemptions for certain transit and active transportation projects. An update on the Orange County Transportation Authority's involvement in an Innovative Clean Transit Regulation Task Force and details on membership changes to the Senate and Assembly committees are included in this report.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

- A. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 394 (Wilson, D-Suisun City), which would strengthen existing safety provisions to protect public transportation operators, riders and employees.
  
- B. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 71 (Wiener, D-San Francisco), which would indefinitely extend and make clarifying changes to California Environmental Quality Act exemptions for certain transit and active transportation projects.

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### 10. Federal Legislative Status Report

Alexis Carter/Kristin Jacinto

#### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority regularly updates the Legislative and Communications Committee on policy and regulatory issues directly impacting the agency's programs, projects, and operations. This status report provides a summary of recent executive orders issued by President Trump. An update is provided on the confirmation of a new Transportation Secretary and actions that the United States Department of Transportation has taken to align with the executive orders. An update is also provided on Federal Transit Administration and Federal Railroad Administration appointments. Additionally, this report highlights ongoing federal legislative discussions, including hearings on highways, freight, and passenger rail networks, with a focus on regulatory reforms, permitting challenges, and the economic impacts of federal transportation investments.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

Receive and file as an information item.

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## Orange County Transit District Consent Calendar Matters

### 11. Local Transportation Fund Claims for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Sam Kaur/Andrew Oftelie

#### **Overview**

The Orange County Transit District is eligible to receive funding from the Local Transportation Fund for providing public transportation services throughout Orange County. To receive these funds, the Orange County Transit District, as the public transit and community transit services operator, must file claims with the Orange County Transportation Authority, the transportation planning agency for Orange County.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

Adopt Orange County Transit District Resolution No. 2025-007 authorizing the filing of Local Transportation Fund claims, in the estimated amounts of \$208,460,790 to support public transportation and \$11,050,352 for community transit services.

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### 12. Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with Orange County Adult Achievement Center for the Provision of Special Transit Service

Martin Browne/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

#### **Overview**

On June 24, 2024, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved a cooperative agreement with the Orange County Adult Achievement Center, doing business as My Day Counts, to cost share in the provision of special transit services. This cost sharing arrangement, is mutually beneficial to both agencies and provides specialized transportation services directly to the My Day Counts programs, thereby reducing the demand and cost for OC ACCESS. An amendment to that agreement is necessary to address growth in ridership.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2291 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Orange County Adult Achievement Center, doing business as My Day Counts, in the amount of \$250,000, to provide funding to support growth in ridership through June 30, 2025.

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### 13. Sole Source Agreement for Hydrogen Fueling Station Operation, Maintenance, and Fuel Delivery

Cliff Thorne/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

#### **Overview**

On November 13, 2017, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved an agreement to install a hydrogen fueling station at the Santa Ana Bus Base to provide operation, maintenance, and hydrogen fuel supply. The term of the agreement has expired, and Board of Directors' approval is requested to award a sole source agreement to continue hydrogen fueling operations.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-5-3892 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., in the amount of \$2,460,000, to continue the hydrogen fueling station operation, maintenance, and hydrogen fuel supply for a two-year initial term and one, one-year option term.

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## Regular Calendar

### Orange County Local Transportation Authority Regular Calendar Matters

**14. Approval of Refunding the Measure M2 Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 A Build America Bonds**

Robert Davis/Andrew Oftelie

**Overview**

On October 14, 2024, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors directed staff to pursue refunding of the Orange County Local Transportation Authority Measure M2 Sales Tax Series 2010 A Revenue Bonds. Board of Directors' approval is necessary to finalize the refunding and to provide the draft financing documents required to complete the transaction.

**Recommendation(s)**

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-008 authorizing the issuance and sale of Orange County Local Transportation Authority Measure M2 Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2025 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$270 million, the execution and delivery of a Fourth Supplemental Indenture, a Purchase Contract, an Official Statement, and a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, and taking all other actions necessary in connection with the proposed transaction.

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**15. OC Streetcar Funding and Schedule Update and Amendments to Supporting Agreements**

Jeff Mills/James G. Beil

**Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority is currently underway with the implementation of the OC Streetcar project. Staff is seeking Board of Directors' approval of a revised OC Streetcar budget and funding plan. Staff is also seeking Board of Directors' approval for two contract amendments for project management consultant services and construction management consultant services needed to support the ongoing delivery of the OC Streetcar project.

**Recommendation(s)**

- A. Approve the revised OC Streetcar Federal Transit Administration Full Funding Grant Agreement budget of \$649 million.

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- B. Direct the use of \$22 million in Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds, previously approved for OC Streetcar operations and future potential capital needs to be used for the OC Streetcar project and authorize the use of up to \$47.84 million in Local Measure M2 Transit funding, which will increase total funding for the project from \$579.16 million to \$649 million.
- C. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, update any air quality conformity requirements, and execute any required agreements, amendments, or grants with the Federal Transit Administration to facilitate the recommendation above.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 34 to Agreement No. C-4-1854 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and HDR Engineering Inc., in the amount of \$4,783,234, and extend the agreement term through December 31, 2026, for continued OC Streetcar project management consultant services. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$49.3 million.
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 24 to Agreement No. C-6-0926 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and PGH Wong Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$6,918,266, and extend the agreement term through June 30, 2026, for continued OC Streetcar project construction management consultant services. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$49,700,836.

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### **Orange County Transit District Regular Calendar Matters**

**16. Zero-Emission Bus Program Update**

Cliff Thorne/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

***Overview***

The Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved the purchase of zero-emission buses and infrastructure to gain necessary operational and technological experience in preparation for transitioning the Orange County Transportation Authority's bus fleet to zero-emission technologies. This report provides an update on the zero-emission bus program performance and deployment efforts.

***Recommendation(s)***

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### **Discussion Items**

17. **Public Comments**

18. **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

19. **Directors' Reports**

20. **Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held:

**9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025**

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California