



June 19, 2025

To: Legislative and Communications Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Accessible Transit Advisory Committee Annual Update and Member Appointments

Overview

The Accessible Transit Advisory Committee was formed to advise the Orange County Transportation Authority on the transportation needs of seniors and persons with disabilities. The member appointment status and a summary of the committee's activities during the past year are provided with this report.

Recommendation

Receive and file the Accessible Transit Advisory Committee status report.

Background

On January 13, 1992, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board), concurrent with approving the OCTA 1992 Complementary Paratransit Plan as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, established a standing citizens' committee, the Accessible Transit Advisory Committee (ATAC), to advise OCTA on the transportation needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Discussion

The ATAC's mission is to advise OCTA on the promotion of integrated public transit services and to improve communication between OCTA and seniors and customers with disabilities. The committee is composed of 34 members, appointed by the Board, who serve staggered three-year terms. Members may serve an unlimited number of terms, and the committee meets quarterly.

Recruitment for new and returning members began in March. OCTA staff provided Board Members with information on current ATAC members seeking reappointment and any resignations. The recruitment process has now

concluded. As of this report, Board Members have reappointed current members, appointed new members to begin terms on July 1, 2025, or have appointments pending (Attachment A).

Over the past year, ATAC convened four times to provide input on a range of OCTA programs and initiatives. Notable topics reviewed and discussed included:

- OC ACCESS Policy
- Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Call for Projects
- Same-Day Taxi Program
- Coach Operator Training
- OC ACCESS Operations
- Measure M2 Ten-Year Review
- Proposed New Fare Media
- Mobility Management Services
- Paratransit and Microtransit Software Procurement
- Community Transportation Programs

Summary

The ATAC continues to serve in a vital advisory and advocacy role on transit issues of importance for seniors and persons with disabilities throughout the year. Through regular engagement and thoughtful contributions, ATAC members have played an important role in supporting OCTA's mission over the past year. With the fiscal year 2025–26 recruitment process now complete, the Board has reappointed existing members and appointed new ones to ensure continued representation and advocacy.

Attachment

- A. Orange County Transportation Authority Accessible Transit Advisory
Committee Roster Fiscal Year 2025-26

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