



Committee Members Present

Donald P. Wagner, Vice Chair
Jose Diaz
Jon Dumitru
Katrina Foley
Fred Jung

Staff Present

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Gina Ramirez, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Principal
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist
James Donich, General Counsel
OCTA Staff

Committee Members Absent

Brian Goodell, Chair
Gene Hernandez

Call to Order

The April 20, 2023, regular meeting of the Legislative and Communications Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Goodell at 9:02 a.m.

Special Calendar

1. Conference Call with State Legislative Advocate Moira Topp

Moira Topp, State Legislative Advocate, provided an update on this item.

Following the discussion, no action was taken on this item.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 7)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to approve the March 16, 2023, minutes of the Legislative and Communications Committee meeting.

3. Agreement for On-Call Planning Studies Public Outreach Consultant Services

Director Dumitru pulled this item and asked why a public relations representative was needed just to hold a meeting. Marissa Espino, Principal Community Relations Specialist, explained.

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve the selection of Arellano Associates, LLC, as the firm to provide public outreach services for planning studies.



- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and executive Agreement No. C-2-3053 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Arellano Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$300,000, for a three-year initial term with a two-year option term, to provide outreach services for planning studies.

4. Amendment to Agreement for Rideshare Average Vehicle Ridership Calculation Services

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-0-2167 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Innovative TDM Solutions, to exercise the second option term, in the amount of \$189,380, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, to provide average vehicle ridership calculation services. This amendment will increase the maximum obligation to total contract value of \$757,401.

5. Amendment to Agreement for Graphic Design Services for the Bus Service Change Materials

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. C-0-2178 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Digital Graphics Centre, Inc., to exercise the first option term, in the amount of \$50,000, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, to provide graphic design services for bus service change materials. This amendment will increase the maximum obligation to a total contract value of \$260,000.

6. Agreement for Public Outreach for Environmental Phase of Interstate 5 El Toro Road Interchange Project

Committee Vice Chair Wagner pulled this item and questioned why the lowest bidder was not selected. Chris Boucly, Section Manager of Public Outreach, explained how the selected firm had more experience and had previously worked on this project.

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve the selection of Barrios and Associates, LLC, doing business as Communications LAB, as the firm to provide public outreach services for the Interstate 5/El Toro Road Interchange Project.



- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-2-2891 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Barrios and Associates, LLC, doing business as Communications LAB, in the amount of \$349, 850, for a three-year initial term and as an option term of up to 24 months, to provide public outreach services for the Interstate 5/EI Toro Road Interchange Project.

Regular Calendar

8. State Legislative Status Report

Alexis Leicht, Government Relations Representative and Kristin Jacinto, Manager, State and Federal Relations, provided a report on this item.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 610 (Holden, D-Pasadena), which would, upon appropriation from the Legislature, create the Youth Transit Pass Program to be administered by the California Department of Transportation.
- B. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 719 (Boerner Horvath, D-Carlsbad), which would require Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to reimburse public transit operators for nonmedical transportation and non-emergency medical transportation services.
- C. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 817 (Pacheco, D-Downey), which would permit a subsidiary body to use specified teleconferencing provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency.
- D. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 434 (Min, D-Irvine), which would seek funding for the ten largest transit agencies in the State to survey riders on incidents of street harassment.

Director Diaz opposed recommendation D.

9. Federal Legislative Status Report

Kristin Jacinto, State, and Federal Relations Manager, provided a report on this item.

No action was taken on this receive and file information item.



Discussion Items

10. Public Comments

There were no public comments were received.

11. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the following:

- All weekday Metrolink and Amtrak Pacific Surfliner services resumed; however, another potential issue was seen just north of San Clemente pier at the Casa Romantica Cultural Center. It is being closely monitored.
- This Saturday is Earth Day, and the Orange County Transportation Authority and Metrolink will be offering free rides.

8. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' Reports.

9. Closed Session

A closed session was not scheduled for this meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

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

9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023

OCTA Headquarters

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Orange, California.