



MINUTES

Transit Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Tim Shaw, Chairman
Harry S. Sidhu, Vice Chairman
Doug Chaffee
Andrew Do
Steve Jones
Tam Nguyen
Vicente Sarmiento

Staff Present

Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist
Gina Ramirez, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior

Via Teleconference

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
James Donich, General Counsel

Committee Members Absent None

Call to Order

The July 8, 2021 regular meeting of the Transit Committee (Committee) was called to order by Committee Chairman Shaw at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call

The Clerk of the Board Specialist conducted an attendance roll call and announced a quorum of the Committee.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Jones led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments received.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Calendar (Items 2 through 8)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Sidhu, seconded by Committee Chairman Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of June 10, 2021.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

3. Cooperative Agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for the Irvine Station Improvements Project

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Sidhu, seconded by Committee Chairman Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3425 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for the preliminary engineering and environmental phase of the Irvine Station Improvements Project.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

4. Consultant Selection for Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of AECOM Technical Services, Inc., as the firm to provide preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2604 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project.

Due to the Levine Act, Committee Chairman Shaw did not participate or vote on this item.

5. Award of Sole Source Agreement for the Purchase of Bus Engines

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Sidhu, seconded by Committee Chairman Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C-1-3417 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Cummins Pacific, LLC, in the amount of \$12,525,823, for the purchase of 173 Cummins L9N, 8.9-liter, compressed natural gas-powered engines.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

6. Measure M2 Community-Based Transit Circulators Program Project V Ridership Report

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Sidhu, seconded by Committee Chairman Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Receive and file Project V Ridership Report as an information item.
- B. Release contingency for the award of \$171,810 in M2 Project V capital funds for Dana Point's replacement vehicle.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

7. August 2021 Bus Service Change

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Sidhu, seconded by Committee Chairman Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to receive and file as an information item.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

8. Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program Call for Projects

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Sidhu, seconded by Committee Chairman Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Approve the guidelines for the Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program call for projects.
- B. Direct staff to issue the Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program call for projects using up to \$4 million in local funding.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

Regular Calendar

9. OC Streetcar Project Quarterly Update

Jim Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs and Alice Rogan, Director of External Affairs, co-presented a PowerPoint presentation.

9. (Continued)

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Acknowledgment to staff for reaching out to stakeholders who will be impacted by segments undergoing construction.
- A suggestion to have a digital reader board to communicate to residents and merchants that areas will be congested, especially from 4th Street going west.
- Director Sarmiento requested to continue to let him know when he can reach out to stakeholders, as they become impacted by the construction.
- Since businesses are operational, both indoors and outdoors, foot and vehicle traffic will be more challenging.
- A suggestion to engage students from different schools to give their input on the design of the streetcar vehicles and possibly do an art contest on the rail system. Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), responded that they would be happy to get the community involved and thinks they can incorporate that into the rollout as the vehicles are closer to being completed.
- The current revenue service date is tentatively scheduled for July 2023; however, it is subject to change based on the Federal Transit Administration's risk assessment and the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) negotiations of those results.

Following the discussion, no action was taken on this receive and file information item.

10. Contract Change Order for Exploratory Potholing Allowance for the Construction of the OC Streetcar Project

Ross Lew, Senior Program Manager of the OC Streetcar Project, reported on the following:

- Summary of the unknown and mislocated utilities that continue to be discovered within the city streets that are over 150 years old.
- Extensive utility research and potholing work was performed; however, the only way to have known about these unknown utilities during the design phase would have been to excavate multiple trenches through the city streets.
- Overview of the recommendation and how it was determined that additional rounds of potholing were required at multiple locations.
- The additional rounds of potholing would deplete the current allowance and as a result, require the contract change order to continue utility exploratory potholing.

10. (Continued)

A discussion ensued to clarify that the contract does include potholing requirements for the contractor; however, additional potholing has extended beyond what is required in the contract.

A motion was made by Director Sarmiento, seconded by Director Do, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 56.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$1,100,000, for additional exploratory potholing allowance for the construction of the OC Streetcar project.

11. OC Flex Microtransit Service Pilot Program Update

Jack Garate, Department Manager of Paratransit Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

A discussion ensued regarding the addition of a new zone. After the suspension of the blue zone, it was decided that the first year would focus on service recovery and the second year would add an additional zone and continue planning the bus restructuring study. Mr. Johnson, CEO, gave an overview of the zones and stated that at a point in time, staff would make a recommendation to the Committee and Board of Directors (Board) about an additional zone.

Following the discussion, no action was taken on this receive and file information item.

12. Youth Ride Free Promotional Pass Expanded to Include 18 and Under

Ryan Maloney, Section Manager of Marketing and Customer Service, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

A discussion ensued regarding the age demographics and how the mindset is changing among young adults to be more environmentally conscious (taking public transportation verses making a car payment).

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Nguyen, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to:

- A. Expand the eligible age of the current "13 and Under Ride Free" youth fare promotion from six to 13 years old to include ages 14 to 18 years old.

12. (Continued)

- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments, as well as execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the above recommendation.

Discussion Items

13. OC Bus Service Update

Johnny Dunning, Jr., Department Manager of Scheduling and Bus Operations Support, and Ryan Maloney, Section Manager of Marketing and Customer Service, co-presented a PowerPoint presentation.

No action was taken on this information item.

14. Future of Transit Workshop 2 Preview

Kurt Brotcke, Director of Strategic Planning, provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the upcoming workshop topics, specifically the second workshop which will be held at the July 26, 2021 Board meeting.

No action was taken on this information item.

15. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- Next Tuesday, July 13, 2021, staff will be updating the Mission Viejo City Council on the status of several South Orange County construction projects.
- OCTA has several projects going on in South Orange County. Some of the projects that staff will be highlighting include:
 - The Interstate 5 (I-5) Widening from the State Route 73 to El Toro Road which is currently under construction;
 - The proposed carpool extension on I-5 from Avenida Pico to the county line;
 - The Ortega Highway Widening project;
 - The Los Patrones Parkway extension, and
 - The 405 Improvement Project.
- Staff will discuss the ongoing outreach efforts to keep drivers, residents, and stakeholders informed about construction activities.



16. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' Reports.

17. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

18. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

ATTEST

Tim Shaw
Committee Chairman

Sahara Meisenheimer
Clerk of the Board Specialist