



Orange County Transportation Authority

Board Agenda

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

550 South Main Street, Orange, California

Revised

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Call to Order

Invocation

Director Klopfenstein

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Jung

1. Closed Session

Overview

A Closed Session will be held as follows:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Conference with General Counsel - Existing Litigation - Orange County Transportation Authority v. WTW Properties, LLC - OCSC Case no. 30-2021-01195108-CU-EI-CXC.
- B. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) - Conference with General Counsel - Potential Litigation - One Item.

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Special Calendar

Orange County Transit District Special Calendar Matters

2. **Public Hearing for the Proposed New Fare Media**

Ryan Armstrong/Maggie McJilton

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority is proposing new fare media as part of the Rider Validation System scheduled to be implemented in late summer 2025. In January, staff initiated a Public Involvement Plan, following Federal Transit Administration Title VI guidelines requiring agencies to conduct outreach prior to implementing new fare media. To complete the public participation process, a date of March 24, 2025, was set for a public hearing. Based on public input collected and feedback received during the public hearing, staff will return to the Board of Directors on May 27, 2025, to seek approval for implementing the proposed fare media.

Recommendation(s)

Receive and file initial public input on the proposed new fare media.

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3. **Presentation of Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees of the Month**

Overview

Present Orange County Transportation Authority resolutions of Appreciation to Jose Chin, Coach Operator, Resolution No. 2025-021; Kiet Tran, Maintenance, Resolution No. 2025-022; and Charvalen Alacar, Administration, Resolution No. 2025-023 as Employees of the Month for March 2025.

Consent Calendar (Items 4 through 17)

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.

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4. **Approval of Minutes**

Clerk of the Board

Recommendation(s)

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

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[Minutes](#)

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5. Orange County Transportation Authority Internal Audit Department Peer Review

Janet Sutter

Overview

An external quality assurance, or peer review, of the Internal Audit Department of the Orange County Transportation Authority has been completed. The peer review found that the Internal Audit Department's quality control system was suitably designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

Recommendation(s)

Receive and file the Orange County Transportation Authority Internal Audit Department Peer Review as an information item.

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6. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - January 2025

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 January 31, 2025. 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. Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-25 Procurement Status Report

Pia Veasapen/Andrew Oftelie

Overview

The second quarter procurement status report summarizes the procurement activities for information purposes to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. This report focuses on procurement activity from October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, that was approved by the Board of Directors during this period. The second quarter procurement status report also projects future procurement activity for the third quarter as identified in the fiscal year 2024-25 budget.

Recommendation(s)

Receive and file as an information item.

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8. 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 recommend supporting two legislative proposals, one addressing emergency permitting in the coastal zone and the other extending the sales tax exemption for zero-emission transit bus purchases. An update is provided on the renewal of the Senate Transportation Committee Subcommittee on Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Resiliency. Finally, this report includes a summary of a hearing discussing transportation funding sustainability in California.

Recommendation(s)

- A. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 741 (Blakespear, D-Encinitas), which would clarify that a local emergency declared by a municipality, county, or special district qualifies as an emergency for coastal development permits.
- B. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 752 (Richardson, D-Inglewood), which would extend the sunset date on the sales tax exemption for the purchase of zero-emission transit buses.

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9. 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. A recommendation is made to approve a set of principles to guide the Orange County Transportation Authority's advocacy efforts related to reauthorization of the surface transportation bill. An update is provided on budget reconciliation, negotiations, spending and a summary is given on the President's recent address to Congress.

Recommendation(s)

Adopt the proposed Principles for Surface Transportation Reauthorization Legislation and direct staff to take necessary and appropriate actions in furtherance of these goals in Washington, D.C.

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10. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for OC ACCESS Eligibility Assessments and Transit Support Services

Jack Garate/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority requires the services of a firm to provide OC ACCESS eligibility assessments and transit support services. Staff has developed a draft request for proposals to initiate the competitive procurement process to select a firm to provide OC ACCESS eligibility assessments and transit support services.

Recommendation(s)

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 5-3959 to select a firm to provide OC ACCESS eligibility assessments and transit support services.

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- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 5-3959 for a consultant to provide OC ACCESS eligibility assessments and transit support services, for a three-year initial term with one, two-year option term

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11. Amendment to the Agreement for OC ACCESS Paratransit and OC Flex Microtransit Service

Melissa Mungia/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

Overview

On September 13, 2021, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved an agreement with First Transit, Inc., for the management, operation, and maintenance of the OC ACCESS paratransit and OC Flex microtransit service for an initial four-year term with two, two-year option terms. Board of Directors' approval is requested to exercise the first option term effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to Agreement No. C-0-2150 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and First Transit, Inc., in the amount of \$79,867,843, to exercise the first option term to provide paratransit and microtransit services through December 31, 2027. This amendment will increase the maximum obligation to a total contract value of \$322,447,064.

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12. Approval to Award Contract for Lease and Full Service of Bus Tires

Gretchen Burrow/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority contracts for the lease and service of bus tires at all operating bases, including contractor-operated bases for all revenue vehicles. An invitation for bids was issued in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority procurement procedures for competitive sealed bids. Board of Directors' approval is requested to execute the agreement.

Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2552 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC, in the amount of \$9,223,781 for the lease and full service of bus tires for a five-year term.

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13. OC Flex Microtransit Pilot Program Update

Jack Garate/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

Overview

In October 2018, the Orange County Transportation Authority initiated a microtransit pilot program, branded as OC Flex. The intent of the OC Flex service is to match resources with changing demand, increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the Orange County transit system. This report provides a review of the OC Flex performance over the course of the pilot and outlines recommendations for its discontinuance effective July 1, 2025.

Recommendation(s)

- A. Authorize staff to undertake efforts necessary to discontinue OC Flex service effective July 1, 2025.
- B. Authorize staff to notify riders and stakeholders, and coordinate with the service operator to ensure a seamless conclusion of service and communicate alternative mobility options to impacted riders to support their travel needs.

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14. May 2025 OC Bus Service Change

Eric Hoch/Rose Casey

Overview

The proposed May 2025 OC Bus service change implements changes consistent with the Making Better Connections final service plan. These changes will provide new connections, reduce wait times, and improve overall service quality and reliability. Minor adjustments to bus schedules in response to customer comments and coach operator feedback are also included.

Recommendation(s)

Receive and file as an information item.

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15. Environmental Mitigation Program Endowment Fund Investment Report for December 31, 2024

Robert Davis/Andrew Oftelie

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority has developed a Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan, acquired conservation properties, and funded habitat restoration projects to mitigate the impacts of Measure M2 freeway programs. The California Community Foundation manages the non-wasting endowment required to fund the long-term management of the conservation properties. Each quarter, the California Community Foundation publishes a comprehensive report detailing the composition of the pool and its performance.

Recommendation(s)

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16. Agreement for Public Outreach Services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to State Route 55

Nicolette Wright/Maggie McJilton

Overview

On October 14, 2024, the Orange County Transportation Authority released a request for proposals for public outreach consulting services during the pre-construction and construction phases of the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to State Route 55. Board of Directors' approval is requested to execute an agreement for these services.

Recommendation(s)

- A. Approve the selection of Kleinfelder Construction Services, Inc., as the firm to provide public outreach consultant services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to State Route 55.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2488 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Kleinfelder Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$1,199,260, for a six-year initial term with an option term of up to 24 months, to provide public outreach consultant services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to State Route 55.

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17. Contract Change Orders for Construction of the OC Streetcar Project

Jeff Mills/James G. Beil

Overview

On September 24, 2018, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors authorized Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, for construction of the OC Streetcar project. Contract change orders are required for removal and disposal of contaminated materials, train-to-wayside loop installation in embedded track, pavement modifications and restoration, traffic signal pole foundation revisions, and overhead contact system pole modifications for the OC Streetcar project.

Recommendation(s)

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 3.4 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$657,000, for removal and disposal of contaminated materials.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 61.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$300,000, for the train-to-wayside control loop installed in embedded track.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 77.4 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$350,000, for pavement modifications and restoration.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 177.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$100,000, for the traffic signal pole foundation revisions.
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 275 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$750,000, for overhead contact system pole modifications.

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Regular Calendar

There are no Regular Calendar matters.

Discussion Items

18. **Public Comments**

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

20. **Directors' Reports**

21. **Adjournment**

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

9:30 a.m., on Monday, April 14, 2025

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California