



# **Orange County Transportation Authority**

## **Regional Transportation Planning Committee Agenda**

### **Monday, October 6, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.**

Board Room, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California

#### **Committee Members**

Stephanie Klopfenstein, Chair  
John Stephens, Vice Chair  
Jamey M. Federico  
Katrina Foley  
William Go  
Patrick Harper  
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### Call to Order

### Pledge of Allegiance

Director Foley

### Closed Session

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

### Special Calendar

There are no Special Calendar matters.

### Consent Calendar (Items 1 through 5)

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

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

Clerk of the Board

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

Approve the minutes of the August 28, 2025 Regional Transportation Planning Committee meeting.

##### ***Attachments:***

[Minutes](#)

#### 2. Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 5 and State Route 91

Jeannie Lee/James G. Beil

##### ***Overview***

The Orange County Transportation Authority proposes to enter into a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Transportation for construction capital and construction management support services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91.

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

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-4264 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$139,597,000, for construction capital and construction management support services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91.

##### ***Attachments:***

[Staff Report](#)

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### 3. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs - Project X Tier 1 2025 Call for Projects Programming Recommendations

Mason Doshier/Rose Casey

#### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority's Environmental Cleanup Program provides Measure M2 funding for water quality improvement projects to address transportation-generated pollution. The 2025 Tier 1 Grant Program call for projects was issued on March 10, 2025. Evaluations of the grant applications are now complete, and a list of projects is presented for Board of Directors' review and approval.

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

Approve the award of \$3,088,766 in Tier 1 Environmental Cleanup Program funding for eight projects.

#### **Attachments:**

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

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### 4. 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program

Ben Ku/Rose Casey

#### **Overview**

Every two years, the Orange County Transportation Authority develops a program of projects for funding through the State Transportation Improvement Program based on Board of Directors' approved policies and state guidelines. Project recommendations for the 2026 program are presented for Board of Directors' consideration and approval.

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

- A. Approve the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program submittal of eight projects for \$151.742 million, from fiscal year 2026-27 through fiscal year 2030-31.
- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the State Transportation Improvement Program and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the recommendations above.

#### **Attachments:**

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### 5. Amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways

Ivy Hang/Rose Casey

#### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority administers the Master Plan of Arterial Highways, including the review and approval of amendments requested by local agencies. The cities of Dana Point and Laguna Niguel have requested amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways that are recommended for approval. A status update is also provided on Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments that are in process.

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

- A. Conditionally approve the following amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways:
- City of Dana Point - Modify ten MPAH arterials within City of Dana Point city limits as discussed herein.
  - City of Laguna Niguel - Reclassify La Paz Road from a primary (four-lane, divided) to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between Aliso Creek Road and Crown Valley Parkway.
- B. Direct the Executive Director of Planning to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for the Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments in the City of Dana Point.
- C. Direct the Executive Director of Planning to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act in support of the Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment in the City of Laguna Niguel.
- D. Receive and file a status report on the active Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments.

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### Regular Calendar

6. **Update on the Interstate 5/EI Toro Road Interchange Improvement Project and Direction to Complete the Environmental Documentation**

Niall Barrett/James G. Beil

**Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority, in partnership with the California Department of Transportation, is underway with project development for the Interstate 5/EI Toro Road Interchange Improvement Project. Staff is providing an update on the project development effort and is seeking Board of Directors' direction to advance project development, finalize selection of the project preferred alternative, and complete the environmental approval phase.

**Recommendation(s)**

Direct staff to advance project development and the selection of the project preferred alternative, and to complete the environmental phase in late 2026.

**Attachments:**

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7. **Coastal Rail Resiliency Study Update**

Rebekah Soto/Rose Casey

**Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority initiated the Coastal Rail Resiliency Study in fall 2023, focusing on both short- and mid-term solutions to protect the rail line and preserve rail operations. Through this study, staff has developed Alternative Concepts that would protect the rail line in place for up to 30 years. An update on the refined Alternative Concepts for the Coastal Rail Resiliency Study and a summary of the public meetings hosted in July 2025 is provided herein.

**Recommendation(s)**

Direct staff to advance the study with the refined range of Alternative Concepts, continue collaborating with key stakeholders for further analysis, and actively engage the public to solicit input.

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### Discussion Items

8. Public Comments
9. Chief Executive Officer's Report
10. Committee Members' Reports
11. Adjournment

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

**10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025**

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550 South Main Street  
Orange, California