



Call to Order

The April 14, 2025, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and affiliated agencies was called to order by Chair Chaffee at 9:30 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Directors Present: Doug Chaffee, Chair
Jamey M. Federico, Vice Chair
Valerie Amezcua
Katrina Foley
Michael Hennessey
Fred Jung
Stephanie Klopfenstein
Carlos A. Leon
Janet Nguyen
Tam T. Nguyen
Vicente Sarmiento
John Stephens
Kathy Tavoularis
Mark Tettermer
Donald P. Wagner
Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

Directors Absent: Mike Carroll
Patrick Harper

Staff Present: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Andrea West, Clerk of the Board
Allison Cheshire, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior
James Donich, General Counsel

Closed Session

A Closed Session was not scheduled at this meeting.

Special Calendar

1. Administration of the Oath of Office to New and Returning Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors

James Donich, General Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to new Board Member Kathy Tavoularis and returning Board Member Tam T. Nguyen.

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-025 and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Take all Necessary Actions to Address the Emergency Need for Railroad Track Stabilization in the Vicinity of Mile Post 203.83 to 204.40 and 206.10 to 206.70 on the Orange Subdivision

A motion was made by Director Tettemer, seconded by Director Foley, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0,

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-025 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take all necessary actions to address the emergency need for railroad track stabilization in the vicinity of Mile Post 203.83 to 204.40 and 206.10 to 206.70 on the Orange Subdivision, and to return to the Board of Directors, as required, to report on the status thereof.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take any and all necessary actions in regard to agreements with partner public agencies to address the emergency need for railroad track stabilization in the vicinity of Mile Post 203.83 to 204.40 and 206.10 to 206.70 on the Orange Subdivision.
- C. Amend the Orange County Transportation Authority's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget by \$135,000,000, to accommodate the additional budget needed for the Coastal Rail Stabilization Priority Project.

Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 19)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025, Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

4. Approval of the Revised 2025 Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors Committee and External Agencies' Assignments

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to

- A. Approve the revised Chair's assignments for the 2025 Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors' committees comprised of the Executive, Finance and Administration, Legislative and Communications, Regional Transportation Planning, State Route 91 Advisory, Transit, and Environmental Oversight committees.

- B. Receive the revised Chair's assignments for the 2025 external agencies comprised of the California Association of Councils of Governments, Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency, Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, Southern California Association of Governments' Regional Council, Orange County Council of Governments, and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority.

5. Investments: Compliance, Controls, and Reporting, July 1 through December 31, 2024, Internal Audit Report No. 25-511

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to direct staff to implement a recommendation provided in Investments: Compliance, Controls, and Reporting, July 1 through December 31, 2024, Internal Audit Report No. 25-511.

6. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 6 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-0-2330 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department, in the amount of \$209,876, for the initial request of OC Streetcar Transit Police Services, effective May 2, 2025 through June 30, 2025. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$12,869,312.

7. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Second Quarter Budget Status Report

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to receive and file as an information item.

8. Sole Source Agreement for Health Insurance Brokerage Services

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute sole source Agreement No. C-5-3980 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., in the amount of \$640,000, for a five-year term, effective June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2030, to provide health insurance brokerage services.

9. Capital Programming Update

Public comments were received via email from John Brock, Emilio Martinez, Josh Moore, Anjali Tapadia, JH Zeck, Ellory Smith, David Martinez, Marc Vukceovich, Yoseff Kaddeche, and Andrew Reyes and were emailed to the Board of Directors on April 13, 2025.

Public comments were heard from Russell Toles, Peter Warner, Kyle Trivanovich, Tony Pelleriti, and David Martinez.

A motion was made by Chair Chaffee, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to:

- A. Authorize the use of up to \$180.584 million to fund the construction phase and adjust costs associated with prior phases for the State Route 55 Improvement Project from Interstate 5 to State Route 91 (Project F) using Measure M2 funding.
- B. Authorize the use of up to \$334.367 million to fund the construction phase and adjust costs associated with prior phases for the State Route 91 Improvement Project from La Palma Avenue to State Route 55 (Segment 2) (Project I), using the following funding sources:
 - 91 Express Lanes Excess Revenue (\$323.726 million)
 - Local Partnership Program - Formulaic (\$6.641 million)
 - Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending (\$4.000 million)
- C. Authorize the use of up to an additional \$132.149 million to supplement the construction funding and prior phase funding for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to Yale Avenue (Segment 1) (Project B) using Measure M2 funding.
- D. Authorize the use of up to an additional \$80.172 million to supplement the construction funding and prior phase funding for the State Route 91 (Segments 1 and 3) (Project I) using 91 Express Lanes Excess Revenue.
- E. Authorize the use of up to an additional \$14.699 million to supplement the construction funding and prior phase funding for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Project (Project M) using Measure M2 funding.
- F. Authorize the inclusion of \$39.251 million in committed State Highway Operations and Protection Program funds and an additional \$22.769 million in uncommitted future state funds to integrate the California Department of Transportation Multi-Asset Project into the Capital Funding Program report for:

- Interstate 5 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Yale Avenue (Segment 1) (Project B) (\$36.400 million in committed State Highway Operations and Protection Program funds and \$13.744 million in uncommitted future state funds)
 - State Route 91 Improvement Project from Acacia Street to La Palma Avenue (Segment 3) (Project I) (\$2.851 million in committed State Highway Operations and Protection Program funds and \$9.025 million in uncommitted future state funds)
- G. Authorize the use of up to \$8.000 million for the Inland Slope Rehabilitation Phase II Project from the following fund sources:
- Measure M2 (\$5.600 million)
 - Local Partnership Program - Formulaic (\$2.400 million)
- H. Authorize the use of up to \$12.830 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement funds for the Future Zero-Emission Bus Project.
- I. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute or amend all necessary agreements to facilitate the above actions.

10. Active Transportation Program Biannual Update

Public comments were received via email from John Brock, Josh Moore, Anjali Tapadia, and JH Zeck and were emailed to the Board of Directors on April 13, 2025.

Public comments were heard from Brian Yanity, Tony Pelleriti, and David Martinez.

No action was taken on this informational item.

11. Amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways

Public comments were received via email from John Brock, Josh Moore, Anjali Tapadia, and JH Zeck and were emailed to the Board of Directors on April 13, 2025.

Public comments were heard from Scott Smith, Ralph Taboada, Mike Buley, Staffan Akerstrom, Raja Setheraman, Chris Burton, Peter Warner, and David Martinez.

A substitute motion was made by Vice Chair Federico, seconded by Director T. Nguyen, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 10-5, to continue recommendations A & B for 30 days and approve recommendations C, D, and E.

- A. Approve amending the Master Plan of Arterial Highways to fully remove the Garfield-Gisler Santa Ana River crossing.

- B. Direct staff to close out the Memorandum of Understanding C-6-0834 among the cities of Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach, and the Orange County Transportation Authority regarding agency responsibilities for implementing the consensus recommendation for the Garfield-Gisler Bridge Crossing over the Santa Ana River.
- C. Approve amending the Master Plan of Arterial Highways to accommodate the following requests:
1. City of Anaheim: Remove Weir Canyon Road between Blue Sky Road and State Route 241 (not constructed).
 2. City of Costa Mesa: Reclassify Merrimac Way from a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between Harbor Boulevard and Fairview Road.
 3. City of Irvine: Reclassify Yale Avenue from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial to a collector (two-lane undivided) arterial between Michelson Drive and University Drive.
 4. City of Stanton: Reclassify Orangewood Avenue from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane divided) arterial between Santa Rosalia Street and the eastern city boundary.

The Master Plan of Arterial Highways will be amended to reflect each approved request contingent upon receipt of documentation confirming that all affected general plans are consistent with the proposed amendment and are compliant with the California Environmental Quality Act. Amendment requests will expire if the Orange County Transportation Authority does not receive such documentation within three years of granting approval.

Should the proposed Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment be modified for any reason after receiving approval, the modified Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment must be returned to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors for reconsideration and action.

- D. Direct the Executive Director of Planning, or her designee, to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act in support of the Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment.
- E. Receive and file a status report of ongoing Master Plan of Arterial Highways coordination activities.

Director Foley noted that she supports recommendations C, D, and E.

12. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Recommendations for OC Bus Transit Projects

Public comments were received via email from John Brock, Josh Moore, Anjali Tapadia, JH Zeck, and Ellory Smith and were emailed to the Board of Directors on April 13, 2025.

Public comments were heard from Tony Pelleriti and David Martinez.

A motion was made by Director Sarmiento, seconded by Director Foley, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to:

- A. Approve Resolution No. 2025-015 to authorize the use of \$10,144,185 in fiscal year 2024-25 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds for the Youth Ride Free Program.
- B. Authorize staff to request the California Department of Transportation to approve a Letter of No Prejudice for use of local funds until the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds are awarded, currently expected to be December 1, 2025.
- C. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program as well as negotiate and execute any necessary agreements and/or amendments to agreements with regional, state, or federal agencies to facilitate the recommendations above.

13. Transit Field Supervision, Internal Audit Report No. 25-508

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to receive and file Transit Field Supervision, Internal Audit Report No.25-508, as an information item.

14. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Construction Management Support Services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and Yale Avenue

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to:

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 5-3961 for the selection of a consultant to provide construction management support services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Yale Avenue.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 5-3961 to provide construction management support services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Yale Avenue.

15. Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the State Route 91 Improvement Project Between La Palma Avenue and State Route 55

Public comments were received via email from John Brock, Emilio Ramirez, Josh Moore, Anjali Tapadia, JH Zech, Ellory Smith, David Martinez, Marc Vukceovich, Youseff Kaddeche, and Andrew Reyes. They were emailed to the Board of Directors on April 13, 2025.

Public comment was heard from Tony Pelleriti.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 14-0, to

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-3985 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$269,504,000, comprised of a construction capital share of \$230,314,000 and a construction management services share of \$39,190,000 for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between La Palma Avenue and State Route 55.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

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

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-2465 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$1,042,000, for additional right-of-way support services, right-of-way engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocation for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total contract value of \$7,087,000.

17. Amendment to Agreement for Additional Design Services for State Route 91 Improvement Project Between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. C-0-2073 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and T.Y. Lin International, in the amount of \$2,232,131, for additional design services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$13,945,033.

18. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Program Management and Construction Management Services for Improvements to Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters Property

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to:

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 5-3977 to select a firm to provide consultant services for program management and construction management services for improvements to the new Orange County Transportation Authority headquarters property.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 5-3977 for consultant services for program management and construction management for improvements to the new Orange County Transportation Authority headquarters property.

19. Amendment to Agreement for Security Officer Services

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-2-2886 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Inter-Con Security Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$332,158, to provide additional security officer services at the OC Streetcar Maintenance and Storage Facility.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-2-2886 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Inter-Con Security Systems, Inc., in an amount of \$332,158 to exercise six months of the one-year option term for continued security officer services at the bus bases. These two actions will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$1,756,316.

20. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs - 2025 Call for Projects Programming Recommendations

Public comments were received via email from John Brock, Emilio Ramirez, Josh Moore, Anjali Tapadia, and JH Zech and were emailed to the Board of Directors on April 13, 2025.

Public comments were heard from Tony Pelleriti and David Martinez.



A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 14-0, to:

- A. Approve the award of \$25.72 million in 2025 Regional Capacity Program (Project O) funds to nine local jurisdiction projects.
- B. Approve the award of \$11.99 million in 2025 Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (Project P) funds to six local jurisdiction projects.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

Discussion Items

21. Public Comments

Public comments were received via email from Joel Medina and Yui Saito and were emailed to the Board of Directors on April 13, 2025.

Public comments were heard from Brian Yanity, Peter Warner, Paul Hyek, and Manuel M. Pineda.

22. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

OCTA received the 2025 Bus Safety, Security, and Emergency Management Award from the American Public Transportation Association.

23. Directors' Reports

There were no Directors' Reports.

24. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

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

9:30 a.m., on Monday, April 28, 2025

OCTA Headquarters
Board Room
550 South Main Street,
Orange, California



ATTEST:

Gina Ramirez
Assistant Clerk of the Board