

# **Orange County Transportation Authority**

# Transit Committee Agenda Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Board Room, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California

#### **Committee Members**

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agenda Item, please identify the Item number in your email. All public comments that are timely received will be part of the public record and distributed to the Board. Public comments will be made available to the public upon request.

# **Call to Order**

# Pledge of Allegiance

**Director Harper** 

#### **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 February 13, 2025, Transit Committee meeting.

#### Attachments:

#### **Minutes**

# 2. 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.

#### Attachments:

**Staff Report** 

Attachment A

Attachment B

3. 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.

#### Attachments:

## Staff Report

# 4. 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.

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#### 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.

#### Attachments:

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Attachment A

# 5. 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.

#### Attachments:

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Attachment A

Attachment B

Attachment C

# Regular Calendar

## 6. 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

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mobility options to impacted riders to support their travel needs.

#### Attachments:

Staff Report

**Presentation** 

# **Discussion Items**

# 7. Bimonthly Transit Performance Report

Kim Tucker/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

#### Overview

Staff will provide an update on the OC Bus, OC ACCESS, and OC Flex Services

#### Attachments:

**Presentation** 

# 8. Orange County Transportation Authority's Proposed New Fare Media Preliminary Public Outreach Results

Ryan Armstrong/Maggie McJilton

#### Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority is proposing a new smart card fare media. On January 13, 2025, the Board of Directors directed staff implement a Public Involvement Plan to gather community feedback. Staff will present a preliminary report on the public outreach results.

## Attachments:

**Presentation** 

#### 9. Public Comments

# 10. Chief Executive Officer's Report

## 11. Committee Members' Reports

## 12. Adjournment

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

9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2025

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