

## **Orange County Transportation Authority**

## Board Agenda Monday, February 10, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

550 South Main Street, Orange, California

#### **Board Members**

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#### Call to Order

## Invocation

**Director Carroll** 

## Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Federico

## **Closed Session**

## 1. Closed Session

#### Overview

A Closed Session will be held on the following:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Conference with General Counsel - Existing Litigation - Orange County Transportation Authority v. 1560 E. Warner Avenue Limited Partnership, et al., OCSC Case No. 30-2021-01213271.

## **Special Calendar**

## **Orange County Transportation Authority Special Calendar Matters**

## 2. Presentation of Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees of the Year

Maggie McJilton

#### Overview

Present Orange County Transportation Authority Resolutions of Appreciation Nos: 2025-001, Felipe Michel, Coach Operator, 2025-002, Rafael Luna, Maintenance, and 2025-003 to Louis Zhao, Administration, as Employees of the Year for 2024.

## **Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 10)**

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.

## **Orange County Transportation Authority Consent Calendar Matters**

## 3. Approval of Minutes

Clerk of the Board

## Recommendation(s)

Approve the minutes of the January 27, 2025 Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

#### Attachments:

#### Minutes

## 4. Public Member Appointment to the Board of Directors

#### Overview

In accordance with AB 710 (Chapter 469, Statues of 2004), Members of the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors representing cities and the County of Orange appoint two public members to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. The term of current public member, Director Tam T. Nguyen expires on April 12, 2025. Board of Directors action is necessary to consider the forthcoming expiration and appointment.

## Recommendation(s)

Direct the Chief Executive Officer to return to the next Executive Committee meeting to consider the reappointment of Director Tam T. Nguyen for a four-year term as a Public Member to the Board of Directors to commence on April 12, 2025

## Attachments:

**Transmittal** 

Staff Report

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## 5. Orange County Transportation Authority Contract Compliance Policies and Procedures

Pia Veesapen/Andrew Oftelie

### Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority has established several policies and procedures to ensure contract compliance and minimize the risk of fraudulent activities throughout all stages of the contract lifecycle. This report outlines the key practices and controls that the Orange County Transportation Authority employs during the pre-award, term of contract performance, and post-contract phases, with a focus on internal processes, oversight mechanisms, and auditing functions.

## Recommendation(s)

Receive and file as an information item.

#### Attachments:

<u>Transmittal</u>

Staff Report

## 6. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan - Annual Review and Update

Matthew DesRosier

#### Overview

The Federal Transit Administration requires that every agency receiving federal funds through Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program must develop a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for its transit system. The Board of Directors adopted the Orange County Transportation Authority's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan on May 11, 2020. Through the required annual program review process, staff is recommending updates for Board of Directors' approval.

#### Recommendations

- A. Adopt newly required Federal Transit Administration 2025 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan performance measures and targets.
- B. Approve the proposed 2025 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan administrative edits.

#### Attachments:

**Transmittal** 

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## 7. Competitive Grant Programs - Update and Recommendations

Louis Zhao/Rose Casey

## Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority provides competitive grants to local and non-profit jurisdictions beyond those provided through Measure M2 using various federal, state, and local transportation funding programs. The Orange County Transportation Authority also directly applies for federal, state, and local competitive grant programs to support Orange County Transportation Authority-led projects. Staff has prepared an overview and status update for local jurisdiction projects that have received funds, recent grant pursuits and awards for Orange County Transportation Authority projects, and recommendations for changes to grant terms for local jurisdiction projects.

## Recommendation(s)

- A. Approve one scope change and extension request from Sally's Fund, Inc. for operating assistance funded through the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program.
- B. Approve \$4.687 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement

program funds for the City of Huntington Beach's Magnolia Street Corridor Complete Streets Improvements Project from the contingency list from the Orange County Complete Streets Program.

- C. Authorize staff to request that the Southern California Association of Governments make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program to facilitate the recommended actions above.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute any required agreements or amendments to facilitate the recommended actions above.

## Attachments:

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**Attachment C** 

Attachment D

Attachment E

# Orange County Local Transportation Authority Consent Calendar Matters

8. Amendment to Agreement for Additional Design Services for State Route 55
Improvement Project Between Interstate 5 and State Route 91
Jeannie Lee/James G. Beil

### Overview

On February 14, 2022, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors authorized an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91. An amendment to the existing agreement is required for additional design services.

#### Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-1-3643 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$1,238,501, for additional design services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$10,348,602.

### Attachments:

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## 9. Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Action Plan and Performance Metrics

James G. Beil

#### Overview

Staff has prepared a quarterly progress report on capital project delivery for the period of October 2024 through December 2024, for review by the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. This report highlights the Capital Action Plan for project delivery, which is used as a performance metric to assess delivery progress on highway, transit, and rail projects.

## Recommendation(s)

Receive and file as an information item.

#### Attachments:

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## 10. Measure M2 Annual Eligibility Review

Stephanie Mooney/Rose Casey

#### Overview

The Measure M2 Ordinance No. 3 requires that all local jurisdictions annually satisfy specific eligibility requirements to receive Measure M2 net revenues. The required documentation for the review period ending June 28, 2024, was received and reviewed by Orange County Transportation Authority staff. Board of Directors' approval is requested to find 33 of Orange County's 35 local jurisdictions (excluding the City of Buena Park and the City of Orange) as eligible to continue receiving Measure M2 net revenues.

### Recommendation(s)

- A. Approve 33 of Orange County's 35 local jurisdictions (excluding the City of Buena Park and the City of Orange) as eligible to continue receiving Measure M2 net revenues.
- B. Receive and file the Measure M2 eligibility verification documents submitted by the City of Buena Park and the City of Orange.

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## **Regular Calendar**

## **Orange County Transportation Authority Regular Calendar Matters**

## 11. Coastal Rail Resiliency Study Update

Dan Phu/Rose Casey

#### Overview

In response to emergency remedial actions that resulted in a nearly yearlong closure of the coastal rail line in south Orange County, 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 concepts that would protect the rail line in place for the foreseeable future, which is estimated to be up to 30 years. A separate study, led by the State of California, is anticipated to determine the feasibility of potentially relocating the rail line to an inland alignment. An update on the range of feasible concepts for the Coastal Rail Resiliency Study is discussed herein.

## Recommendation(s)

Direct staff to continue collaborating with key stakeholders to refine the range of feasible concepts and actively engage the public to solicit input on these concepts.

## Attachments:

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**Presentation** 

# Orange County Local Transportation Authority Regular Calendar Matters

## 12. Coastal Rail Stabilization Priority Project Update

Jason Lee/James G. Beil

#### Overview

On September 9, 2024, staff was directed by the Board of Directors to continue to engage the regulatory agencies to identify opportunities to streamline processes and obtain regulatory permits to immediately implement solutions identified through the Coastal Rail Resiliency Study Assessment. Staff has continued to coordinate with regulatory agencies, and develop and update the Coastal Rail Priority Stabilization Project to proceed into the environmental phase.

## Recommendation(s)

Direct staff to advance Reinforcement Areas (Areas 1 through 4) and complete the preliminary engineering/environmental phase to minimize additional rail closures.

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**Presentation** 

## **Discussion Items**

13. Update on Measure M2 Project B Interstate 5 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and State Route 55

Niall Barrett/James G. Beil

#### Overview

Staff will provide an update on Measure M2 Project B of the Interstate 5 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and State Route 55.

#### Attachments:

Presentation

- 14. Public Comments
- 15. Chief Executive Officer's Report
- 16. Directors' Reports
- 17. Adjournment

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

9:30 a.m. on Monday, February 24, 2025

**OCTA** Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California