



Call to Order

The October 13, 2025, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and its affiliated agencies was called to order by Chair Chaffee at 9:30 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, located at 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Directors Present: Doug Chaffee, Chair
Jamey M. Federico, Vice Chair
Valerie Amezcua
Katrina Foley
William Go
Michael Hennessey
Fred Jung
Stephanie Klopfenstein
Janet Nguyen
Tam T. Nguyen
Vicente Sarmiento
Carlos Leon
Kathy Tavoularis
Mark Tettemer
Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

Directors Absent: Patrick Harper
John Stephens
Donald P. Wagner

Staff Present: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist
Cassie Trapesonian, Assistant General Counsel

1. Closed Session

A Closed Session was held as follows:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss negotiations with Teamsters Local 952 regarding the maintenance unit. The lead negotiator for the Orange County Transportation Authority is Maggie McJilton, Executive Director of People and Community Engagement and Teamsters Local 952 representative.

Cassie Trapesonian, Assistant General Counsel, noted there was no report out on this item.

All Members were present except for Directors Harper, Leon, Stephens, and Wagner.

Special Calendar

2. Update on Emergency Need for Railroad Track Stabilization in the Vicinity of Mile Post 203.83 to 204.40 and 206.00 to 206.70 on the Orange Subdivision

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided opening comments and introduced James G. Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, who provided an update on this item.

A motion was made by Director J. Nguyen, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present, to reaffirm Resolution No. 2025-068 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 203.80 to 204.40 and 206.00 to 206.70 on the Orange Subdivision, and to return to the Board of Directors, as required, to report on the status thereof.

Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 11)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2025, Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

Directors Leon and Sarmiento were not present to vote on this item.

4. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Harbor Boulevard Transit Signal Priority Deployment

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 250014 for the selection of a consultant to deliver the Harbor Boulevard Transit Signal Priority Deployment.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 250014 for consultant services to deliver the Harbor Boulevard Transit Signal Priority Deployment.

Directors Leon and Sarmiento were not present to vote on this item.

5. Coastal Rail Resiliency Study Update

Staff pulled this item to provide a presentation.

Dan Phu, Director of Strategic Planning, provided an update on this item.

A motion was made by Chair Chaffee, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present to 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.

6. Amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present, to

- A. Conditionally approve the following amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways:
 - City of Dana Point - Modify ten MPAH arterials within the 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.

Directors Leon and Sarmiento were not present to vote on this item.

7. 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present, to

- 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.

Directors Leon and Sarmiento were not present to vote on this item.

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

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 89.2 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$350,000, for maintenance and storage facility access control system installation support.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 248 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$350,000, for maintenance and storage facility service and inspection pit safety enhancements.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 251.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$1,100,000, for additional work to implement an accelerated schedule.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 252.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$250,000, for public conveyance and safety enhancements.
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 255.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$350,000, for overhead contact system modifications.

- F. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 266.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$250,000, for modifications to miscellaneous maintenance and storage facility systems.
- G. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 277 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$425,000, for maintenance and storage facility mezzanine fall protection modifications.
- H. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 291.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$160,000, for overhead contact system span wire to contact wire changes.
- I. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 301 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$1,000,000, for train signal control modifications.

Director Janet Nguyen voted in opposition to this item.

Directors Leon and Sarmiento were not present to vote on this item.

9. 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 Amezcua, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present, to 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.

Directors Leon and Sarmiento were not present to vote on this item.

10. Agreement for the Construction of the Inland Slope Rehabilitation Phase II Project

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2666 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Bosco Constructors, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$4,450,000, for construction of the Inland Slope Rehabilitation Phase II Project.

Directors Leon and Sarmiento were not present to vote on this item.

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

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present to approve the award of \$3,088,766 in Tier 1 Environmental Cleanup Program funding for eight projects.

Directors Leon and Sarmiento were not present to vote on this item.

Regular Calendar

12. Measure M2 Next 10 Delivery Plan: Market Conditions Key Indicators Analysis and Forecast

Francesca Ching, Program Manager, provided opening comments and introduced Dr. Wallace Walrod, Chief Economic Advisor, Orange County Business Council, and Dr. Marlon Boarnet, Professor and Director of the METRANS Transportation Consortium, University of Southern California, who presented this item.

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Tavoularis, and declared passed by those present to direct staff to continue to monitor market conditions key indicators and provide updates to the Board of Directors as appropriate.

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

Niall Barrett, Program Manager, and Chris Boucly, Department Manager, Senior, presented this item.

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Tettemer, and declared passed by those present, to direct staff to advance project development and the selection of the project preferred alternative, and to complete the environmental phase in late 2026.

14. Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup 2026 and Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games Transit Planning Update

A motion was made by Director Leon, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Direct staff to work with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to continue to plan and implement World Cup 2026 transit service.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a funding agreement between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to obtain reimbursement from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for World Cup 2026 transit service expenses.
- C. Direct staff to seek state and federal funding opportunities for Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games transit service.

Directors Amezcua, Jung, and Janet Nguyen were not present to vote on this item.

Discussion Items

15. Public Comments

Public comments were received from the following:

Aythan Lee
Paul Hyek



16. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- Wave Launch
- Rail Corridor Shutdown
- OCTA Rodeo

17. Directors' Reports

There were no Directors' Reports.

18. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m., on Monday, October 27, 2025

OCTA Headquarters
Board Room
550 South Main Street
Orange, California

ATTEST:

Gina Ramirez
Assistant Clerk of the Board