

**Committee Members Present**

Stephanie Klopfenstein, Chair
John Stephens, Vice Chair
Jamey M. Federico
Katrina Foley

Staff Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Mike Carroll
Patrick Harper

Call to Order

The April 7, 2025, Regional Transportation Planning Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Klopfenstein at 10:30 a.m.

Consent Calendar (Items 1 through 4)**1. Approval of Minutes**

Public comment was heard from Donald Hammonds.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Federico, and declared passed by those present to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2025, Regional Transportation Planning Committee meeting.

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

Public comment was heard from Donald Hammonds.

Public comment was received from Martin Greenburg and Aryan Ray via email on Sunday, April 6, 2025.

A motion was made by Director Federico, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-3985 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.



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

Public comment was heard from Donald Hammonds.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Federico, and declared passed by those present 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.

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

Public comment was heard from Donald Hammonds.

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chair Stephens, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present 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

Regular Calendar

5. Amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways

Greg Nord, Section Manager, Planning, provided a report on this item.

Public comment was heard from Donald Hammonds and David Martinez.

Public comment was received from Aryan Ray via email on Sunday, April 6, 2025.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Stephens, and declared passed by those present to:



- 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.

6. Capital Programming Update

Adriann Cardoso, Department Manager, and Ben Ku, Section Manager, Planning, provided a presentation on this item.

Public comment was heard from Leeza Bondarchuk, Donald Hammonds, and David Martinez.

Public comment was received from Aryan Ray and Martin Greenburg via email on Sunday, April 6, 2025.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Stephens, and declared passed by those present 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.

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

Charvalen Alacar, Section Manager, Local Programs, provided a presentation on this item.

Public comment was heard from Leeza Bondarchuk and David Martinez.

Public comment was received from Aryan Ray via email on Sunday, April 6, 2025.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Federico, and declared passed by those present 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.



8. Active Transportation Program Biannual Update

Peter Sotherland, Section Manager, Planning, provided a presentation on this item.

Public comment was heard from Leeza Bondarchuk and David Martinez.

Public comment was received from Aryan Ray via email on Sunday, April 6, 2025.

No action was taken on this receive and file as an information item.

Discussion Items

9. Public Comments

Public comment was heard from Donald Hammonds.

10. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the recent Washington, D.C. advocacy trip.

11. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Member's reports.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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

10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025
OCTA Headquarters
550 South Main Street
Orange, California.