



Orange County Transportation Authority

Board Agenda

Monday, February 23, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

550 South Main Street, Orange, California

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Call to Order

Invocation

Director Hennessey

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Tam Nguyen

Closed Session

There are no Closed Sessions scheduled.

Special Calendar

Orange County Transportation Authority Special Calendar Matters

1. Presentation of Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees of the Month

Overview

Present Orange County Transportation Authority Resolutions of Appreciation Nos: 2026-010, Phong Phanel, Coach Operator, 2026-011, Omar Guzman, Maintenance, and 2026-012, Cherie Finona, Administration, as Employees of the Month for February 2026.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 13)

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.

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2. Approval of Minutes

Clerk of the Board

Recommendation(s)

Approve the minutes of February 9, 2026, Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

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3. Audit Responsibilities of the Finance and Administration Committee

Janet Sutter

Overview

The Finance and Administration Committee of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Transportation Authority serves as an audit committee in its oversight of audit activities. Annually, the Board of Directors approves the audit responsibilities of the Finance and Administration Committee to reaffirm these responsibilities.

Recommendation(s)

Approve the audit responsibilities of the Finance and Administration Committee.

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4. Board Member Compensation, Mileage Reimbursements, and Training Requirements, Internal Audit Report No. 26-507

Gabriel Tang/Janet Sutter

Overview

The Internal Audit Department of the Orange County Transportation Authority has completed an audit of Board Member compensation, mileage reimbursements, and training requirements. Based on the audit, controls over processing compensation and mileage reimbursements are adequate and functioning, however, weaknesses were identified in notification and tracking of mandatory training requirements, and documentation and implementation of practices for determining Board Member eligibility to receive mileage reimbursements.

Recommendation(s)

Direct staff to implement two recommendations provided in Board Member Compensation, Mileage Reimbursements, and Training Requirements, Internal Audit Report No. 26-507.

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5. **Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - December 2025**

Robert Davis/Andrew Oftelie

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority has a comprehensive investment and debt program to fund its immediate and long-term cash flow demands. Each month, the Treasurer submits a report detailing investment allocation, performance, compliance, outstanding debt balances, and credit ratings for the Orange County Transportation Authority's debt program. This report is for the month ending December 31, 2025. The report has been reviewed and is consistent with the investment practices contained in the Board of Directors' approved investment policy.

Recommendation(s)

Receive and file as an information item.

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6. **Amendment to Agreement for System Management and Business Analyst Support Services**

Victor Velasquez/Andrew Oftelie

Overview

On February 13, 2023, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved an agreement with Carpe Datum to provide system management and business analyst support services for the various financial systems used by the Financial Planning and Analysis Department, for a two-year initial term, with three, one-year option terms. Board of Directors' approval is requested to amend the agreement to exercise the second option term to continue services for an additional one-year period effective April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-2-2575 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Carpe Datum to exercise the second option term, in the amount of \$319,000, to provide system management and business analyst support services, effective April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. This will increase the maximum obligation to a total contract value of \$999,340.

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7. State Legislative Status Report

Sofia Perez/Kristin Jacinto

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority provides regular updates to the Legislative and Communications Committee on policy issues directly impacting its overall programs, projects, and operations. This report includes a recommended position on legislation that would clean up definitions related to previous transit-oriented development legislation. An update is also provided on potential sponsor legislation related to charter bus service during special events. A summary is also provided on the Governor's proposed fiscal year 2027 state budget proposal.

Recommendation(s)

Adopt an OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED position on SB 677 (Wiener, D-San Francisco), which would clean-up definitions related to previous transit-oriented development legislation, SB 79 (Chapter 512, Statutes of 2025).

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8. Federal Legislative Status Report

Clara Brotcke/Kristin Jacinto

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority regularly updates the Legislative and Communications Committee on policy and regulatory issues directly impacting the agency's programs, projects, and operations. This report includes a number of updates and information including an overview of the funding deal reached as it pertains to programs included in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill and an update on the litigation between the State of California and the federal government regarding the California High-Speed Rail Project. Information is also provided on advocacy related to restoring the formula suballocation process for the State Transportation Block Grant Program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, as well as a summary on a federal determination of noncompliance for the State of California, which could result in withholding of transportation funds.

Recommendation(s)

Receive and file as an information item.

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Orange County Transit District Consent Calendar Matters

9. Approval of Local Transportation Fund Fiscal Year 2026-27 Apportionment Estimates

Sam Kaur/Andrew Oftelie

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority, as the transportation planning agency and county transportation commission for Orange County, is responsible for developing estimates used in apportioning revenues earned and deposited in the Orange County Local Transportation Fund. Transportation Development Act regulations require that the apportionments for fiscal year 2026-27 be determined, and prospective claimants be advised of the amounts.

Recommendation(s)

Approve the Local Transportation Fund fiscal year 2026-27 apportionment estimates and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to advise all prospective claimants of the amounts of all area apportionments from the Orange County Local Transportation Fund.

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10. Local Transportation Fund Claims for Fiscal Year 2026-27

Sam Kaur/Andrew Oftelie

Overview

The Orange County Transit District is eligible to receive funding from the Local Transportation Fund for providing public transportation services throughout Orange County. To receive these funds, the Orange County Transit District, as the public transit and community transit services operator, must file claims with the Orange County Transportation Authority, the transportation planning agency for Orange County.

Recommendation(s)

Adopt Orange County Transit District Resolution No. 2026-009 authorizing the filing of Local Transportation Fund claims, in the estimated amounts of \$205,036,189 to support public transportation and \$10,869,295 for community transit services.

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11. **Award the Agreement for the Bus Stop Electronic Signage Expansion Project**

Jeffrey N. Tatro/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

Overview

On July 14, 2025, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved the release of a request for proposals to select a firm for the development and implementation of real-time arrival signage at various bus stop locations. Board of Directors' approval is requested to award an agreement for the Bus Stop Electronic Signage Expansion Project.

Recommendation(s)

- A. Approve the selection of Urban Solar Corporation as the firm to provide electronic signage for selected bus stop locations.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-5-4117 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Urban Solar Corporation, in the amount of \$1,537,918, for a five-year term, to provide electronic signage for selected bus stop locations.

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12. **Sole Source Agreement for the Purchase of Six Cummins Compressed Natural Gas-Powered Engines**

Cliff Thorne/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority operates a fleet of six New Flyer compressed natural gas-powered buses, model year 2018, that require a midlife engine overhaul. The replacement engine has been certified by the State of California as a near-zero emission engine. Only one engine manufacturer is certified by the State of California to meet these emission standards for use in transit buses. Board of Directors' approval is required for this sole source agreement.

Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C255027 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Cummins, Inc., in the amount of \$463,697 for the purchase of six replacement Cummins 8.9-liter L9N 280HP

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compressed natural gas-powered engines.

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13. Measure M2 Community-Based Transit Circulators Program Project V Ridership Report

Charvalen Alacar/Rose Casey

Overview

Measure M2, the voter-approved half-cent sales tax for multimodal transportation improvements in Orange County, includes a program that funds community-based transit circulators known as Project V. The goal of this program is to provide local transit services that complement regional bus and rail service. Funding is awarded to local jurisdictions through a competitive call for projects. Local jurisdictions then implement the awarded services and are required to report on the performance of the Project V-funded services. This report covers the period from April 2025 to September 2025.

Recommendation(s)

- A. Receive and file the Project V Ridership Report.
- B. Due to sustained improvements in ridership and financial viability, approve an exception to the Project V program guidelines for the City of Dana Point to waive the requirement for city council action for falling below the performance standard in a prior semi-annual review reporting period.

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Regular Calendar

14. State Transit Transformation Task Force Final Report

Dulce Mejicanos/Kristin Jacinto

Overview

The State Transit Transformation Task Force has submitted their final report to the Legislature. The December 2, 2025, report includes recommendations that address key issues such as transit service improvements, funding, fare coordination, workforce development, and infrastructure investments. A summary of the report is included herein.

Recommendation(s)

Receive and file as an information item.

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Discussion Items

15. **Public Comments**

16. **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

17. **Directors' Reports**

18. **Adjournment**

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

9:30 a.m., on Monday, March 9, 2026

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California