



Call to Order

The March 24, 2025, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and affiliated agencies was called to order by Chair Chaffee at 9:30 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Directors Present: Doug Chaffee, Chair
Jamey M. Federico, Vice Chair
Valerie Amezcua
Mike Carroll
Katrina Foley
Patrick Harper
Michael Hennessey
Fred Jung
Stephanie Klopfenstein
Janet Nguyen
Vicente Sarmiento
Mark Tettemer
Donald P. Wagner
Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

Directors Absent: Carlos A. Leon
Tam T. Nguyen
John Stephens

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

1. Closed Session

A Closed Session was held as follows:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Conference with General Counsel - Existing Litigation - Orange County Transportation Authority v. WTW Properties, LLC - OCSC Case no. 30-2021-01195108-CU-EI-CXC.
- B. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) - Conference with General Counsel - Potential Litigation - One Item.

All members were present except for Directors Leon, T. Nguyen, and Stephens, who were absent from the meeting.

There was no report out on this item.

Special Calendar

2. Public Hearing for the Proposed New Fare Media

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, provided opening comments and introduced Ryan Armstrong, Department Manager, who provided a presentation on the item.

The Assistant Clerk of the Board stated that the Clerk's Office received a public comment from Grady Yu. The comment was emailed to the Board of Directors on March 23, 2025.

In-person public comments were received by:

- Grady Yu
- Peter Warner
- Nikkie Duncan

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present to receive and file initial public input on the proposed new fare media.

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

Resolutions of Appreciation as Employees of the Month for March 2025 were presented to:

- Jose Chin, Coach Operator
- Kiet Tran, Maintenance
- Charvalen Alacar, Administration

Consent Calendar (Items 4 through 17)

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by those present to approve the minutes of March 10, 2025 Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

Director J. Nguyen was not present to vote on this item.

5. Orange County Transportation Authority Internal Audit Department Peer Review

Director Hennessy pulled this item for comment and praised Janet Sutter, Executive Director of Internal Audit, and her staff for their excellent work.

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

6. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - January 2025

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by those present to receive and file as an information item.

Director J. Nguyen was not present to vote on this item.

7. Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-25 Procurement Status Report

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by those present to receive and file as an information item.

Director J. Nguyen was not present to vote on this item.

8. State Legislative Status Report

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

- A. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 741 (Blakespear, D-Encinitas), which would clarify that a local emergency declared by a municipality, county, or special district qualifies as an emergency for coastal development permits.
- B. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 752 (Richardson, D-Inglewood), which would extend the sunset date on the sales tax exemption for the purchase of zero-emission transit buses.

Director J. Nguyen was not present to vote on this item.

9. Federal Legislative Status Report

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by those present to adopt the proposed Principles for Surface Transportation Reauthorization Legislation and direct staff to take necessary and appropriate actions in furtherance of these goals in Washington, D.C.

Director J. Nguyen was not present to vote on this item.

10. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for OC ACCESS Eligibility Assessments and Transit Support Services

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

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 5-3959 to select a firm to provide OC ACCESS eligibility assessments and transit support services.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 5-3959 for a consultant to provide OC ACCESS eligibility assessments and transit support services, for a three-year initial term with one, two-year option term.

Director J. Nguyen was not present to vote on this item.

11. Amendment to the Agreement for OC ACCESS Paratransit and OC Flex Microtransit Service

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

Director J. Nguyen was not present to vote on this item.

12. Approval to Award Contract for Lease and Full Service of Bus Tires

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

Director J. Nguyen was not present to vote on this item.

13. OC Flex Microtransit Pilot Program Update

In-person public comments were received by:

- Peter Warner

A motion was made by Director Wagner, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and declared passed by those present to:

- 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 mobility options to impacted riders to support their travel needs.

Directors Amezcua and J. Nguyen were not present to vote on this item.

14. May 2025 OC Bus Service Change

In-person public comments were received by:

- Peter Warner

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

15. Environmental Mitigation Program Endowment Fund Investment Report for December 31, 2024

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by those present to receive and file as an information item.

Director J. Nguyen was not present to vote on this item.

16. Agreement for Public Outreach Services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to State Route 55

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

- A. Approve the selection of Kleinfelder Construction Services, Inc., as the firm to provide public outreach consultant services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to State Route 55.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2488 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Kleinfelder Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$1,199,260, for a six-year initial term with an option term of up to 24 months, to provide public outreach consultant services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to State Route 55.

Director J. Nguyen was not present to vote on this item.

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

In-person public comments were received by:

- Peter Warner

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by those present to:

- 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.

Director Wagner voted in opposition to this item.

Directors Amezcua and J. Nguyen were not present to vote on this item.

Regular Calendar

There were no Regular Calendar matters.



Discussion Items

18. Public Comments

In-person public comments were received by:

- Peter Warner
- Manual Pineda
- Gary Walsh

19. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- 2025 Southern California Regional Bus Rodeo

20. Directors' Reports

There were no Directors' Reports.

21. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m., on Monday, April 14, 2025

OCTA Headquarters
Board Room
550 South Main Street
Orange, California