



Call to Order

The April 28, 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
Mike Carroll
Katrina Foley
Patrick Harper
Michael Hennessey
Fred Jung
Stephanie Klopfenstein
Carlos A. Leon
Janet Nguyen
Tam T. Nguyen
John Stephens
Kathy Tavoularis
Mark Tettemer
Donald P. Wagner
Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

Directors Absent: Valerie Amezcua
Vicente Sarmiento

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

Closed Session

There were no Closed Session matters scheduled.

Special Calendar

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

Resolutions of Appreciation were presented to Phil Polanco, Coach Operator, Dexter Ta, Maintenance, and Phil Zirges, Administration, as Employees of the Month for April 2025.

2. Update on the Emergency Need for Railroad Track Stabilization in the Vicinity of Mile Post 203.83 to 204.40 and 206.10 to 206.70 on the Orange Subdivision

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Vice Chair Federico, and declared passed by those present to reaffirm Resolution No. 2025-025 to 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 203.83 to 204.40 and 206.10 to 206.70 on the Orange Subdivision, and to return to the Board of Directors, as required, to report on the status thereof.

Written public comments were received by Lorelei Bailey and Brian Yanity. The comments were emailed to the Board of Directors on April 27, 2025.

In-person public comments were heard from Leslea Meyerhoff, Joe Wilson, and Brian Brower.

Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 15)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director J. Nguyen, and declared passed by those present to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2025 Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

4. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Internal Audit Plan, Third Quarter Update

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director J. Nguyen, and declared passed by those present to receive and file the third quarter update to the Orange County Transportation Authority Internal Audit Department Fiscal Year 2024-25 Internal Audit Plan as an information item.

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

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

6. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Local Transportation Fund Claim for Laguna Beach Public Transportation Services

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

- A. Approve the Laguna Beach Municipal Transit Lines Fiscal Year 2025-26 Local Transportation Fund Claim for public transportation services in the amount of \$1,495,895.

- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority to issue allocation/disbursement instructions to the Orange County Auditor-Controller in the amount of the claim.

7. State Transit Transportation Task Force Update

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

8. State Legislative Status Report

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

- A. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 334 (Petrie-Norris, D-Irvine), which would facilitate interoperability with out-of-state electronic toll collection systems.
- B. Adopt an OPPOSE position on AB 1070 (Ward, D-San Diego), which would impose new mandates on transit district board compensation and governance structures.
- C. Adopt a SUPPORT IF AMENDED position on SB 741 (Blakespear, D-Encinitas), consistent with the FY 2025-2026 OCTA State Legislative Platform.

9. Federal Legislative Status Report

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

10. Agreement for Replacement of Mechanical Units at the Santa Ana Bus Base

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

- A. Find ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc., doing business as ACCO Engineered Systems, the apparent low bidder, as non-responsive due to failure to provide complete information on the superintendent and experience for the past three years as required by the bid documents on the Information Required of Bidder form.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2550 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and NKS Mechanical Contracting, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$4,593,000, for the replacement of mechanical units at the Santa Ana Bus Base.

11. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Local Transportation Fund Claim for Public Transportation and Community Transit Services

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

- A. Approve the Orange County Transit District Fiscal Year 2025-26 Local Transportation Fund Claim for public transportation services in the amount of \$208,460,790, and for community transit services in the amount of \$11,050,352 for a total claim amount of \$219,511,142.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue allocation/disbursement instructions to the Orange County Auditor-Controller in the full amount of the claims.

12. Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures, City of Buena Park

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

13. Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures, City of Orange

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director J. Nguyen, and declared passed by those present to direct staff to develop recommendations for Board of Directors' action related to the status of the City of Orange's Measure M2 eligibility.

14. Orange County Local Transportation Authority Measure M2 Agreed-Upon Procedures Reports, Year Ended June 30, 2024

A written public comment was received by Travis Hopkins. The comment was emailed to the Board of Directors on April 27, 2025..

In-person public comments were heard from Chau Vu, Director of Public Works, and Robert Torrez, Interim Chief Financial Officer from the City of Huntington Beach.

A motion was made by Director J. Nguyen, seconded by Director Carroll, and declared passed by those present to:

- A. Direct staff to monitor implementation of corrective actions by cities.
- B. Direct staff to review with legal counsel the results of agreed-upon procedures applied to the City of Huntington Beach and develop recommendations for Board of Directors' consideration to address the exception related to disallowed Local Fair Share expenditures.

- C. Direct staff to follow up with the City of Mission Viejo to obtain a revised Measure M2 Expenditure Report, evaluate whether administrative costs related to the Senior Mobility Program exceeded the ten percent threshold, and, if applicable, recover the overage.
- D. Direct staff to consult with legal counsel, develop guidelines for allowable uses of Local Fair Share funds for “other transportation purposes” and provide communication to cities.

15. Orange County Local Transportation Authority Report on Compliance with the Measure M2 Ordinance, Year Ended June 30, 2024

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

- A. Receive and file as an information item.
- B. Approve a request from the Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee to conduct Measure M2 compliance audits on an annual basis. If approved, authorize an increase in contract budget of \$400,000 for fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26 under Agreement No. C-3-2931 with Crowe LLP, increasing the maximum obligation to \$2,185,500.

Regular Calendar

16. Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Southern California Regional Rail Authority Budget

Darren Kettle, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Metrolink, provided a presentation on this item.

A written public comment was received from Brian Yanity. The comment was emailed to the Board of Directors on April 27, 2025.

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

Discussion Items

17. Public Comments

Public comment was heard from Janine Heft.



18. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, announced that OCTA's 405 Improvement Project was recognized as the Outstanding Transportation Project by the American Society of Civil Engineers Region 9

19. Directors' Reports

Director Harper thanked staff on behalf of the City of Fountain Valley for continuing the Master Plan of Arterial Highways item for another 30 days.

20. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California

ATTEST:

Gina Ramirez
Assistant Clerk of the Board