



Orange County Transportation Authority

Legislative Committee Agenda Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Board Room, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California

Committee Members

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Written Comment

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Jung

Closed Session

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

Special Calendar

1. Conference Call with State Legislative Advocate Moira Topp

Moira Topp

Overview

An update of legislative items in Sacramento will be provided.

Consent Calendar (Item 2)

All items on the Consent Calendar are to be approved in one motion unless a Committee Member or a member of the public requests separate action or discussion on a specific item.

2. Approval of Minutes

Clerk of the Board

Recommendation(s)

Approve the minutes of the March 19, 2026 Legislative and Communications Committee meeting.

Attachments:

[Minutes](#)

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Regular Calendar

3. State Legislative Status Report

Clara Brotcke/Kristin Jacinto

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority provides regular updates to the Legislative Committee on policy issues directly impacting its overall programs, projects, and operations. Staff recommends support positions on six bills that are related to California Environmental Quality Act streamlining, zero-emission transit implementation, wildfire resilience, transportation funding policy, and transit-oriented development. Staff opposes positions on two bills that would significantly alter state transportation funding priorities and reduce regional flexibility. An overview is also provided on legislation related to California Environmental Quality Act vehicle miles traveled mitigation requirements, for which a support position was taken pursuant to Orange County Transportation Authority's 2025-26 State Legislative Platform.

Recommendation(s)

- A. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 1855 (Gonzalez, R-Indio), which would expand California Environmental Quality Act exemptions for passenger rail projects.
- B. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 1944 (Lee, D-Milpitas), which would establish a phased extension of axle weight allowances for zero-emission transit buses to support fleet transition requirements.
- C. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 2513 (Petrie-Norris, D-Irvine), which would expand eligibility for regional wildfire resilience funds.
- D. Adopt an OPPOSE position on AB 2560 (Schultz, D-Burbank), which would codify the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure goals and apply them to major state transportation funding programs.
- E. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 2576 (Harabedian, D-Pasadena), which would delay implementation timelines associated with SB 79 (Chapter 512, Statutes of 2025).
- F. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 935 (Choi, R-Irvine), which would indefinitely extend design-build authority for local agencies.
- G. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 1167 (Blakespear, D-Encinitas), which would clarify the definition of electric bicycles and establish enhanced labeling, disclosure, and safety requirements.
- H. Adopt an OPPOSE position on SB 1423 (Stern, D-Sherman Oaks), which would require a minimum allocation of State Transportation Improvement Program funds to "safe streets" projects and modify the Active Transportation Program.

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Attachments:

- [Staff Report](#)
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- [Attachment D](#)
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- [Attachment I](#)
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4. Federal Legislative Status Report

Clara Brotcke/Kristin Jacinto

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority regularly updates the Legislative Committee on policy and regulatory issues directly impacting the agency's programs, projects, and operations. This report provides a summary of President Trump's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request and its implications for federal transportation funding and policy. It also includes an overview of a congressional letter supporting restoration of local Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program project selection authority, and a summary of recent congressional leadership changes affecting federal transportation policy.

Recommendation(s)

Receive and file as an information item.

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Discussion Items

- 5. Public Comments**
- 6. Chief Executive Officer's Report**
- 7. Committee Members' Reports**

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8. **Adjournment**

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

9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2026

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California