

Call to Order

The February 9, 2026, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and its affiliated agencies was called to order by Chair Federico at 9:31 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, located at 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Directors Present: Jamey M. Federico, Chair
Fred Jung, Vice Chair
Valerie Amezcua
Katrina Foley
William Go
Patrick Harper
Michael Hennessey
Lauren Kleiman
Carlos A. Leon
Janet Nguyen
Tam T. Nguyen
Vicente Sarmiento
Kathy Tavoularis
Mark Tettermer
Donald P. Wagner
Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

Directors Absent: Doug Chaffee
Stephanie Klopfenstein

Staff Present: Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior
Erin Galang, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Assistant
James Donich, General Counsel

1. Closed Session

A Closed Session was held as follows:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Conference with General Counsel - Existing Litigation - JL Kids, LLC v. California Dept. of Transportation, et al. - OCSC Case No. 30-2018-01014871, and St. Andrew's by the Sea United Methodist Church v. State of California, et al. - OCSC Case No. 30-2018-01018320.

James Donich, General Counsel, stated there was no report out on this item.

All members were present except Directors Foley, Chaffee, and Klopfenstein.

Special Calendar

2. Presentation of Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees of the Year

Resolutions of Appreciation were presented to Cynthia Guardado, Coach Operator, Chris Pettit, Maintenance, and Maria Brennan, Administration, as Employees of the Year for 2025.

Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 7)

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by all those present to approve Items 3, 6, and 7 on the Consent Calendar.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026, Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

4. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan - Annual Review and Update

This item was pulled to hear a public comment from Peter Warner.

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by all those present to approve the proposed 2026 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan administrative edits.

5. 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Financial Plan

This item was pulled to hear a public comment from Peter Warner.

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Tam T. Nguyen, and declared passed by all those present to:

- A. Authorize the submittal of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program project list and financial plan for the fiscal year 2026-27 through fiscal year 2031-32 to the Southern California Association of Governments.
- B. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program to facilitate the programming of projects.
- C. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-004 of the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

Director Leon abstained from voting on this item.

6. Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Action Plan and Performance Metrics

Receive and file as an information item.

7. Measure M2 Annual Eligibility Review

- A. Approve 33 of Orange County's 35 local jurisdictions (excluding the cities of Buena Park and Huntington Beach) as eligible to continue receiving Measure M2 net revenues.
- B. Receive and file the Measure M2 eligibility verification documents submitted by the cities of Buena Park and Huntington Beach.

Regular Calendar

There were no Regular Calendar matters.

Discussion Items**8. Update on the Interstate 5 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and State Route 55**

Niall Barrett, Capital Programs, and Nicolette Wright, Public Outreach, provided a presentation on this item.

No action was taken on this information item.

9. Active Transportation Biennial Update

Peter Sotherland, Planning, provided an update on this item.

No action was taken on this information item.

10. Public Comments

Public comments were heard from the following:

- Paul Hyek
- Jared Kaye
- Peter Warner



11. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, reported on the following:

- Metrolink Customer Appreciation Day

12. Directors' Reports

Director Foley acknowledged James. G. Beil and Dan Phu, who presented at last week's Sediment-by-rail logistics workshop.

Director Go thanked OCTA staff for participating in the Inaugural Lunar New Year festivities held this past weekend in the City of Irvine.

Director Tam T. Nguyen expressed his appreciation to the OCTA staff who attended the Lunar New Year celebrations in Santa Ana and Huntington Beach.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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

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

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California