



Orange County Transportation Authority

Legislative and Communications Committee Agenda

Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Board Room, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California

Committee Members

Donald P. Wagner, Chair
Katrina Foley, Vice Chair
Doug Chaffee
Fred Jung
Janet Nguyen
Kathy Tavoularis
Mark Tettemer

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Vice Chair Foley

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.

2. Committee Meeting 2026 Schedule

Donald P. Wagner

Overview

Committee Chair Wagner will lead a discussion regarding the 2026 meeting schedule for the Legislative and Communications Committee.

Recommendation(s)

Approve the 2026 Legislative and Communications Committee meeting calendar.

Attachments:

[Calendar](#)

3. Roles and Responsibilities of the Legislative and Communications Committee

Darrell E. Johnson

Overview

Roles and responsibilities for the Legislative and Communications Committee are reviewed periodically for any appropriate changes or additions.

Recommendation(s)

Approve the 2026 Legislative and Communications Committee Roles and Responsibilities.

Attachments:

[Roles and Responsibilities](#)

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Consent Calendar (Item 4)

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.

4. Approval of Minutes

Clerk of the Board

Recommendation(s)

Approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025 Legislative and Communications Committee meeting.

Attachments:

[Minutes](#)

Regular Calendar

5. 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).

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

[Attachment B](#)

[Attachment C](#)

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6. 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.

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

[Attachment B](#)

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[Attachment D](#)

[Attachment E](#)

7. 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

8. Public Comments

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9. Chief Executive Officer's Report

10. Committee Members' Reports

11. Adjournment

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

9:30 a.m. (pending approval) on Thursday, March 19, 2026

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California