



Call to Order

The April 13, 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 9:30 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
 Doug Chaffee
 William Go
 Michael Hennessey
 Lauren Kleiman
 Stephanie Klopfenstein
 Carlos A. Leon
 Janet Nguyen
 Tam T. Nguyen
 Vicente Sarmiento
 Kathy Tavoularis
 Mark Tettemer
 Donald P. Wagner
 Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

Directors Absent: Katrina Foley
 Patrick Harper

Staff Present: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
 Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
 Andrea West, Clerk of the Board
 Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
 Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior
 Elia Verduzco, Employee Rotation Participant
 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 - Walsh Construction Company v. Orange County Transportation Authority, OCSC Case No. 30-2022-01248455.

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

All members were present except for Directors Harper and J. Nguyen.



Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 6)

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Wagner, and declared passed by those present to approve Items 2, 3, 4, and 6 on the Consent Calendar.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the March 23, 2026, Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

3. Funding Updates for Capital Projects and Creation of a Policy to Guide Redistribution of Savings for Federal Funds

- A. Approve the programming of \$128.668 million in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funding to seven regional projects.
- B. Approve the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Savings Policy.
- C. Authorize the reallocation of \$40.486 million in previously programmed SB 125 (Chapter 54, Statutes of 2023) Transit Program funds from Construction Critical Rail Infrastructure: Rail Track and Structures to Stabilize Rail and Bus Operations: Metrolink Fare Revenue Loss Project.
- D. Authorize the use of \$27.866 million in Measure M2 funds for Construction Critical Rail Infrastructure: Rail Track and Structures to replace SB 125 Transit Program funds previously programmed to Construction Critical Rail Infrastructure: Rail Track and Structures for the rehabilitation budget in fiscal year 2024-25 and fiscal year 2025-26.
- E. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program to facilitate the above actions.

4. Cooperative Agreement with the City of San Clemente and Contract Change Order Related to the Rehabilitation of Existing Sewer Line in Area 3 for the Coastal Rail Stabilization Priority Project

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C255046, in the amount of \$690,911, with the City of San Clemente, to facilitate the stabilization of the sewer pipe.



- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 3 to Agreement No. C-5-4033 with Condon-Johnson & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$690,911, to provide sewer bypass for the Coastal Rail Stabilization Priority Project.

5. Amendment to Agreement for Public Outreach Services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5

Director Sarmiento pulled this item to inquire about the total average of 450,000 inquiries and whether it was over the five-year contract.

Calina North, Section Manager II, Public Outreach, responded that the total average of 450,000 inquiries over the life of the contract equates to 115,000 per year.

A motion was made by Director Sarmiento, seconded by Director Wagner, and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. C-0-2104 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Costin Public Outreach Group to exercise the 36-month option term, in the amount of \$440,000, to continue providing public outreach services effective June 1, 2026, and continuing through May 31, 2029. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$2,124,990.

6. Fiscal Year 2026-27 through Fiscal Year 2028-29 Measure M2 Maintenance of Effort Adjustment, Updates to the Eligibility, Countywide Pavement Management Plan and Local Signal Synchronization Plan Guidelines, and Approval of Measure M2 Local Fair Share Guidelines

Director Janet Nguyen commented on the guidelines for Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and Los Alamitos.

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, explained that the timeline for this item is to implement what the ordinance already states. He noted that at the next board meeting, the board will be reviewing the guidelines for Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and Los Alamitos.

- A. Approve maintenance of effort benchmark for Fiscal Years 2026-27 through 2028-29 per Measure M2 Ordinance No. 3 requirements.
- B. Approve proposed revisions to the Measure M2 Eligibility, Countywide Pavement Management Plan, and Local Signal Synchronization Plan guidelines.
- C. Approve proposed Measure M2 Local Fair Share Guidelines.



Regular Calendar

7. Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Call Box Program

Patrick Sampson, Section Manager, Senior, provided a presentation.

A public comment was heard from Paul Hyek.

A motion was made by Director Wagner, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by those present to authorize staff to focus efforts on 511 Motorist Assistance and to discontinue the Call Box Program by June 30, 2027.

Discussion Items

8. Public Comments

Public comments were heard from Mario Ghizzi and Paul Hyek.

9. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- Metrolink Service Reduction

10. Directors' Reports

There were no Directors' Reports.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m., on Monday, April 27, 2026

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California