

# **Orange County Transportation Authority**

# Transit Committee Agenda Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Board Room, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California

#### **Committee Members**

Fred Jung, Chair Vicente Sarmiento, Vice Chair Valerie Amezcua Patrick Harper Stephanie Klopfenstein

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# **Call to Order**

# Pledge of Allegiance

Director Klopfenstein

# **Closed Session**

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

# Special Calendar

There are no Special Calendar matters.

# **Consent Calendar (Items 1 through 6)**

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.

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

Clerk of the Board

# Recommendation(s)

Approve the minutes of the October 10, 2024, Transit Committee meeting.

#### Attachments:

# **Minutes**

# 2. Approval of Minutes

Clerk of the Board

#### Recommendation(s)

Approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024, Transit Committee meeting.

#### Attachments:

#### Minutes

# 3. Amendment to the Agreement for Contracted Fixed-Route Bus Services

Damon Blythe/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

# Overview

On March 13, 2023, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved an agreement with Keolis Transit Services, LLC to provide the management, operation, and maintenance of contracted fixed-route bus services. An amendment is necessary to address service-related elements including reimbursement of additional maintenance costs, a maintenance software system with support equipment and labor, and to revise certain performance standards within the agreement.

#### Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement C-2-2578 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Keolis Transit Services, LLC, in the amount of \$2,217,968, to allow reimbursement of additional maintenance costs, a maintenance software system with support equipment and labor, and to revise certain performance standards within the agreement.

#### Attachments:

Staff Report

Attachment A

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4. Funding Recommendations for the 2024 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

Louis Zhao/Kia Mortazavi

#### Overview

On May 28, 2024, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors released the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program call for projects for 2024. Evaluation of the 33 grant applications received for capital and operating assistance is complete, and program funding recommendations are presented for Board of Directors' review and approval.

# Recommendation(s)

- A. Approve the award of \$8,623,864 million in local funding to 22 applications submitted for consideration of funding through the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute cooperative agreements with awarded applicants to receive funding through the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.
- C. Authorize staff to utilize the contingency list for capital applications if an awarded capital project is cancelled and direct unused program funding to support OC ACCESS service.

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5. Acceptance of Grant Award from Department of the Homeland Security Transit Security Grant Program

Jason Huang/Kia Mortazavi

# Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority has been awarded \$116,600 in Federal Emergency Management Agency funding awarded by the Department of Homeland Security through the Transit Security Grant Program. Recommendations for acceptance of these funds are presented for Board of Directors' review and approval.

### Recommendation(s)

A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the award of \$116,600 in Federal Emergency Management Agency funding awarded by the Department of

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Homeland Security through the Transit Security Grant Program and execute grant-related agreements and documents with the Department of Homeland Security.

B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, as well as execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the recommendation above.

#### Attachments:

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6. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Corrective Action Plans

Jason Huang/Kia Mortazavi

# Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority receives California Department of Transportation Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funding via formula to support expanded or new transit operations and capital projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve mobility, and prioritize disadvantaged communities. Funds may be transferred from a prior year to support ongoing projects with approval from the implementing agency's governing body and approval by the California Department of Transportation. Recommendations to utilize prior year funding for this program are presented for Board of Directors' review and approval.

#### Recommendation(s)

- A. Approve Resolution 2024-084 to authorize the use of prior year Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds and interest earnings estimated at \$3,736,809 for the Youth Ride Free Program and for new or expanded OC Bus Rapid services (recognized as Bravo! 553 Bus Service Operating Subsidy in the funding program).
- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program as well as negotiate and execute any necessary agreements with regional, state, or federal agencies to facilitate the recommendation above.

#### Attachments:

**Staff Report** 

Attachment A

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# Regular Calendar

7. Integration of the Conduent OrbCAD Computer-Aided Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location System with the L3Harris Technologies, Inc. Symphony Dispatch Consoles

Josh Duke/Andrew Oftelie

# Overview

Board of Directors' authorization is requested for the purchase of services to integrate the Conduent OrbCAD Computer-Aided Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location system with the L3Harris Technologies, Inc.'s Symphony dispatch console.

# Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute sole source Agreement No. C-4-2429 between the Orange County Transportation Authority L3Harris Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$761,000 for the integration of the Conduent OrbCAD Computer-Aided Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location system with the L3Harris Symphony dispatch console.

#### Attachments:

# Staff Report

8. Agreement for Payment Processing Services to Support the OC Bus Fare Collection Systems

Isaac Herrera/Andrew Oftelie

#### Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority is in the process of implementing a modern fare collection system for OC Bus service through the Rider Validation System. To ensure seamless operation and an enhanced payment experience, the Orange County Transportation Authority is seeking to secure payment processing services that will support the Rider Validation System across multiple sales channels, including ticket office terminals, mobile sales devices, mobile applications, and institutional website portals.

#### Recommendation(s)

- A. Approve the selection of Elavon Inc., as the firm to provide payment processing services for the fare collection system for the Orange County Transportation Authority's fixed-route bus system.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C42563 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Elavon, Inc., in the amount of \$617,728, for a two-and-a- half-year initial term with two, two-year option-terms to provide payment processing services for the fare collection system for the Orange County Transportation Authority's fixed-route bus system.

#### Attachments:

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# 9. Agreement for the Replacement of Fareboxes and Related Fare Collection Equipment

Isaac Herrera/Andrew Oftelie

#### Overview

On April 22, 2024, the Board of Directors approved the release of a request for proposals to select a firm for the development and implementation of replacement fareboxes and related fare collection equipment for the fixed-route bus system. Board of Directors' approval is requested to execute an agreement for the replacement fareboxes and related fare collection equipment for the Orange County Transportation Authority's fixed-route bus system.

# Recommendation(s)

- A. Approve the selection of LECIP Inc. as the firm to develop and implement replacement fareboxes and related fare collection equipment for the Orange County Transportation Authority's fixed-route bus system.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2110 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and LECIP Inc., in the amount of \$12,287,429, for a six-and-a-half-year initial term with one, five-year option-term for the development and implementation of replacement fareboxes and related fare collection equipment for the Orange County Transportation Authority's fixed-route bus system.

#### Attachments:

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Attachment C

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# 10. Award the Purchase of Battery-Electric Bus Chargers

Cliff Thorne/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

#### Overview

On March 25, 2024, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved the release of an invitation for bids to procure battery chargers for 40-foot battery-electric buses. Bids from qualified firms were received and Board of Directors' approval is requested to award an agreement for the purchase of battery-electric buse chargers to support new battery-electric buses.

#### Recommendation(s)

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C-3-3067 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OneSource Distributors, LLC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$2,194,794, for up to 11 battery chargers for 40-foot battery-electric buses.

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# 11. Award the Purchase of Zero-Emission Buses

Cliff Thorne/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

#### Overview

The California Air Resources Board passed the Innovative Clean Transit Rule in 2018 requiring transit agencies to transition their bus fleets to 100 percent zero-emission buses by the year 2040. The Orange County Transportation Authority intends to replace 50 compressed natural gas buses from the current fleet that have met their useful life with ten battery-electric buses and 40 fuel-cell electric buses. Quotes were requested from a qualified firm under the California Statewide Contract for Zero-Emission Transit Buses issued by the State of California's Department of General Services. Board of Directors' approval is requested to award an agreement for the purchase of these vehicles.

#### Recommendation(s)

- A. Approve the selection of New Flyer of America Inc. as the firm to provide 40 fuel-cell electric buses intended to replace 40 compressed natural gas buses that have exceeded their useful life.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C-3-3021 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and New Flyer of America Inc., in the amount of \$63,594,512 for the purchase of up to 40, 40-foot fuel-cell electric buses.
- C. Approve the selection of New Flyer of America Inc. as the firm to provide ten battery-electric buses intended to replace ten compressed natural gas buses that have exceeded their useful life.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C-3-3022 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and New Flyer of America Inc., in the amount of \$13,870,388, for the purchase of up to ten, 40-foot battery-electric buses.

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# 12. 2024 OC Transit Vision Progress Update

Charles Main/Kia Mortazavi

### Overview

The OC Transit Vision is a 30-year integrated master plan for enhancing and expanding public transit service in Orange County. This plan recommends improvements to existing transit service and identifies future potential transit corridors. The draft executive summary and action plan has been developed for Board of Directors' consideration. The final 2024 OC Transit Vision is expected to be complete by the end of 2024.

#### Recommendation(s)

Direct staff to incorporate draft recommendations into the final 2024 OC Transit Vision Report which will inform the upcoming 2026 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

#### Attachments:

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# 13. Draft Orange County Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan

Kevin Khouri/Kia Mortazavi

#### Overview

The Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan identifies strategies to address unmet needs and enhance mobility for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents in Orange County. This plan is a prerequisite for securing Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program funding. Staff has updated the Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan, and Board of Directors' approval is requested to finalize the draft plan.

#### Recommendation(s)

Direct staff to finalize the Draft Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan.

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# **Discussion Items**

# 14. Bimonthly Transit Performance Report

Kim Tucker/Johnny Dunning, Jr.

#### Overview

Staff will provide an update on the OC Bus, OC ACCESS, and OC Flex Services

# Attachments:

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- 15. Public Comments
- 16. Chief Executive Officer's Report
- 17. Committee Members' Reports

# 18. Adjournment

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

9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2024

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