



Committee Members Present

Mark A. Murphy, Chairman
Barbara Delgleize, Vice Chair
Lisa A. Bartlett
Doug Chaffee
Richard Murphy
Miguel Pulido

Staff Present

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Ken Phipps, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board
Olga Prado, Assistant Clerk of the Board
James Donich, General Counsel
OCTA Staff and Members of the General Public

Committee Members Absent

Joe Muller

Call to Order

The August 5, 2019 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways (RP&H) Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman M. Murphy at 10:32 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Chaffee led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 7)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of July 1, 2019.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.



3. 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program Overview

This item was pulled by Director Bartlett who requested that staff monitor the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as there will be a funding gap and staff will need to plan for the future. She added that there will be a declining revenue source year after year and future potential projects will be impacted. Director Bartlett stated that until there is a sustainable long-term funding source at the state and federal level, staff needs to remain alert how the shortfall will impact the scheduling of future projects.

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided background on the STIP funding cycle, and reported that in the September/October timeframe, staff will bring an item to the RP&H Committee and the Board of Directors (Board) with the STIP proposal. He added that this process will be more complicated than it has been in the past as it will require Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) staff to make significant changes and adjustments to the funding sources on a project-by-project basis to keep the projects on schedule.

A motion was made by Director Bartlett, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to receive and file as an information item.

4. Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program Update and Annual Report

This item was pulled by Director Bartlett to thank Lesley Hill, Project Manager, Planning Division, and OCTA staff. Director Bartlett reported that when the steelhead trout issue for the Interstate 5 (I-5) Improvement Project came up at the Environmental Oversight Committee meeting, there were concerns because to mitigate would cost about \$10 million, along with delays to the project. Director Bartlett stated that staff was able to mitigate the issue.

A motion was made by Director Bartlett, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to receive and file as an information item.

5. Measure M2 Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs – 2020 Annual Call for Projects

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines.
- B. Authorize staff to issue the 2020 annual call for projects for the Regional Capacity Program.



5. (Continued)

- C. Authorize staff to issue the 2020 annual call for projects for the Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

6. Cooperative Agreements for Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Projects

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-1419 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the cities of Aliso Viejo and Laguna Niguel for the Aliso Creek Road Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project, with required local matching funds of \$285,994.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-1420 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the cities of Irvine, Laguna Hills, and Lake Forest for the Lake Forest Drive Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project, with required local matching funds of \$360,411.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-1421 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the cities of Costa Mesa, Irvine, and Tustin for the Red Hill Avenue Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project, with required local matching funds of \$419,018.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

7. Consultant Selection for South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve the selection of HDR Engineering, Inc., as the firm to conduct the South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-9-1121 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$749,969, to conduct the South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study for a two-year term.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.



Regular Calendar

8. **Capital Programs Division - Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2018-19 and Planned Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Action Plan Performance Metrics**

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, provided opening remarks and introduced Jim G. Beil, Executive Director, Capital Programs, who provided an update on the Capital Action Plan (CAP) delivery and performance metrics as follows:

Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 Achieved Milestones

- Nineteen of the 25 milestones planned were achieved.
- The final two segments of the I-5 widening between State Route (SR) 73 and El Toro Road are close to construction.
- Final design was completed on the I-5 widening from Alicia Parkway to El Toro Road, and final review and construction contract packaging is being performed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).
- The SR-73 to Oso Parkway segment is construction ready.
- Caltrans will advertise the I-5 widening between SR-73 to Oso Parkway segment contract for construction bids later this month.
- Landscape construction was completed on the northbound SR-57 replacement planting project from Orangethorpe Avenue to Lambert Avenue.
- Construction of the Fullerton Transportation Center elevator update was completed, and the City of Fullerton is currently working to resolve contractor claims and close out of the contract.

FY 2018-19 Missed Milestones

- The I-5 widening from Interstate 405 (I-405) to SR-55 missed one milestone (complete environmental).
- The Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station expansion project missed two milestones (completion design and construction ready).
- The Placentia Metrolink Station missed three milestones (construction ready, advertise construction, and award contract).

FY 2019-20 Performance Metrics

- There are 19 major project milestones planned and these include four major freeway projects planned for environmental clearance.

FY 2019-20 Cost and Performance Metrics Risks

- Construction market trends, third party agreements and approvals, and the program funding capacity outlined in the 2020 STIP are influencing project delivery.
- OCTA is beginning to experience escalated anti-pricing in its contract negotiations.



8. (Continued)

- OCTA is in the final steps to complete the environmental clearance of the I-5 widening from the I-405 to the SR-55, and in June, Caltrans informed OCTA that it is requiring an upgrade of approximately nine miles of concrete median barrier to their new standards. Caltrans also requested a plethora of other betterments in the project scope and the Caltrans Traffic Operations group has expressed opposition to the design previously concurred. Staff is currently assessing the scope and what the potential delay and cost impacts will be.
- Delays to completion of the environmental work of the El Toro Road interchange. OCTA has been requested by the cities of Laguna Hills, Lake Forest, and Laguna Woods (Cities) to delay the project preferred alternative selection while the Cities come to a consensus.

A lengthy discussion ensued as follows:

- Inquiry about the request from Caltrans on the I-5 widening from the I-405 to the SR-55 and the request by the Cities on the El Toro Road interchange project, and why the entities waited so long to bring the information forward.

I-5 Widening from the I-405 to the SR-55

- OCTA staff primarily worked through the Caltrans project manager and the design unit that does oversight, and staff believes that at the very end, there was a review by the Caltrans traffic operations group, who submitted the letter to OCTA.

El Toro Road Interchange Project

- Staff involved the Cities through the process of the environmental document production.
- There is a request from the Cities to meet with Caltrans and OCTA.
- One of the options would originally take approximately eight acres of right-of-way (ROW), and the project team has looked at trying to minimize ROW acquisition. If that alternative were to be chosen, that is a design variation that would be worked on during the next phase.
- The developers for the old Laguna Hills Mall are looking at building approximately 2,000 or 2,100 residential units, and the City of Laguna is giving a little push back.
- Concerns that if the developers wait too long, OCTA's costs are going to escalate to the point where there may be no way to move forward with any of the alternatives.
- This is Project D within Measure M2 and specific improvements will be subject to approved plans developed in cooperation with local jurisdictions and affected communities.



8. (Continued)

- When Caltrans and OCTA meet with the Cities, part of the message will be that staff is trying to fix local street traffic and want the Cities to come to a consensus. If the Cities do not want to fix local street traffic, they need to let both Caltrans and OCTA know in a formal way.
- There are between \$75 million to \$100 million set aside for the project, and if the interchange is \$200 million plus, that will be challenging.
- Request that Caltrans and OCTA stress to the Cities that there is a limited pool of funds and if they wait too long to determine a preferred alternative, they may not get any project as the funds may be allocated to other projects that are higher priority.
- Mr. Johnson, CEO, stated that if there is a good project and it costs more than has been allocated, staff can try to identify ways to fund it.
- There is no set deadline for the Cities to make a decision on a preferred alternative. OCTA has its own self-imposed deadline through previous iterations of a Next 10 Delivery Plan.

Placentia Metrolink Station

- Director Chaffee reported that the Placentia Metrolink Station is key to the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District partnership with the County of Orange that is now ongoing in the City of Placentia (Placentia).
- It has been approximately 15 years that the Placentia has been trying to get a Metrolink stop.
- Other infrastructure improvements include a projected 1600 housing units of which the first 200 are already under construction. It is estimated that about 1,100 jobs will be created in the District by the time the statuib is complete.

No action was taken on this receive and file information item.

Discussion Items

9. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, reported the following:

OC Fair Express –

- Yesterday, OCTA completed the fourth weekend of service on the OC Fair Express.
- Overall, ridership is doing well, with more than 64,000 boardings recorded so far, which is up by about 2.2 percent compared to last year.



9. (Continued)

I-5 Central Project –

- OCTA had a successful demolition of the I-5/Main Street high-occupancy vehicle bridge over the weekend that required overnight closures on Friday and Saturday.
- The process and the traffic detours went well.
- Staff continues to move forward with I-5 Central Project that will add a second carpool lane in each direction on the I-5 between the SR-55 and the SR-57.

Bicycle Safety Workshops –

- OCTA hosted its third bicycle safety workshop on Saturday at the City of Fullerton Main Library.
- This is part of the bicycle safety campaign OCTA launched called “Be Safe Be Seen.”
- Funding for this campaign comes from a grant received from the California Office of Traffic Safety.
- OCTA has two more workshops scheduled this month:
 - August 13th – City of Huntington Beach City Hall (5:30 p.m.)
 - August 31st – City of Tustin Senior Center (9:00 a.m.)

10. Committee Members' Reports

Director Chaffee provided a handout at the dais for a proposed project and reported that on Thursday afternoon, he met with the president of the California State University, Fullerton. Director Chaffee stated that one of the issues the university has is crossing the street on a heavily used, very congested intersection, and part of the proposed project includes a bikeway, possibly a little pocket park, among other things.

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, stated that staff would review the handout and added that one of the key things to figure out is who would be the appropriate project sponsor, and OCTA staff will work with him or his staff to point everyone in the proper direction.

Director Bartlett asked OCTA staff to pass on a compliment to the OC Streetcar contractor, Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, for an outstanding job on placing of signage, posting of detours, having staff direct traffic, and having everything clearly marked. Director Bartlett added that she has not seen any accidents during construction and considering the amount of work that is going on in the area, that is very significant.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, stated that staff would pass her comments to the contractor. He added that there is still a lot of work coming up in 2019 and 2020, he appreciated the early positive feedback, and staff will do its best to keep that up.



11. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2019**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

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Mark A. Murphy
Committee Chairman

Olga Prado
Assistant Clerk of the Board