



Orange County Transportation Authority

Legislative and Communications Committee Agenda

Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Board Room, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California

Committee Members

Donald P. Wagner, Chair
Katrina Foley, Vice Chair
Michael Hennessey
Fred Jung
Janet Nguyen
Mark Tettermer

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Hennessey

Closed Session

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

Special Calendar

1. Washington D.C. Advocate Presentation

Kristin Jacinto

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority's lead federal legislative advocate, Rick Alcalde, and principal legislative advocate, Dan Feliz, of Potomac Partners DC, will provide an overview of proposed transportation-related policies and funding discussions by the Administration and the 119th Congress, strategies for positioning the Orange County Transportation Authority and an outlook on future items of interest.

2. Conference Call with State Legislative Advocate Moira Topp

Moira Topp/Kristin Jacinto

Overview

An update of legislative items in Sacramento will be provided.

3. Committee Meeting 2025 Schedule

Donald P. Wagner

Overview

Committee Chair Wagner will lead a discussion regarding the 2025 meeting schedule for the Legislative and Communications Committee.

Recommendation(s)

Approve the 2025 Legislative and Communications Committee meeting calendar.

Attachments:

[Calendar](#)

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4. 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 2025 Legislative and Communications Committee Roles and Responsibilities.

Attachments:

[Roles and Responsibilities](#)

Consent Calendar (Item 5)

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.

5. Approval of Minutes

Clerk of the Board

Recommendation

Approve the minutes of the November 21, 2024 Legislative and Communications Committee meeting.

Attachments:

[Minutes](#)

Regular Calendar

6. State Legislative Status Report

Clara Brotcke/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. Staff recommend supporting two legislative proposals, one addressing emergency permitting in the coastal zone and the other extending the sales tax exemption for zero-emission transit bus purchases. An update is provided on the renewal of the Senate Transportation Committee Subcommittee on Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Resiliency. Finally, this report includes a summary of a hearing discussing transportation funding sustainability in California.

Recommendation(s)

- A. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 741 (Blakespear, D-Encinitas), which would clarify that a local emergency declared by a municipality, county, or special district qualifies as an emergency for coastal development permits.
- B. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 752 (Richardson, D-Inglewood), which would extend the sunset date on the sales tax exemption for the purchase of

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zero-emission transit buses.

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

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7. Federal Legislative Status Report

Alexis Carter/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. A recommendation is made to approve a set of principles to guide the Orange County Transportation Authority's advocacy efforts related to reauthorization of the surface transportation bill. An update is provided on budget reconciliation, negotiations, spending and a summary is given on the President's recent address to Congress.

Recommendation(s)

Adopt the proposed Principles for Surface Transportation Reauthorization Legislation and direct staff to take necessary and appropriate actions in furtherance of these goals in Washington, D.C.

Attachments:

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[Attachment B](#)

8. Agreement for Public Outreach Services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to State Route 55

Nicolette Wright/Maggie McJilton

Overview

On October 14, 2024, the Orange County Transportation Authority released a request for proposals for public outreach consulting services during the pre-construction and construction phases of the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to State Route 55. Board of Directors' approval is requested to execute an agreement for these services.

Recommendation(s)

A. Approve the selection of Kleinfelder Construction Services, Inc., as the firm to provide public outreach consultant services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to State Route 55.

B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2488 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Kleinfelder

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Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$1,199,260, for a six-year initial term with an option term of up to 24 months, to provide public outreach consultant services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to State Route 55.

Attachments:

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Discussion Items

9. **Public Comments**
10. **Chief Executive Officer's Report**
11. **Committee Members' Reports**
12. **Adjournment**

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

9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California