



Orange County Transportation Authority

Legislative and Communications Committee Agenda

Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Board Room, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California

Committee Members

Donald P. Wagner, Chair
Katrina Foley, Vice Chair
Ashleigh Aitken
Jon Dumitru
Fred Jung
Tam T. Nguyen

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Jung

Closed Session

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

Special Calendar

1. Conference Call with State Legislative Advocate Moira Topp

Moira Topp/Lance M. Larson

Overview

An update of Legislative Items in Sacramento will be provided.

Consent Calendar (Item 2)

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.

2. Approval of Minutes

Clerk of the Board

Recommendation

Approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024 Legislative and Communications Committee Meeting.

Attachments:

[Minutes](#)

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Regular Calendar

3. State Legislative Status Report

Alexis Leicht/Lance M. Larson

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 recommends a support position on three pieces of legislation: the first related to non-emergency medical transportation reimbursements, the second related to developing and distributing a handbook for bicycle and electric bicycle safety, and the third which would make it a conditional prohibition for a person to unlawfully occupy a public space, including public transit stops, open space, and schools. An overview is provided and direction is requested on legislation that would create several reporting requirements for the California State Transportation Secretary and regional governments pertaining to the planning, operations, and management of the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor.

Recommendations

- A. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 2043 (Boerner, D-Solana Beach), which would require Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to reimburse public transit operators for nonmedical transportation and nonemergency medical transportation services.
- B. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 2259 (Boerner, D-Solana Beach), which would require CalSTA to develop and distribute a bicycle safety handbook on or before September 1, 2025.
- C. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 1011 (Jones, R-San Diego), which would make a conditional prohibition for a person to unlawfully occupy a public space, including public transit stops, open spaces, and schools.
- D. Direct staff to engage with the author's office and work with Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor member agencies to help inform and identify any potential improvements to SB 1098 (Blakespear, D-Encinitas).

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

[Attachment B](#)

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4. Federal Legislative Status Report

Clara Brotcke/Lance M. Larson

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. An update is provided on the funding deal reached as it pertains to programs included in the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development appropriations bill. Information is provided on the United States Environmental Protection Agency's proposed disapproval of the South Coast Air Quality Management District contingency measure state implementation plan. A House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee hearing related to the implementation of Buy America is summarized.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Attachments:

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[Attachment D](#)

Discussion Items

5. Angels Express Overview

Ryan Armstrong/Maggie McJilton

Overview

Present an overview on the resumption of Angels Express service and its marketing efforts for the 2024 baseball season.

Attachments:

[Presentation](#)

6. Public Comments

7. Chief Executive Officer's Report

8. Committee Members' Reports

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9. **Adjournment**

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

9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California