



Orange County Transportation Authority

Legislative and Communications Committee Agenda

Thursday, April 18, 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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Written Comment

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Aitken

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 (Items 2 and 3)

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

Overview

Approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024 Legislative and Communications Committee Meeting.

Attachments:

[Minutes](#)

3. Amendment to Agreement for Customer Information Center

Ryan Maloney/Maggie McJilton

Overview

On April 26, 2021, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved an agreement with Alta Resources to operate the Customer Information Center for a three-year initial term and two, two-year option terms. Board of Directors' approval is requested to exercise the first option term effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

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Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-0-2698 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Alta Resources to exercise the first option term, in the amount of \$2,049,987, to continue providing customer information center call services, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$5,030,427.

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

Regular Calendar

4. 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 is recommending an oppose position on legislation related to allocation prohibitions for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program. Staff recommends a support position on legislation related to penalties for battery against transit employees. A summary is provided of legislation that would authorize taxing authority in the Bay Area for transportation purposes and explore the consolidation of transit agencies in that area. Information is provided on a coalition letter sent opposing cuts to a grant program for certain sustainable transportation projects.

Recommendations

- A. Adopt an OPPOSE position on AB 2535 (Bonta, D-Oakland), which would prohibit the California Transportation Commission from allocating Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funding to a project that expands the highway footprint in certain communities.
- B. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 2824 (McCarty, D-Sacramento), which would expand the application of enhanced penalties for battery against a transit operator or ticketing agent to also apply to transit employees and contractors of a public transportation provider.

Attachments:

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[Attachment B](#)

[Attachment C](#)

[Attachment D](#)

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5. 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. A summary is given of the President's fiscal year 2025 budgetary request and the various funding and policy provisions proposed. Information is provided on a regional letter submitted on the United States Environmental Protection Agency's proposed disapproval of the South Coast Contingency Measure State Implementation Plan. A House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hearing related to Department of Transportation discretionary grants is summarized.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

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[Attachment C](#)

Discussion Items

6. Public Comments

7. Chief Executive Officer's Report

8. Committee Members' Reports

9. Adjournment

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

9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2024

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California