

Legislative and Communications Committee Meeting

Committee Members

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Headquarters
550 South Main Street
Board Room – Conf. Room 07
Orange, California
Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Hennessey

1. Public Comments

Special Calendar

2. Conference Call with State Legislative Advocate Moira Topp Moira Topp/Lance M. Larson

An update of legislative items in Sacramento will be provided.



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Consent Calendar (Items 3 and 4)

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.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the Legislative and Communications Committee meeting of February 21, 2019.

4. Agreement for Public Outreach for Rail Capital Projects Calina North/Lance M. Larson

Overview

Consultant services are needed to support public communications and community outreach support for five rail capital projects, other rail projects as part of the Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion Program, and for additional Metrolink projects in Orange County. Proposals were received in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's procurement procedures for professional and technical services. Board of Directors' approval is requested to select a firm to provide public outreach for the rail capital projects.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the selection of Katz & Associates, Inc., as the firm to provide public outreach for the rail capital projects.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-8-2074 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Katz & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$548,981, for a four-year initial term, through April 30, 2023, with one, one-year option term to provide public outreach for the rail capital projects.



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Regular Calendar

5. State Legislative Status Report

Kristin Essner/Lance M. Larson

Overview

An amendment is proposed to the Orange County Transportation Authority's 2019-20 State Legislative Platform to sponsor legislation related to the Active Transportation Program. A support position is recommended on legislation related to sales tax revenues from online sales. An oppose position is recommended on a bill related to redirecting funds for complete streets purposes and a bill to reprioritize transportation funds if greenhouse gas emission reduction targets are not being met. An update is provided on the high-speed rail project and an overview is provided of a legislative hearing on the implementation of SB 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017).

Recommendations

- A. Amend the 2019-20 Orange County Transportation Authority State Legislative Platform to sponsor legislation to streamline the administration of the Active Transportation Program and increase regional oversight.
- B. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 147 (Burke, D-Inglewood), which would authorize the collection of sales and use taxes from online retailers pursuant to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.
- C. Adopt an OPPOSE position on SB 127 (Wiener, D-San Francisco), which would direct highway funding to bike and pedestrian projects and reprioritize multiple transportation programs toward a complete streets approach.
- D. Adopt an OPPOSE position on SB 526 (Allen, D-Santa Monica), which would reprioritize transportation funding if a region is not on track to meet its regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.



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6. Federal Legislative Status Report

Jaymal Patel/Lance M. Larson

Overview

A support position is recommended for a bill related to the streamlining of the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program. An overview of the omnibus appropriations bill and the President's budget request is provided, as well as summaries of transportation-related hearings.

Recommendation

Adopt a SUPPORT position on S. 353 (Cornyn, R-TX), which would help streamline the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program under the Department of Transportation.

Discussion Items

- 7. Chief Executive Officer's Report
- 8. Committee Members' Reports
- 9. Closed Session

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

10. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.