



AGENDA

Legislative and Communications Committee Meeting

Committee Members

Lisa A. Bartlett, Chairwoman
Gene Hernandez, Vice Chairman
Barbara Delgleize
Michael Hennessey
Mark A. Murphy
Harry S. Sidhu
Donald P. Wagner

Orange County Transportation Authority
Headquarters
Conference Room 07
550 South Main Street
Orange, California

Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Vice Chairman Hernandez

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.

3. Committee Meeting 2021 Calendar
Lisa A. Bartlett

Overview

Committee Chairwoman Bartlett will lead a discussion regarding the 2021 meeting schedule for the Legislative and Communications Committee. The proposed 2021 dates and times for this Committee is provided in Attachment A.

Recommendation

Approve the 2021 Legislative and Communications Committee meetings calendar.



- 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. These roles and responsibilities are presented for discussion in Attachment A.

Recommendation

Approve the 2021 Legislative and Communications Committee Roles and Responsibilities.

Consent Calendar (Items 5 and 6)

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**

Approval of the minutes of the Legislative and Communications Committee meeting of January 21, 2021.

- 6. Agreement for On-Call Planning Studies Public Outreach Consultant Services**
Marissa Espino/Maggie McJilton

Overview

On October 21, 2020, the Orange County Transportation Authority released a request for proposals for public outreach consulting services for upcoming planning studies. 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 execute an agreement for these services.



6. (Continued)

Recommendations

- A. Approve the selection of Arellano Associates, LLC as the firm to provide public outreach consulting services for upcoming planning studies.

- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2622 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Arellano Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$275,000 for a two-year initial term with one, one-year option term, to provide public outreach consulting services for upcoming planning studies.

Regular Calendar

7. 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. Information is provided on proposed budget trailer bill language related to statutory relief measures for transit agencies. An update is provided on the State's ongoing discussions related to the vaccine distribution plan and advocacy efforts to designate transportation workers as a priority group in the vaccine distribution plan. As discussions related to post-pandemic recovery continue, an overview of a letter to the President from the Governor regarding economic stimulus priorities is provided. An update is also given regarding legislative leadership changes.

Recommendation

Support the intent of the Governor's proposed budget trailer bill language to extend and expand regulatory relief measures related to the Transportation Development Act while continuing the work to improve the effectiveness of the proposal.



8. Federal Legislative Status Report

Dustin J. Sifford/Lance M. Larson

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority provides regular updates to the Legislative and Communications Committee on policy issues directly impacting its programs, projects, and operations. An update is provided on the initial actions of both the new Presidential Administration and the 117th Congress. Details are provided on the potential for another round of economic stimulus funding. An overview is provided on the Executive Orders signed by President Biden, and the newly appointed transportation leaders within the new Administration. An update is provided on the members of the Orange County delegation serving on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, as well a summary of a hearing on protecting essential transportation workers.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Discussion Items

9. Chief Executive Officer's Report

10. Committee Members' Reports

11. Closed Session

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

12. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 500 South Main Street, Orange, California.