



AGENDA

Legislative and Communications Committee Meeting

Committee Members

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

Orange County Transportation Authority
Headquarters
Conference Room 07
550 South Main Street
Orange, California
Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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Call to Order

Roll Call

1. Public Comments

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Hennessey

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.

Consent Calendar (Item 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.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the Legislative and Communications Committee meeting of February 18, 2021.



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. Positions are recommended on two legislative proposals including one that will remove the sunset date on existing design-build authority for highway projects and another that seeks to require metropolitan planning organizations to meet vehicle miles traveled reduction targets as part of the regional transportation plan. An update is provided on an audit of the California Air Resources Board and its administration of transportation programs intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As discussions related to post-pandemic recovery continue, an overview of the most recently passed legislative relief package and advocacy efforts regarding vaccine prioritization for public transit workers is given.

Recommendations

- A. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 1499 (Daly, D-Anaheim), which would remove the sunset date on existing design-build authority for highway projects.
- B. Adopt an OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED position on SB 261 (Allen, D-Santa Monica), which would require metropolitan planning organizations to meet vehicle miles traveled reduction targets as part of the regional transportation plan.

5. Federal Legislative Status Report

Dustin J. Sifford/Lance M. Larson

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority regularly updates the Legislative and Communications Committee on policy issues directly impacting its programs, projects, and operations. An update is provided on Congressional action to enact the President's \$1.9 trillion stimulus funding package. An overview is provided of two transportation-related hearings, one on the reauthorization of federal transportation programs and the other on maintaining equity in transportation safety enforcement.



5. (Continued)

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

6. Agreement for Public Communications and Community Outreach Consultant Services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5

Calina North/Maggie McJilton

Overview

On April 27, 2020, the Board of Directors approved the release of a request for proposals for public outreach consulting services during the pre-construction and construction phases of the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5. 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.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the selection of Costin Public Outreach Group, as the firm to provide public outreach consulting services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2104 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Costin Public Outreach Group, in the amount of \$1,684,990 for a five-year initial term, effective through September 30, 2025, with an option term of up to 36 months, to provide public outreach consulting services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5.

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 15, 2021** at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.