



# **AGENDA**

## ***Legislative and Communications Committee Meeting***

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### **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, May 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

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### **Guidance for Public Access to the Board of Directors/Committee Meeting**

On March 12, 2020 and March 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom enacted Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 authorizing a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically or electronically to all members of the public to promote social distancing due to the state and local State of Emergency resulting from the threat of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, and in order to ensure the safety of the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) and staff and for the purposes of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at public meetings of the OCTA will not be allowed during the time period covered by the above-referenced Executive Orders.

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## **Guidance for Public Access to the Board of Directors/Committee Meeting (Continued)**

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If you wish to comment on a specific agenda Item, please identify the Item number in your email. All public comments that are timely received will be part of the public record and distributed to the Board. Public comments will be made available to the public upon request.

In order to ensure that staff has the ability to provide comments to the Board Members in a timely manner, please submit your public comments **90 minutes prior to the start time of the Board and Committee meeting date.**

### **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Sidhu

#### **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.

### **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 April 15, 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. A position is recommended on legislation that would allow cities or counties eligible for local streets and roads funding to jointly propose projects for funding. An update is provided on fiscal year 2021-22 state budget discussions and the priorities being pursued by the Orange County Transportation Authority and its transportation partners.

#### **Recommendation**

Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 640 (Becker, D-San Mateo), which would allow cities or counties eligible for local streets and roads funding to jointly propose projects for funding.

### **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 the agency's programs, projects, and operations. An update on the President's infrastructure plan and the response from Republicans in Congress is provided. A summary of a related hearing on high-speed rail service is included. The report also details potential environmental policy changes that may affect the agency. In addition, several Congressional transportation-related hearings are summarized on various policy issues to give a high-level overview of the everchanging policy environment in our nation's capital.

#### **Recommendation**

Receive and file as an information item.



## **Discussion Items**

**6. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Workshop Follow-up**

Victor Velasquez/Andrew Oftelie

Budget staff is available for follow-up questions, issues, or concerns that may have arisen at and/or since the budget workshop conducted with the Board on May 10, 2021.

**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, June 17, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.