

Orange County Transportation Authority Board Meeting Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters Board Room - Conference Room 07-08 550 South Main Street Orange, California **Monday, November 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** 

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## **Call to Order**

Invocation Director Bartlett

Pledge of Allegiance Director Wagner

## **Special Calendar**

There are no Special Calendar matters.



## Consent Calendar (Items 1 through 14)

All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved in one motion unless a Board Member or a member of the public requests separate action on a specific item.

## Orange County Transportation Authority Consent Calendar Matters

## 1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting minutes of October 25, 2021.

## 2. Ralph M. Brown Act Board of Directors Resolution for Teleconference Meetings

Andrea West/Jennifer L. Bergener

#### Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors holds regular meetings to effect business and act on measures related to its programs, projects, and services. In order to comply with new provisions related to the Ralph M. Brown Act, a resolution must be adopted.

## Recommendation

Adopt Board of Directors Resolution 2021-090.

3. Coronavirus Update

Darrell E. Johnson

#### Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority continues to take proactive measures in response to the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic in relation to transportation services, programs, and projects. The response efforts are centered around agency core values, helping to ensure the health and safety of the public and employees while continuing to provide essential transportation services and deliver critical infrastructure improvements. An overview and update on these efforts is presented.



## Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

#### 4. Approval of Board Members Travel

Approval of Board Members Travel is requested for Chairman Andrew Do, Vice-Chairman Mark A. Murphy, and Finance and Administration Committee Chairman Michael Hennessey to travel with Orange County Transportation Authority Chief Executive Officer, Darrell Johnson, and Finance and Administration staff to New York, NY on December 1-4, 2021, to meet with Moody's Investor Services, Fitch Ratings, Standard & Poor's, and other interested parties.

5. Evaluation of Independent Auditor and Consideration of Contract Amendment to Extend Audit Services through the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Janet Sutter

#### **Overview**

On January 28, 2019, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved an agreement with Crowe LLP, to provide independent annual financial auditing services for a three-year initial term with one, two-year option term. The Internal Audit Department has prepared an evaluation of Crowe LLP, and based on the evaluation, is recommending continuing the auditing services. Board of Directors' approval is requested to exercise the option term effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024.

#### Recommendations

- Α. Approve draft evaluation questions and comments compiled by the Internal Audit Department for the Finance and Administration Committee.
- Β. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-8-1911 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Crowe LLP, to exercise the two-year option term, in the amount of \$592,200, to provide the annual financial and agreed-upon procedures audits for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022 and 2023. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$1,497,861.



## 6. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Internal Audit Plan, First Quarter Update Janet Sutter

### Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors adopted the Orange County Transportation Authority Internal Audit Department Fiscal Year 2021-22 Internal Audit Plan on August 9, 2021. This report provides an update of activities for the first quarter of the fiscal year.

#### Recommendation

Receive and file the first quarter update to the Orange County Transportation Authority Internal Audit Department Fiscal Year 2021-22 Internal Audit Plan as an information item.

7. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - September 2021 Robert Davis/Andrew Oftelie

#### Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority has a comprehensive investment and debt program to fund its immediate and long-term cash flow demands. Each month, the Treasurer submits a report detailing investment allocation, performance, compliance, outstanding debt balances, and credit ratings for the Orange County Transportation Authority's debt program. This report is for the month ending September 30, 2021.

#### Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

8. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Fourth Quarter Budget Status Report Anthony Baruch/Andrew Oftelie

#### Overview

Orange County Transportation Authority staff has implemented the fiscal year 2020-21 budget. This report summarizes the material variances between the budget and actual revenues and expenses through the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2020-21.



## Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

9. First Quarter Fiscal Year 2021-22 Procurement Status Report Pia Veesapen/Andrew Oftelie

### Overview

The first quarter procurement status report summarizes the procurement activities for information purposes to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. This report focuses on procurement activity from July 1 through September 30, 2021, that was approved by the Board of Directors during this period. The first quarter procurement status report also projects future procurement activity for the second quarter as identified in the fiscal year 2021-22 budget.

## Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

10. Property Insurance Policy Renewal Al Gorski/Maggie McJilton

## Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority holds a property insurance policy with Zurich Insurance Company. This policy is scheduled to expire on December 1, 2021, and a renewal is necessary to maintain coverage.

#### Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. A48889, in an amount not to exceed \$735,000, to Marsh Risk and Insurance Services, Inc., to purchase property insurance on behalf of the Orange County Transportation Authority for the renewal of the coverage for the period of December 1, 2021 to December 1, 2022.



## **11.** Amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways Stephanie Chhan/Kia Mortazavi

## Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority administers the Master Plan of Arterial Highways, including the review and approval of amendments requested by local jurisdictions. The City of Orange is considering the recurring seasonal closure of Glassell Street to operate the Orange Plaza Paseo. An amendment to remove Glassell Street from the Master Plan of Arterial Highways is presented for the Regional Planning and Highways Committee and Board of Directors' consideration. An update on pending Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments is also provided.

## Recommendations

- A. Approve an amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways to remove Glassell Street between Walnut Avenue and La Veta Avenue from the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways.
- В. As applicable, direct the Executive Director of Planning, or his designee. file Notice Exemption the to а of from California Environmental Quality the Act in support of Board of Directors' action.

## 12. Regional Planning Update

Warren Whiteaker/Kia Mortazavi

#### Overview

Updates on regional planning matters are provided regularly to highlight transportation planning issues impacting the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Southern California region. This update focuses on the Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program of 2021, preparations for the 2024 Connect SoCal, and the Orange County Council of Governments' exploration of alternative regional planning governance models.

## Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.



# Orange County Local Transportation Authority Consent Calendar Matters

13. Contract Change Orders for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project from State Route 73 to Interstate 605 Jeff Mills/James G. Beil

## Overview

On November 14, 2016, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved Agreement No. C-5-3843 with OC 405 Partners, а ioint venture. for the design and construction of the Interstate 405 Improvement Project from State Route 73 to Interstate 605. Contract change orders are needed at this time to compensate OC 405 Partners for additional design and construction efforts related to providing additional environmental monitoring services, and fencing and landscaping in the City of Seal Beach.

## Recommendations

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 68.3 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of \$155,000, to provide additional environmental monitoring services.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 115 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of \$550,000, to provide additional fencing and landscaping between Interstate 405 and Lampson Avenue in the City of Seal Beach.



## 14. Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Update Alicia Yang/Kia Mortazavi

## Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority has been working with local cities, the County of Orange, and the California Department of Transportation to fund and implement key regional traffic signal synchronization projects. This report provides an update on the Measure M2 Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program, including results from recently completed projects.

## Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

## **Regular Calendar**

## **Orange County Transportation Authority Regular Calendar Matters**

**15.** Active Transportation Program Biannual Update Peter Sotherland/Kia Mortazavi

## Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority coordinates regional active transportation efforts in Orange County through planning, grant funding, and safety programs. An update on recent and upcoming activities is provided for review.

## Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.



# Orange County Local Transportation Authority Regular Calendar Matters

**16.** Interstate 405 Improvement Project Update Jeff Mills/James G. Beil

### Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority is currently underway with the implementation of the Interstate 405 Improvement Project. This report provides a project update.

### Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

## **Discussion Items**

**17.** Update on Interstate 5/EI Toro Road Interchange Project Niall Barrett/James G. Beil

Staff will provide a project update.

18. 2021 Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer Initiatives and Action Plan - Third Quarter Progress Report Darrell E. Johnson

On January 25, 2021, the Orange County Transportation Authority's Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer identified a set of priority goals and a supporting Action Plan. Quarterly progress reports are prepared sharing activities and accomplishments. This report summarizes the third quarter activities of calendar year, July through September 2021.

#### **19.** Public Comments

At this time, members of the public may address the Board of Directors regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Directors, but no action may be taken on off agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless different time limits are set by the Chairman subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.



## 20. Chief Executive Officer's Report

21. Directors' Reports

### 22. Closed Session

A Closed Session will be held as follows:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Conference with General Counsel Existing Litigation St. Andrew's by the Sea United Methodist Church v. Orange County Transportation Authority, et al. OCSC Case No. 30-2018-01018320.
- B. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Conference with General Counsel - Existing Litigation - J.L Kids, LLC
  v. California Department of Transportation, et al. - OCSC Case No. 30-2018-01014871.
- C. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss negotiations with Teamsters Local 952 regarding the coach operators. The lead negotiator for the Orange County Transportation Authority is Maggie McJilton, Executive Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development, and Teamsters Local 952 representative.
- D. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 to discuss collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the Transportation Communications International Union regarding the parts/stock room clerks and facilities maintenance employee unit. The lead negotiator for the Orange County Transportation Authority is Maggie McJilton, Executive Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development, and Transportation Communications International Union representative.

## 23. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held at 9:00 Monday, November 22, 2021, a.m. on at the Countv Transportation Authority Orange Headquarters, Board Room - Conference Room 07-08, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.