



AGENDA

Transit Committee Meeting

Committee Members

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Orange County Transportation Authority
Headquarters
Conference Room 07
550 South Main Street
Orange, California
Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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(Continued)**

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Sarmiento

1. Public Comments

Special Calendar

There are no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 8)

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.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of June 10, 2021.



- 3. Cooperative Agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for the Irvine Station Improvements Project**
Jason Lee/James G. Beil

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority, in coordination with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, is working in cooperation to implement improvement at the Irvine Station. A cooperative agreement is necessary to define roles, responsibilities, and funding for the preliminary engineering and environmental phase of the Irvine Station Improvements Project.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3425 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for the preliminary engineering and environmental phase of the Irvine Station Improvements Project.

- 4. Consultant Selection for Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project**
Jason Lee/James G. Beil

Overview

On October 26, 2020, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved the release of a request for proposals for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project. Board of Directors' approval is requested for the selection of a firm to perform the required work.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the selection of AECOM Technical Services, Inc., as the firm to provide preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2604 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project.



5. Award of Sole Source Agreement for the Purchase of Bus Engines
Dayle Withers/Jennifer L. Bergener

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority operates a fleet of 173 New Flyer Xcelsior compressed natural gas-powered buses, model year 2016, that are due for midlife overhaul maintenance, which includes engine replacement. The proposed replacement engine has been certified by the California Air Resources Board as a near-zero-emission engine, which will further decrease the emissions profile of the entire bus fleet. Only one engine manufacturer is certified to meet these emissions standards. Board of Directors' approval is requested to execute a sole source agreement.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C-1-3417 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Cummins Pacific, LLC, in the amount of \$12,525,823, for the purchase of 173 Cummins L9N, 8.9-liter, compressed natural gas-powered engines.

6. Measure M2 Community-Based Transit Circulators Program Project V Ridership Report
Alfonso Hernandez/Kia Mortazavi

Overview

Measure M2 includes a program to fund Community-Based Transit Circulators known as Project V. The goal of the program is to provide local transit services designed to complement regional transit services. Funding is awarded to local jurisdictions through a competitive call for projects and local jurisdictions then implement the awarded services. Ridership reports for Project V-funded services are presented to the Board of Directors twice annually. This item provides the ridership report for the second and third quarters of fiscal year 2020-21, from October 2020 through March 2021. It also provides a brief update on Project V program-related activities.

Recommendations

- A. Receive and file Project V Ridership Report as an information item.
- B. Release contingency for the award of \$171,810 in M2 Project V capital funds for Dana Point's replacement vehicle.



7. August 2021 Bus Service Change
Jorge Duran/Kia Mortazavi

Overview

California is emerging from the coronavirus pandemic and the stay-at-home orders that were put in place to protect public health are being phased out. The return of economic activity is expected to increase demand for bus transit service. In response, the Orange County Transportation Authority is implementing a mid-summer service change. The proposed August 2021 bus service change represents the largest increase in service since the start of the pandemic. The additional service is intended to address expected ridership increases related to the return of in-person instruction for schools, colleges, and universities, and the resurgence of hospitality industry activities.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

8. Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program Call for Projects
Jennifer Haith Farinas/Kia Mortazavi

Overview

The Orange Transportation Authority offers grant opportunities to non-profit organizations and local public agencies to help meet the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. The Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program augments existing OC Bus fixed-route service, OC ACCESS, and the Senior Mobility Program in Orange County. The Board of Directors is requested to approve the guidelines and release the 2021 Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program call for projects.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the guidelines for the Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program call for projects.
- B. Direct staff to issue the Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program call for projects using up to \$4 million in local funding.



Regular Calendar

9. OC Streetcar Project Quarterly Update

Ross Lew/James G. Beil

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority is implementing the OC Streetcar project, and updates are provided to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. This report provides an update on OC Streetcar project activities from April 2021 through June 2021.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

10. Contract Change Order for Exploratory Potholing Allowance for the Construction of the OC Streetcar Project

Ross Lew/James G. Beil

Overview

On September 24, 2018, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors authorized Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, for construction of the OC Streetcar project. A contract change order is required for work to address exploratory potholing.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 56.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$1,100,000, for additional exploratory potholing allowance for the construction of the OC Streetcar project.



11. OC Flex Microtransit Service Pilot Program Update

Jack Garate/Jennifer L. Bergener

Overview

In October 2018, the Orange County Transportation Authority initiated a microtransit service pilot program, branded as OC Flex, operating in two areas of Orange County where transit demand does not support traditional fixed-route service. The pilot program is intended to match resources with changing demand, increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the Orange County transit system. This report provides an overview of the OC Flex demand and performance during the third year of operation and highlights challenges faced due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

12. Youth Ride Free Promotional Pass Expanded to Include 18 and Under

Ryan Maloney/Maggie McJilton

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority plans to launch a promotional free pass for youth ages 13 and under in September 2021, funded by Low Carbon Transit Operation Program grant funds. Based on feedback from the Board of Directors, staff is recommending expanding the eligible age of the pass to include ages 18 and under. The revised promotional “Youth Ride Free” pass would be available to all youth riders (six to 18 years old), from September 2021 to February 2022.

Recommendations

- A. Expand the eligible age of the current “13 and Under Ride Free” youth fare promotion from six to 13 years old to include ages 14 to 18 years old.
- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments, as well as execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the above recommendation.



Discussion Items

13. OC Bus Service Update

Johnny Dunning, Jr./Jennifer L. Bergener

Staff will provide an update on the OC Bus Service.

14. Future of Transit Workshop 2 Preview

Kurt Brotcke/Kia Mortazavi

The second workshop will focus on specific corridors for capital and other improvements that would reduce passenger travel time and increase ridership. Staff will provide a brief outline of topics for the workshops.

15. Chief Executive Officer's Report

16. Committee Members' Reports

17. Closed Session

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

18. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.