



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, September 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Delgleize

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 (Items 3 through 5)

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 July 15, 2021.



4. Agreement for Public Outreach Consultant Services during the Environmental Phase of the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico

Fernando Chavarria/Maggie McJilton

Overview

On June 1, 2021, the Orange County Transportation Authority released a request for proposals for public outreach consulting services during the Environmental Phase of the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from the San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico. 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 McCormick-Busse, Inc., doing business as MBI Media, as the firm to provide public outreach consulting services during the Environmental Phase of the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from the San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico.

- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-1-3353 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and McCormick-Busse, Inc., doing business as MBI Media, in the amount of \$298,450, for a three-year initial term, effective through October 31, 2024, with an option term of up to 24 months, to provide public outreach consulting services during the Environmental Phase of the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from the San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico.



5. 2021 Title VI Plan Triennial Report

Christina Perez/Maggie McJilton

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority is required to submit a Title VI Plan Report reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors to the Federal Transit Administration's Regional Office of Civil Rights once every three years. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 provides that "no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." To fulfill this basic civil rights mandate, each federal agency that provides financial assistance for any program is authorized and directed by the United States Department of Justice to apply provisions of Title VI to each program by issuing generally applicable rules, regulations, or requirements.

Recommendations

- A. Review, approve, and direct staff to submit the 2021 Title VI Plan Triennial Report to the Federal Transit Administration's Regional Office of Civil Rights on or before October 1, 2021.
- B. Review and approve the results of the Service Standards and Policies monitoring in Section 4 of the 2021 Title VI Plan Triennial Report.

Regular Calendar

6. 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. An update is given on the actions related to the end of session for the State Legislature. This includes status updates and summaries on state budget negotiations related to transportation and on bills the Orange County Transportation Authority has taken positions on, has a particular interest in, and bills related to public meetings.



6. (Continued)

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

7. 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 overview is provided of the infrastructure legislation the Senate passed that also reauthorizes federal surface transportation programs for the next five years. The staff report outlines the next steps for this bill and the other issues affecting the federal transportation funding landscape.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Discussion Items

8. Chief Executive Officer's Report

9. Committee Members' Reports

10. Closed Session

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

11. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.