



# **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, October 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

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### **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Hennessey

#### **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 September 16, 2021.

### **Regular Calendar**

#### **4. Draft Revisions to the Orange County Transportation Authority's 2021-22 State and Federal Legislative Platforms** Alexis Leicht/Lance M. Larson

##### **Overview**

Halfway through each legislative session, staff conducts a refresh to the Orange County Transportation Authority's Legislative Platforms to ensure updates are provided on relevant issues that are anticipated to be of discussion for the upcoming year. Initial draft revisions to the Orange County Transportation Authority's 2021-22 State and Federal Legislative Platforms have been prepared for consideration by the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. Before a final draft is considered for adoption, these drafts will be revised as a result of feedback from the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors, as well as further internal staff input.

##### **Recommendation**

Direct staff to incorporate the recommended revisions to the 2021-22 Orange County Transportation Authority State and Federal Legislative Platforms and seek further feedback from the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors, with subsequent drafts being brought forward for final consideration and adoption later this year.



**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 overview on the federal transportation funding picture is provided, specifically the short-term funding extensions necessitated by the protracted negotiations on the Senate-passed infrastructure legislation that also reauthorizes federal surface transportation programs for the next five years. The staff report outlines the next steps in the development of a long-term transportation bill and the impact of the statutory debt limit on the increasingly complicated federal transportation funding landscape.

**Recommendation**

Receive and file as an information item.

**6. Update on Diversity Outreach and Inclusion Efforts**

Ted P. Nguyen/Maggie McJilton

**Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority is continuing its effort to conduct comprehensive and meaningful outreach to Orange County's growing diverse communities. This report provides an update on the progress of the diversity and inclusion efforts as well as plans to meet the future needs of community members who are increasingly diverse.

**Recommendation**

Receive and file as an information item.

**Discussion Items**

**7. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

**8. Committee Members' Reports**

**9. Closed Session**

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.



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### **10. Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.