



# **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, November 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Murphy

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 6)**

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 October 21, 2021.

**4. Performance Evaluation of Federal Legislative Advocate, Potomac Partners, DC**

Kristin Jacinto/Lance M. Larson

**Overview**

The firm Potomac Partners, DC provides federal legislative advocacy services for the Orange County Transportation Authority in Washington, DC. A staff evaluation of the services provided this legislative session is presented to the Board of Directors for consideration and further comment.

**Recommendation**

Receive and file the staff evaluation of the federal advocacy services of Potomac Partners, DC as an information item and provide any additional comments.

**5. Performance Evaluation of State Legislative Advocate, Topp Strategies**

Kristin Jacinto/Lance M. Larson

**Overview**

The firm Topp Strategies provides state legislative advocacy services for the Orange County Transportation Authority. A staff evaluation of the services provided this legislative session is presented to the Board of Directors for consideration and further comment.

**Recommendation**

Receive and file the staff evaluation of the state advocacy services of Topp Strategies as an information item and provide any additional comments.



**6. Status Report of State Legislation Enacted in 2021**

Dustin J. Sifford/Lance M. Larson

**Overview**

At the conclusion of the 2021 state legislative session, 770 bills were signed into law by Governor Newsom and chaptered by the Secretary of State, while 66 bills were vetoed. A report containing an analysis of legislation relevant to the Orange County Transportation Authority is provided.

**Recommendation**

Receive and file as an information item.

**Regular Calendar**

**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 update is provided on the House's approval of the Senate-passed infrastructure legislation, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which also reauthorizes federal surface transportation programs for the next five years. This report outlines the benefits of the bill and the next steps for its implementation.

**Recommendation**

Receive and file as an information item.

**8. 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 State and Federal Legislative Platforms to ensure updates are provided on relevant issues that are anticipated to be of discussion for the upcoming year. The final drafts of the revised 2021-22 Orange County Transportation Authority State and Federal Legislative Platforms are submitted for consideration and adoption by the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors.



**Recommendations**

- A. Adopt the revised final draft of the 2021-22 State and Federal Legislative Platforms.
- B. Direct staff to distribute the adopted platforms to elected officials, advisory committees, local governments, affected agencies, the business community, and other interested parties.

**Discussion Items**

**9. 2021 Attitudinal and Awareness Survey Results**

Alice T. Rogan/Maggie McJilton

A countywide survey of Orange County residents was recently conducted to gain an understanding of current attitudes and awareness of the Orange County Transportation Authority and its services, projects, and programs, as well as transportation priorities for the development of the 2022 Long Range Transportation Plan. True North Research, Inc. will present the results of the 2021 Countywide Attitudinal and Awareness Survey.

**10. Marketing and Communications Update**

Ryan Armstrong/Maggie McJilton

Staff will present an update on marketing programs for OCTA's multimodal transportation services and programs.

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

**12. Committee Members' Reports**

**13. Closed Session**

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

**14. Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.