



Call to Order

The October 23, 2023, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and affiliated agencies was called to order by Chairman Hernandez at 9:00 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Directors Present: Gene Hernandez, Chairman
Tam Nguyen, Vice Chairman
Doug Chaffee
Jose Diaz
Andrew Do
Jon Dumitru
Jamey Federico
Katrina Foley
Patrick Harper
Steve Jones
Fred Jung
Farrah N. Khan
Jessie Lopez
Vicente Sarmiento
Donald P. Wagner

Directors Absent: Brian Goodell
Michael Hennessey

Staff Present: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Gina Ramirez, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Principal
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist
James Donich, General Counsel

Special Calendar

1. Presentation of Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees of the Month

Resolutions of Appreciation were presented to Terrall Turner, Coach Operator, Rogelio Gutierrez, Maintenance, and Lauren Soto, Administration, as Employees of the Month for October 2023.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 13)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Wagner, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

3. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Independent Annual Financial Auditing Services

Director Wagner pulled this item and requested a breakdown of the cost to do a full audit in the Request for Proposals.

A motion was made by Director Wagner, seconded by Director Jones, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 3-2931 to select an independent public accounting firm to provide annual financial and compliance audits and agreed-upon procedures reviews.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 3-2931 for independent annual financial auditing services effective April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2027, with one, two-year option term.

4. Agreement with the California Highway Patrol for Enforcement Services on the 405 Express Lanes

Director Wagner pulled this item and inquired about California Highway Patrol overtime hours.

A motion was made by Director Wagner, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-3-2860, between the Orange County Transportation Authority and California Highway Patrol, for a contract term of ten years, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, for toll and traffic enforcement services on the 405 Express Lanes.

5. SB1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) State of Good Repair Claims for Fiscal Year 2023-24

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Wagner, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the filing of SB 1 State of Good Repair claims, in the amount of \$6,877,180, or up to the actual allocation published by the State Controller's Office, to fund capital projects approved by the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

6. State Transit Assistance Fund Claims for Fiscal Year 2023-24

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Wagner, and declared passed by those present, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-056 to authorize the filing of State Transit Assistance Fund claims, in the amount of \$52,744,419, or up to the actual allocation published by the State Controller's Office, to support public transportation.

7. Federal Legislative Status Report

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Wagner, and declared passed by those present to receive and file as an information item.

8. Draft Revisions to the Orange County Transportation Authority's 2023-24 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

Director Foley asked for clarification if her requested changes were implemented.

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), responded the changes will be implemented when the item return for approval.

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Wagner, and declared passed by those present, to direct staff to integrate the recommended revisions to the 2023-24 Orange County Transportation Authority State and Federal Legislative Platforms and seek further feedback from the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors and internal staff, with subsequent drafts being brought forward for final consideration and adoption later this year.

9. Diversity Outreach Update

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Wagner, and declared passed by those present to receive and file as an information item.

10. Update to Orange County Transportation Authority Limited English Proficiency Plan

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Wagner, and declared passed by those present, to review and approve Orange County Transportation Authority's updated 2023 Limited English Proficiency Plan.

11. Agreement for the Rider Validation System

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Wagner, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve the selection of INIT Innovations in Transportation, Inc., as the firm to develop and implement a rider validation system for the Orange County Transportation Authority's fixed-route bus system.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-2-2980 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and INIT Innovations in Transportation, Inc., in the amount of \$11,627,150, for a five-year initial term with one, five-year option term for the development and implementation of a rider validation system for the Orange County Transportation Authority's fixed-route bus system.

12. Approval to Award Agreement for Lot Sweeping Services

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Wagner, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-3-2835 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Superior Sweeping, Ltd., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$374,592, for an initial term of two years with a one-year option term, to provide lot sweeping services.

13. OC Streetcar Project Quarterly Update

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, explained that staff requested to pull this item. Ross Lew, Program Manager, narrated a video that displayed the status of 4th Street.

James Donich, General Counsel, provided an update on this item, noted that OCTA is currently in active litigation, and cautioned the Board on any comments made in the open session.

Public comments were received by:

- Renee Lancaster, CEO of Nova Academy
- Mialunne Rodriguez
- Ella Smaw
- Miguel Rios
- Melissa Mills
- Melissa Carillo
- Bryan Munoz
- Anabel Pineda
- Loris Pesante
- Cecila Andrade
- Enrique Marban
- Paul Hyek

No action was taken on this receive and file information item.

Regular Calendar

14. Interstate 405 Improvement Project Update

Jeff Mills, Senior Program Manager, and Kirk Avila, General Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

No action was taken on this receive and file information item.

15. Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration Finding for the Orange County Maintenance Facility Project

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Jason Lee, Program Manager, who provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Gina Ramirez, Clerk of the Board, noted written public comments were received from Oliver Chi, Manager, City of Irvine, and Brian Yanity from Railpac.

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve Resolution No. 2023-057 to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, for the Metrolink Orange County Maintenance Facility.
- B. Approve the Metrolink Orange County Maintenance Facility.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to direct staff to implement the Metrolink Orange County Maintenance Facility consistent with the 2015 Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Irvine and Orange County Transportation Authority.

Discussion Items

16 Public Comments

No public comments were received.

17. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, discussed the upcoming Metrolink closure scheduled from December 26th – 29th, as a part of the Los Angeles Union Station Modernization Project.

18. Directors' Reports

Director Foley announced the following for the 5th District:

- The Open House for the 5th District Satellite Office in Dana Point is today at 3:00 p.m.
- Encouraged any veterans to nominate a veteran for the Veteran of the Year award, which will be chosen on November 9 at the Dana Point Women's Club.

Director Khan shared that she hosted a Cal Optima event last Saturday and thanked OCTA for having a booth there.



19. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held:

9:00 a.m., on Monday, November 13, 2023

OCTA Headquarters
Board Room
550 South Main Street
Orange, California

ATTEST:

Gina Ramirez
Assistant Clerk of the Board