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Legislative and Communications Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

Shawn Nelson, Chairman
Lisa A. Bartlett
Michael Hennessey
Jim Katapodis
Al Murray
Tim Shaw
Greg Winterbottom

Staff Present

Ken Phipps, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board
Mary K. Burton, Deputy Clerk of the Board
James Donich, General Counsel
OCTA Staff and members of the General Public

Committee Members Absent

Vice Chairman Lalloway

Call to Order

The November 17, 2016 regular meeting of the Legislative and Communications Committee was called to order by Board Vice Chairman Hennessey at 9:15 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Shaw led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

2. Conference Call with Sacramento Advocate

An update of legislative items in Sacramento was provided by Moira Topp, Sacramento Advocate that included:

- Budget projections;
- A Special Session on transportation funding;
- Election results - significant impacts in the legislature;
- The Orange County race between Ling Ling Chang and Josh Newman; and
- Items that would allow a two-thirds vote to enable the legislature to increase taxes, impact constitutional amendments, and make changes to the Fair Political Practices Act.



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2. (Continued)

Director Bartlett asked about Senate Bill (SB) 321, and Ms. Topp responded that SB 321 is the Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes, Rates, and Adjustments bill which the Board of Equalization must take action on each year to adjust the price-based excise tax, ensuring that the revenues generated from the tax, match what would have formally been generated under the previous sales tax on gasoline and will probably be included in an ultimate package; if a package for a global bill does not come together by November 30th, she believes it will be reintroduced.

Consent Calendar (Item 3)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Murray, seconded by Director Hennessey, and declared passed by those present, to approve minutes of the September 15, 2016 meeting.

Regular Calendar

4. Orange County Transportation Authority 2017-18 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

Lance Larson, Executive Director of Government Relations, introduced this item and stated that this was the draft platform brought to the Committee in September for direction.

Kristin Essner, Principal Government Relations Representative, gave a presentation on the revised State and Federal Legislative Platforms based upon input from stakeholders for adoption by the Committee and Board.

A motion was made by Director Katapodis, seconded by Director Winterbottom, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Adopt the Orange County Transportation Authority 2017-18 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.



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5. Status Report of State Legislation Enacted in 2016

Kristin Essner, Principal Government Relations Representative, reported that at the end of the 2016 legislative session, 900 bills were signed and chaptered by Governor Jerry Brown, while 159 bills were vetoed. Ms. Essner gave a report containing the analysis of legislation relevant to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

Following the discussion, no action was taken on this receive and file information item.

6. Performance Evaluation of Sacramento Legislative Advocate, Platinum Advisors, LLC

Kristin Essner, Principal Government Relations Representative, reported that Platinum Advisors, LLC provided state legislative advocacy services for OCTA in Sacramento and provided an evaluation of their services to the Committee.

Following the discussion, no action was taken on this receive and file staff evaluation information item.

Discussion Items

7. OCTA Focus Group Results

Alice Rogan, Manager of Public Outreach, and Ellen Burton, Executive Director of External Affairs, and Consultant Shakari Byerly, Partner for Evitarus, reported on the focus groups results that were conducted to identify transportation priorities to support upcoming planning studies including the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Transit Master Plan. In addition, the results will help to assess public perceptions of OCTA and awareness of its programs and services including Measure M2.



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7. (Continued)

Ms. Byerly gave a PowerPoint presentation that included the following:

- Research methodology;
- Transportation Emerged as an Important Consideration for the Future;
- Top Transportation Funding priorities;
- Assessments of the Current System;
- Long-Term Planning Priorities;
- Participants' Most Important Considerations for Future Transportation Planning;
- Communication Preferences; and
- Conclusions.

8. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ken Phipps, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, reported on the following:

- There was a fire at the Lakeview Avenue grade separation project, of the OC Bridges program, that occurred last night (November 16th) at 5:00 p.m. There were no injuries and an investigation is being conducted.
- The Wilderness Preserve Hike and Equestrian Ride will be held on Saturday, November 19th at the Ferber Ranch Preserve in Trabuco Canyon. The hike will start at 8:30 a.m. and the equestrian ride will start at 11:30 a.m.
- The 91 Express Lanes Pavement Rehabilitation Project is on track. The lanes will be closed this weekend, remain open for the Thanksgiving weekend, and will have one final closure during the first weekend in December.
- OCTA's administrative offices will be closed next Thursday and Friday (November 24th and 25th) in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

9. Committee Members' Reports

Director Bartlett reported that she will deliver a State of the County Address on November 29th at 11:30 a.m. at the Irvine Marriott.

Director Murray congratulated Director Shaw for being re-elected and re-appointed to OCTA's Board by the City Selection Committee.



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10. Closed Session

A Closed Session was not conducted at this meeting.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

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Mary K. Burton
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Shawn Nelson
Committee Chairman