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Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

Lori Donchak, Chair
Shawn Nelson, Vice Chairman
Andrew Do
Barbara Delgleize
Mark A. Murphy
Todd Spitzer
Michelle Steel

Staff Present

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Ken Phipps, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board
Olga Prado, Assistant Clerk of the Board
James Donich, General Counsel
OCTA Staff and Members of the General Public

Committee Members Absent

None

Call to Order

The February 6, 2017 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Donchak at 10:35 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Spitzer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Special Calendar

2. Committee Meeting 2017 Schedule

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), lead a discussion regarding the proposed 2017 committee meeting schedule for the Regional Planning and Highways Committee, highlighting two proposed changes in the months of July and September due to the holidays.

A motion was made by Director Mark A. Murphy, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to approve the proposed 2017 dates and times for this Committee as provided in Attachment A.

Committee Vice Chairman Nelson was not present to vote on this item.



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3. Roles and Responsibilities of the Regional Highways and Planning Committee

Committee Chair Donchak provided opening remarks and encouraged new Committee Members to review the roles and responsibilities of the committee as new projects come up.

Darrell Johnson, CEO, reported that the roles and responsibilities for each committee are reviewed periodically for changes or additions. Mr. Johnson also highlighted a proposed change to the former roles and responsibilities reflected on Attachment A, fourth bullet.

After a discussion ensued, Director Spitzer requested that the language to Attachment A, fourth bullet, be revised to include assurances that other Orange County Transportation Authority Committees will be consulted as appropriate.

A motion was made by Director Delgleize, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to approve the roles and responsibilities of the Regional Highways and Planning Committee with the amended fourth bullet.

Committee Vice Chairman Nelson was not present to vote on this item.

Consent Calendar (Items 4 and 5)

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Chair Donchak, seconded by Director Steel, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of January 5, 2017.

Director Mark A. Murphy abstained due to not yet having been sworn in as a Board of Directors Member.

Director Spitzer abstained due to not being present at the January 5, 2017 Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting.



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5. Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program Request to Approve the United States Forest Service Restoration Project and Program Update

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Nelson, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve the United States Forest Service Restoration Project, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Environmental Oversight Committee, as discussed herein.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a grant agreement consistent with the scope and funding amount of \$185,000.

Regular Calendar

6. Amendment to Agreement for Additional Environmental Phase Services for the State Route 91 Widening Project Between State Route 57 and State Route 55

Rose Casey, Director of Highway Programs, provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Measure M2 Project I;
- East End Scope Previously Added;
- West End Scope Proposed;
- Limits of Project Study Area; and
- Next Steps.

Director Spitzer inquired about the proposed flyover connector from the State Route (SR) 91 to SR-55 and its effect to constituents, inquired about excess toll revenue funding this project, as well as estimated timing.

Committee Vice Chairman Nelson suggested that in future reports, staff add a simple diagram that shows comparisons (i.e., current conditions/proposed conditions) for clarification.

After a discussion ensued, and motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Nelson, seconded by Director Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. C-3-1701 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Michael Baker International, Inc., in the amount of \$477,514, for additional environmental phase services for the State Route 91 Widening Project between State Route 57 and State Route 55. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$7,042,519.



Discussion Items

7. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell Johnson, CEO, reported that:

- This past Sunday, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) staff hosted its first wilderness equestrian ride at Ferber Ranch in Trabuco Canyon. This allows the public to see OCTA-acquired open space properties.
- A walking hike of the Aliso Canyon Preserve in Laguna Beach is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.
- There are two scheduled freeway closures:
 - On Monday, January 30, 2017, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) began work on a project to repair the on-ramp at the Pacific Coast Highway and Camino Las Ramblas, northbound Interstate 5 (I-5), in Dana Point. The on-ramp will be closed for approximately four months.
 - As part of the Measure M project, there is an extended closure on the Camino Las Ramblas on-ramp, southbound I-5, which began Friday evening and will remain closed through Monday, February 13, 2017.
- In conversations with Caltrans last week and this morning, the Ortega Highway repair work continues to move forward. It looks like it will be approximately two and a half to three weeks before opening. Staff will continue to update the Board as information is received.

8. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' reports.

9. Closed Session

A Closed Session was not conducted at this meeting.



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10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 2017**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

ATTEST

Olga Prado
Assistant Clerk of the Board

Lori Donchak
Committee Chair