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Transit Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

*Tim Shaw, Chairman
Al Murray, Vice Chairman
Andrew Do
Steve Jones
Miguel Pulido
Tom Tait
Greg Winterbottom*

Staff Present

*Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
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

None

Call to Order

The March 9, 2017 regular meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Shaw at 9:05 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Do led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Special Calendar

2. Statewide and Regional Transit Ridership Trends

Kurt Brotcke, Director of Strategic Planning, made opening comments and reported that Director Tait asked if staff could schedule a research professor from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) to speak on this topic. Mr. Brotcke introduced Juan Matute, Associate Director for Research and Administration at UCLA, to make a presentation on the statewide and regional transit ridership trends to the Transit Committee.



2. (Continued)

Mr. Matute gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions on the following:

- Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Public Transit Patronage Trends,
- Two Major UCLA Institute for Transportation Studies Research Projects,
- Transit boardings eroding in SCAG region from 2013 through 2016,
- Indexed boardings for four largest operators in Southern California from 2000 through 2015,
- Urban Integrated National Transit Database – Florida Transit Information System,
- Orange County Transportation Authority ridership versus peers from 2002 through 2016 (i.e., King County, Broward County, PACE – Suburban Bus Division, Alameda-Contra Costa, Riverside, Westchester County, Suburban Mobility San Mateo County, Omni Trans, and City of Phoenix), and
- OCTA ridership versus peers 2005 baseline from 2005 through 2016.

Mr. Matute presented potential explanations for falling transit ridership that included:

- Declining immigration,
- Economic recovery (less poverty),
- Suburbanization of poverty,
- Gentrification/displacement,
- Falling gas prices,
- Investments in auto travel,
- Structural changes in used car finance,
- Transit service disruptions, increasing transit fares,
- Transit services, and
- New high-cost transit investments.

Director Tait requested staff to provide additional information on research related to transit fare increases or decreases, and impacts to transit ridership.



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Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 8)

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

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Murray, seconded by Director Winterbottom, and declared passed by those present, to approve minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting.

4. Grant Award for the 2017 and 2018 Angels Express Service

Director Winterbottom pulled this item to thank staff for their efforts in writing and obtaining the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction grant award.

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to accept the grant award and execute grant-related agreements with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee to support the Angels Express service.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to execute agreements with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority to provide special rail service for the Angels Express.

5. Sole Source Agreement for Warranty and Non-Warranty Cummins Engine Services

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Murray, seconded by Director Winterbottom, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C-6-1605 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Cummins Pacific, LLC, in the amount of \$750,000, for warranty and non-warranty engine services, effective May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2022.



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6. Sole Source Agreement for the Construction of a Liquid Hydrogen Fuel Station at the Santa Ana Bus Base

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute sole source Agreement No. C-7-1577 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Linde LLC, in the amount of \$4,777,732, for the construction of a liquid hydrogen fuel station at the Santa Ana Bus Base.
- B. Amend the Orange County Transportation Authority's Fiscal Year 2016-17 Adopted Budget, in the amount of \$4,777,732, to accommodate the construction of a liquid hydrogen fuel station at the Santa Ana Bus Base.

7. Agreement for Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Weed Abatement and Debris Removal Services

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

- A. Find RPW Services, Inc., the apparent low bidder, as non-responsive for failure to execute the bid form.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-6-1504 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Pest Options, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$215,830.80, for a five-year term, for the Pacific Electric right-of-way weed abatement and debris removal services.



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8. Consultant Selection for Quality Assurance Management Support for the OC Streetcar Project

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

- A. Approve the selection of Kal Krishnan Consulting Services, Inc., as the firm to provide quality assurance management services for the OC Streetcar project.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-6-1537 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Kal Krishnan Consulting Services, Inc., in the amount of \$429,403, to provide quality assurance management support for the OC Streetcar project, from contract execution through December 31, 2020.

Director Tait voted in opposition for this item.

Regular Calendar

9. Transit Master Plan - State of OC Transit

Gary Hewitt, Project Manager of Transit Planning, made opening comments and introduced Steve Boland, Senior Associate for Nelson Nygaard.

Mr. Boland gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions on the State of the OC Transit Summary Report including the following:

- The need for the OC Transit Vision,
- Summarizing OCTA's current service,
- The history of transit in Orange County,
- Local and national trends in transit ridership,
- Introduction of transit modes important for the transit vision,
- Boardings and opportunities for growth, and
- Key themes and goals.

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Pulido, and declared passed by those present, to direct staff to return to the Board of Directors in May 2017, with the draft Transit Master Plan Investment Framework.



Discussion Items

10. Orange County Transportation Authority Paratransit Services Overview

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided opening comments and reported that OCTA will conduct a Board workshop on Monday, April 10th to address OCTA's paratransit services. Mr. Johnson introduced Beth McCormick, General Manager of Transit, who provided an overview of the topics that will be covered at the workshop that included the following:

- Background,
- OCTA Paratransit,
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA),
- ACCESS: ADA Service Characteristics, ACCESS Plus, Service Delivery Model, Rider Profile, and Fleet Mix,
- Same Day Taxi,
- Special Agency Service,
- Comparison of Services, and
- Challenges.

11. Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO, Mr. Johnson, reported on the following:

- Introduced Johnny Dunning and announced that Mr. Dunning is OCTA's new Manager of Service Planning and Customer Advocacy.
- Andy Oftelie, Executive Director of Finance and Administration; Kirk Avila, Treasurer and General Manager of Treasury and Toll Roads; and he met with the rating agencies in New York and presented information about the Interstate 405 Improvement Project Investment Grade Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan status.
- The Riverside County Transportation Commission is hosting a grand opening event for the 91 Express Lanes in Riverside County on Friday, March 31st at 11:00 a.m. at the North Main Corona Metrolink Station.
- The Taxpayer Oversight Committee will conduct their 26th Annual Measure M Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the OCTA Headquarters. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider whether OCTA is proceeding in accordance with the Transportation Investment Plan in Measure M2.



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12. Committee Members' Reports

Committee Chairman Shaw reported that he and Director Do went “under cover” and boarded buses throughout Central Orange County to get feedback from passengers. Several passengers were students who reported that the buses were clean and on time; however, at one location there were 16 passengers boarding at the same time and using the farebox slowed down the process.

Director Do reported that he had boarded buses in the San Francisco Bay area and noted that the OCTA buses are much cleaner, more prompt, and the coach operators are more courteous. Both Committee Members agreed that having mobile readers on the buses would speed up the process.

Committee Chairman Shaw reported that he read Senator Moorlach’s email regarding the Cap-and-Trade auction where they expected \$600 million in proceeds and yielded \$10 million. CEO, Mr. Johnson, responded that staff has been monitoring this, as well as funding from the low carbon transit program and will provide updates through the state legislative monthly reports.

13. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2017**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

Note: There is a Special Transit Committee meeting scheduled on **Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.**

ATTEST

Mary K. Burton
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Tim Shaw
Committee Chairman