



Committee Members Present

Shawn Nelson, Chairman
Al Murray, Vice Chairman
Lisa A. Bartlett
Laurie Davies
Barbara Delgleize
Tim Shaw
Gregory T. Winterbottom

Staff Present

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Olga Prado, Assistant 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

Michael Hennessey

Call to Order

The March 16, 2017 regular meeting of the Legislative and Communications Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Nelson at 9:07 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Vice Chairman Murray led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Special Calendar

2. Conference Call with State Legislative Advocate Moira Topp

Moira Topp, Sacramento Advocate, provided an update on the following:

- Senator Pat Bates replaced Senator Jean Fuller as the new Leader of the Republican Caucus.
- Governor Brown announced an April 6th deadline for the transportation deal to conclude in the Legislature.
- Results of the cap-and-trade auctions: \$8 million raised this February; compared to over \$500 million raised last February.



2. (Continued)

- Assembly Bill (AB) 28 authority for the National Environmental Policy Act delegation to California Department of Transportation.
- Ms. Topp is working with Assembly Member Daly to author a request for an audit to review and provide guidance on the Local Transportation Fund dollars that come in through the sales tax dollars for internet sales.
- California High-Speed Rail - minimal changes for direction or commitment of any funds.
- No public conversations are taking place on transportation bills; however, significant private discussions included weight fee dollars transferring from the general fund back to transportation.
- Conversations and proposals regarding an annual fee on zero-emission vehicles, increases in gas tax, and road-user charges.

3. Committee Meeting 2017 Schedule

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), led a discussion regarding the 2017 meeting schedule for the Legislative and Communications Committee to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. with no additional meetings scheduled in the months of August or December unless needed.

Committee Members were in concurrence with the proposed schedule.

4. Roles and Responsibilities of the Legislative and Communications Committee

Mr. Johnson, CEO, led a discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Legislative and Communications Committee with no changes. Mr. Johnson reported that staff uses this as a guide to agendaize items for each of the Committees before they go to the full Board.

Committee Chairman Nelson stressed the importance of receiving funding for transportation, and expressed his concerns for staff to continue to focus on potential funding/allocations from retail internet sales such as Amazon.

Committee Members were in concurrence with the proposed roles and responsibilities of the Legislative and Communications Committee.



Consent Calendar (Items 5 and 6)

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Murray, seconded by Director Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to approve minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting.

Director Winterbottom was not present to vote on this item.

6. Amendment to Agreement to Exercise Option Term for Customer Information Center

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Murray, seconded by Director Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-3-1895 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Alta Resources to exercise the first option term in the agreement, in the amount of \$2,113,600 to provide call center services. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$6,148,600.

Director Winterbottom was not present to vote on this item.

Regular Calendar

7. State Legislative Status Report

Kristin Essner, Principal Government Relations Representative, and Brandon Bullock, Associate Government Relations Representative, for State and Federal Relations, provided an update on the following:

- The Legislative Audit Committee request for transit funding,
- The State Transit Assistance Program,
- Bills related to transportation investments in disadvantaged communities,
- Membership requirements for members of the California Transportation Commission,
- Environmental streamlining for projects in an existing right-of-way,
- Details of Assembly Bills AB 179, AB 1113, and AB 1640, and
- Funding proposals for transportation projects.



7. (Continued)

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

- A. Adopt an OPPOSE position on AB 179 (Cervantes, D-Corona), which would place restrictions on the qualifications a member can have to serve on the California Transportation Commission.
- B. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 1113 (Bloom, D-Santa Monica), which clarify the provisions governing the State Transit Assistance Program.
- C. Adopt an OPPOSE position on AB 1640 (Garcia, D-Coachella), which seeks to prioritize State Transportation Improvement Program funding for disadvantaged communities.

Director Winterbottom was not present to vote on this item.

8. Federal Legislative Status Report

Kristin Essner, Principal Government Relations Representative, provided an update on the following:

- Timelines for the federal fiscal year 2017-18 budget process,
- The continuing resolution that expires April 28, 2017,
- Appropriation actions,
- President Trump's address to Congress,
- The development of a federal infrastructure package,
- Governor Brown's priority lists of projects to be considered for federal funding and streamlining, and
- Regulatory reform actions.

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

Discussion Items

9. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer, Darrell Johnson, reported on the following:

- The 91 Express Lanes extension to the Interstate 15 in Riverside County is scheduled to open on Monday, March 20, 2017. A formal grand opening event will be held at the North Main Corona Metrolink Station on Friday, March 31st at 11:00 a.m. Director Murray will represent OCTA at this event.
- Recognition and appreciation was given to Barry Engelberg, Manager of Regional Initiatives, and Ellen Burton, Executive Director of External Affairs, for their work at OCTA. Both Mr. Engelberg and Ms. Burton will be retiring at the end of this month.
- Lance Larson, Executive Director of Government Relations, announced the promotion of Kristin Essner as the new Manager of State & Federal Relations, replacing Rick Bacigalupo, who recently retired.
- Mr. Larson reported that Brandon Bullock, Associate Government Relations Representative for State and Federal Relations, will be leaving OCTA to accept a position in the healthcare industry with Cal Optima of Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

10. Committee Members' Reports

Committee Vice Chairman Murray reported that he had the pleasure of facilitating dialogue with the Secretary of Transportation, Brian Kelly, at the Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) Advocacy meeting and that Secretary Kelly was very complementary in regards to OCTA's mobility projects, especially the OC Streetcar, the Interstate 405 Improvement project, and the Los Angeles - San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency.

Director Shaw reported that he also attended the ACC-OC Advocacy meeting and spoke with Secretary Kelly who was very fluent on all OCTA projects.

Director Shaw also spoke to Senator Beall, and at the end of their conversation Senator Beall agreed that in regards to the sales tax issues, OCTA was not being treated fairly.



11. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2017**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

ATTEST

Mary K. Burton
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Shawn Nelson
Committee Chairman