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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*

Staff Present

*Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board,
Sara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board
James Donich, General Counsel
OCTA Staff and members of the General Public*

Committee Members Absent

Gregory T. Winterbottom

Call to Order

The May 11, 2017 meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Shaw at 9:01 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Jones led in the Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comments

Public comments were received from Larry Slagle, who commented on the Orange County Taxi Administration Program (OCTAP). Mr. Slagle encouraged the Board of Directors to work with the cities to regulate taxis, require drivers to have background checks, and drug and alcohol tests. Mr. Slagle stated that by having OCTA oversee OCTAP, it eliminates duplications and keeps the costs down. He supports OCTAP and is happy with the program.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 9)

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.



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2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Murray, and declared passed by those present, to approve minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting.

3. Rail Programs and Facilities Engineering Quarterly Report

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

4. OC Streetcar and Bus-Rail Interface Title VI Analysis

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Murray, and declared passed by those present, to approve the 2017 OC Streetcar and Bus-Rail Interface Title VI Analysis and direct staff to submit to the Federal Transit Administration Headquarters Office of Civil Rights.

Director Tait voted in opposition for this item.

5. Amendment to Agreement for the Design of the OC Streetcar Project

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Murray, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. C-5-3337 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and HNTB Corporation, in the amount of \$866,639, for additional design services for the OC Streetcar project. The amendment will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a contract value of \$17,784,560.

Director Tait voted in opposition for this item.

6. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Murray, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-3342 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department, in the amount of \$7,538,093, for Transit Police Services, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$21,532,496.

Due to a conflict of interest, Director Tait did not participate or vote on this item.



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7. Agreement for Coach Operator, Operations Instructor, and Field Supervisor Uniforms

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Murray, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve the selection of Becnel Uniforms, as the firm to provide coach operator, operations instructor, and field supervisor uniforms on an as-needed basis.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-6-1442 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Becnel Uniforms, in the amount of \$821,852, for an initial three-year term with two one-year option terms to provide coach operator, operations instructor, and field supervisor uniforms on an as-needed basis.

8. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with Regional Center of Orange County

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Murray, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1625 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Regional Center of Orange County to exercise the second option term to share in the cost of paratransit services provided to Regional Center of Orange County consumers through June 30, 2018.

9. Amendments to Cooperative Agreements with Special Agencies Providing Paratransit Services

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Murray, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1619 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Acacia Adult Day Services to exercise the second option term, in an amount of \$535,500, to share in the cost of providing transportation services through June 30, 2018, bringing the total contract value to \$3,125,125.



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9. (Continued)

- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-6-1056 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Alzheimer's Orange County to exercise the first option term, in an amount of \$170,170, to share in the cost of providing transportation services through June 30, 2018, bringing the total contract value to \$539,001.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1620 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Alzheimer's Family Center to exercise the second option term, in an amount of \$813,925, to share in the cost of providing transportation service through June 30, 2018, bringing the total contract value to \$2,663,039.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1622 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Community SeniorServ to exercise the second option term, in an amount of \$605,793, to share in the cost of providing transportation services through June 30, 2018, bringing the total contract value to \$4,242,596.
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1623 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Orange County Adult Achievement Center to exercise the second option term, in an amount of \$1,919,301, to share in the cost of providing transportation services through June 30, 2018, bringing the total contract value to \$7,433,315.
- F. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1624 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Sultan Adult Day Health Care to exercise the second option term, in an amount of \$1,339,875, to share in the cost of providing transportation services through June 30, 2018, bringing the total contract value to \$5,930,483.



Regular Calendar

10. OC Streetcar Full Funding Grant Agreement

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), gave opening comments and introduced strategic advisors at Cardinal Infrastructure, Sherry Little and Sev Miller, who were on the phone to answer questions.

James Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, reported that the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) is a contract between the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the funding and delivery of the project scope within budgeted costs to maintain the OC Streetcar.

Mr. Beil stated the actual planned revenue service date is December of 2020. However, the FFGA will reflect a worst case scenario for the planned revenue service date in August of 2021.

Ms. Little reported that the Omnibus Bill will include \$50 million for OC Streetcar and other capital investment grant projects. Mr. Miller reported that the increased contingency is a small amount for the FTA, and once the FFGA is signed, \$50 million will be included for the OC Streetcar project.

A lengthy discussion ensued about how funding for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality is used and how this is a first time appropriation approval for the OCTA.

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

- A. Approve the revised OC Streetcar project funding plan consistent with the outcome of the Federal Transit Administration Risk Assessment Workshop conducted on the 60 percent design.
- B. Authorize the use of an additional \$1.43 million in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program funding, increasing the total project funding from \$297.91 million to \$299.34 million.
- C. Approve the Interim Comprehensive Business Plan and Financial Commitment Policy Statement to address the Orange County Transportation Authority's commitments to its bus and rail operations as required to support the request for a Full Funding Grant Agreement.



10. (Continued)

- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to request and enter into a Full Funding Grant Agreement to secure a federal contribution of \$148.96 million through the Section 5309 Capital Investment Grant Program.
- E. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute any required agreements or amendments to facilitate the recommendation above.

Director Tait voted in opposition for this item.

11. OC Bus 360° Update

Kurt Brotcke, Director of Strategic Planning reported on the progress of OC Bus 360° and the major elements included are:

- New services, such as BRAVO service on Westminster and 17th Street;
- Major redeployment of bus resources, from low demand to higher demand areas;
- Major promotions and marketing efforts; and
- Deployed new technologies such as the real-time schedule application and mobile ticketing application.

Mr. Brotcke referred to a handout provided to the Committee and reported that there is a 10.4 percent increase in weekday ridership since last October and that customers are responding to an increase in the frequency of service. In addition, he stated that a survey was conducted with the University of California, Irvine and as a part of that partnership, 57 percent of riders said travel was improved by 15 minutes or more.

Mr. Brotcke also reported that as a part of the October 2017 and February 2018 service change, recommendations will be brought to the Transit Committee to look at redeployment and resources from services not being used that well.

Director Tait inquired on the statistics from the handout and requested the following:

- A year-to-year ridership comparison against the national average ridership from 2015 to 2016;
- A total of ridership (both weekday and weekend service); and



11. (Continued)

- Tracking the number of purchases of disabled fares before the age limit was changed and what the number of purchases is today.

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

12. October 2017 Service Change Proposal

Darrell Johnson, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Gary Hewitt, Project Manager of Transit Planning, who reported on the following:

- Proposing some trip and route eliminations which average less than 10 boardings per hour and re-deploying those routes in the February service change.
- Proposing to eliminate three of the rail-feeder routes which include: the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink station, Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center, and the Laguna Niguel Metrolink station.
- Proposing to eliminate the trips at the very beginning and end of the day, which average less than eight boardings per trip. These trips are outside of the "Span of Service" which is 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the weekdays and 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the weekends.
- Suggest modifications to Route 37 to both the north and south end of route, in order to help the route operate more efficiently and increase productivity which is a small loss of ridership.
- The City of Newport Beach requested to remove some of the late evening and early morning service to the Newport Transportation Center. They are currently evaluating that proposal.
- These changes would save five peak weekday vehicles and 12,000 annual revenue hours of service with 119,000 annual boardings if these changes are made.

A discussion ensued regarding Route 37 and Route 129, the number of boardings on these routes per trip, and how these actions will increase ridership. Following the discussion on this item, no action was taken on this receive and file information item.



13. Transit Master Plan – Investment Framework

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

Mr. Boland provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions on the Transit Master Plan – Investment Framework including the following:

- Project Schedule;
- Built on Goals and Objectives;
- Transit Investment Framework;
- Service: Route Categories;
- Service Level Guidelines;
- Capital: Existing Bus Investment Types;
- Capital: Existing Bus Guidelines;
- Capital: High-Capacity Transit;
- Opportunity Corridor Evaluation;
- “Built Your Own Transit” Survey; and
- Next Steps.

Director Tait asked if there is a way to track where people are commuting throughout the county. Mr. Johnson, CEO, responded that OCTA has tracked commuters for highway development; yet, not for bus ridership. He also referred to PowerPoint slides six and nine which gives framework for service band and high frequency improvements.

Director Pulido commented on the bus corridors and expanding them onto Harbor Boulevard, Chapman Avenue, or the airport. He also inquired about making the stations elevated for buses and disabled customers. Mr. Boland mentioned a rollable curve to get within the three-inch gap for wheelchairs and strollers.

Following the discussion on this item, no action was taken. Staff will return to the Board of Directors in July 2017, with the draft Transit Opportunity Corridors and short-term bus service recommendations.



Discussion Items

14. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Workshop Follow-up

Mr. Johnson, CEO, provided opening remarks and introduced Victor Velasquez, Manager of Finance and Administration, to answer any questions on the handout that was provided to the Committee.

Director Pulido referred the handout and asked about question number three and why there was negative numbers.

Mr. Velasquez stated that it was the last fiscal year that OCTA tracked, and the Board of Directors adopted a new forecast methodology because OCTA was seeing a lower sales tax growth rate from one year to the next.

15. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- The Long Range Transportation development process will be kicking off at OCTA on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This elected officials' workshop provides an overview of the future of transportation; as well as, the state of transportation in Orange County.
- The next open house for the OC Streetcar will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Lydia Romero-Cruz Elementary in Santa Ana from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- That next week is Bike to Work week, and OCTA will have a Bike Rally on Thursday, May 18, 2017 from the Orange Metrolink Station to the OCTA Headquarters, at 7:30 a.m.

16. Committee Members' Reports

Director Shaw presented a video of a local tram in Rio De Janeiro, and the nine-mile line has 32 stations which opened in 2016 to support the Olympics. He stated that when the line is completed, 300,000 passengers a day is expected, and the goals are to eliminate 60 percent of the buses and 15 percent of automobiles in the downtown area.



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17. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

18. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

ATTEST

Tim Shaw
Committee Chairman

Sahara Meisenheimer
Deputy Clerk of the Board