



Committee Members Present

Al Murray, Vice Chairman
Lisa A. Bartlett
Barbara Delgleize
Tim Shaw
Gregory T. 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
Sara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board
James Donich, General Counsel
OCTA Staff and members of the General Public

Committee Members Absent

Shawn Nelson, Chairman
Laurie Davies
Michael Hennessey

Call to Order

The April 20, 2017 regular meeting of the Legislative and Communications Committee was called to order by Committee Vice Chairman Murray at 9:03 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Delgleize 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 legislative items in Sacramento.

Consent Calendar (Item 3)

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 – March 16, 2017

Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken on this item.

The March 16, 2017 minutes will be brought forward to the next Legislative and Communications Committee meeting.

Regular Calendar

4. State Legislative Status Report

Kristin Essner, Manager of State and Federal Relations, provided an update on the legislation providing additional transportation funding and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee request relating to transit funding. Ms. Essner reported that oppose positions are being recommended on bills relating to the process for contesting toll violations, regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for transportation and land use, and excess toll expenditures. She also provided an update on the cap-and-trade program.

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

- A. Adopt an OPPOSE position on AB 344 (Melendez, R-Lake Elsinore), which revises the payment process for disputed toll payments.
- B. Adopt an OPPOSE position on SB 150 (Allen, D-Santa Monica), which revises the process to reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions from transportation and land use, prioritizing reduction of vehicle miles travelled and the funding of projects that reduce such and achieve other co-benefits.
- C. Adopt an OPPOSE position on SB 264 (Nguyen, R-Garden Grove), which restricts how excess toll revenues from the Interstate 405 Improvement Project can be spent.

5. Federal Legislative Status Report

Kristin Essner, Manager of State and Federal Relations, provided an overview on the President's proposed budget outline for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 and the status of Federal Fiscal Year 2017 appropriations.

After a discussion ensued, no action was taken on this receive and file informational item.

6. Agreement for Public Awareness Campaign Services for the OC Streetcar Project

Tresa Oliveri, Community Relations Officer, reported that consultant services are needed to support development and implementation of a public awareness campaign during the pre-construction and construction phases of the OC Streetcar project. Proposals have been received and evaluated in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA's) procurement procedures for technical and professional services.

A discussion ensued. Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken on this item and will be brought forward to the April 24, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

Discussion Items

7. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

- He will attend a luncheon hosted by the Orange County Forum along with Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency, Brian Kelly, who will share his perspective on the recent passing of Senate Bill (SB 1) and what it means for the future of California's transportation infrastructure.
- In honor of Earth Day, on Saturday, April 22th, OCTA's Outreach Team will participate in events throughout the county to promote the benefits of public transportation and ridesharing opportunities.
- An equestrian ride is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th to give the public an opportunity to see OCTA's open space properties. The ride will take place at the Ferber Ranch Preserve in Trabuco Canyon at 8:30 a.m.

8. Committee Members' Reports

Director Shaw expressed concerns about Senator Roth receiving \$400 million in transportation projects, and Orange County needs to make better deals with the state for more funding.

Director Delgleize asked why Senator Roth received so much money for transportation projects, and with the recent "push backs," what effects will this have on OCTA in obtaining some of the funding.



8. (Continued)

Lance Larson, Executive Director of External Affairs, responded that these are different competitive accounts, this is an ongoing endeavor for OCTA, and staff will continue to monitor.

Director Bartlett expressed her concern about SB 1, and is skeptical about the \$52 billion spread out over the next ten years. She stated that California needs to start thinking of how to have something more equitable, and to have a true replacement for the gas tax in order to provide a long-term sustainable revenue stream for transportation funding.

9. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2017**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

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Al Murray
Committee Vice Chairman

Laurena Weinert
Clerk of the Board