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Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

*Lori Donchak, Chair
Andrew Do
Barbara Delgleize
Mark A. Murphy
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

*Shawn Nelson, Vice Chairman
Todd Spitzer*

Call to Order

The June 5, 2017 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Donchak at 10:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Delgleize led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 8)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made Director Do, seconded by Director Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of May 1, 2017.



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3. Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5

A motion was made Director Do, seconded by Director Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-7-1753 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$500,000, to provide oversight of the plans, specifications, and estimates, and to advertise and award the construction contract for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5.
- B. Authorize the use of an additional \$1.8 million in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds and the use of \$200,000 in Measure M2 funds, bringing the total funding committed for the plans, specifications, and estimates to \$17,500,000.
- C. Authorize staff to amend the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute all necessary agreements to facilitate the above recommendation.

4. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the Orange County Flood Control District for the Railroad Grade Separation Projects

A motion was made Director Do, seconded by Director Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-0570 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Orange County Flood Control District, in the amount of \$120,000, to provide additional project support services for the railroad grade separation projects located at Orangethorpe Avenue, Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive, and Lakeview Avenue, and to extend the term of the agreement through August 31, 2018. This will increase the cooperative agreement value to \$580,000.

5. Orange County Taxi Administration Program Update

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



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6. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Semi-Annual Review - March 2017

A motion was made Director Do, seconded by Director Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to approve adjustments to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs projects and Local Fair Share funds.

7. Amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways

Director Steel pulled this item to inquire if there were any budget changes related to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act requirements.

Kia Mortazavi, Executive Director of Planning, responded that there were no budget changes.

A motion was made Director Steel, seconded by Director Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve an amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways for the facility listed below. The proposed amendment will become final, contingent upon the Orange County Transportation Authority receiving documentation that the City of Placentia has amended its general plan, and has complied with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

City of Placentia

- Reclassify Crowther Avenue between Placentia Avenue and the eastern city limits from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, undivided) arterial.

If the originally proposed Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment is modified as a result of the California Environmental Quality Act and/or general plan amendments processes, the modified Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment shall be returned to the Orange County Transportation Authority's Board of Directors for consideration.

- B. Direct the Executive Director of Planning, or his designee, to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act in support of the amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways.
- C. Receive and file a status report on the active Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments.



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8. Consultant Selection for the Systemic Safety Analysis Report

A motion was made Director Do, seconded by Director Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve the selection of Fehr & Peers as the firm to develop the Systemic Safety Analysis Report.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-7-1523, between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Fehr & Peers, to develop the Systemic Safety Analysis Report.

Regular Calendar

9. Amendment to Agreement for Additional Program Management Consultant Services for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project from State Route 73 to Interstate 605

Jeff Mills, Program Manager, provided an overview on the agreement for program management consultant services for the Interstate 405 (I-405) Improvement Project, from State Route 73 to Interstate 605.

Mr. Mills reported that an amendment to the existing agreement is needed for additional support services associated with the additional scope of work for the I-405 Improvement Project, as well as support services for the 91 Express Lanes toll-related contracts.

Mr. Mills also provided information on the additional scope of work services proposed under Amendment No. 11 to the agreement, as follows:

- Additional support for coordination with utilities and agencies;
- Additional right-of-way support;
- Additional financial and document management system support. Additional support for the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan pursuit; and
- Additional support for 91 Express Lanes procurement.

A short discussion ensued regarding:

- The TIFIA loan is a very important piece for this project.
- What the “additional financial and document management system support” services in the scope of work will provide the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).
- A Special Finance and Administration Committee meeting will be scheduled in June 2017 to discuss the status of the TIFIA loan.



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9. (Continued)

A motion was made Director Delglaze, seconded by Director M. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 11 to Agreement No. C-2-1513 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Parsons Transportation Group, Inc., in the amount of \$6,000,000, for additional program management consultant services for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project from State Route 73 to Interstate 605. The amendment will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$93,040,186.

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

10. 2017 State Route 91 Implementation Plan

Alison Army, Senior Transportation Analyst, Planning, provided an update on the 2017 State Route 91 Implementation Plan and a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- State Route Implementation Plan (Background Information);
- Culmination of Efforts:
 - Six Projects Completed,
 - \$478 Million Invested,
 - 17 Miles Added,
 - 12% Increase in Throughput,
 - Benefits of Coordinated Efforts;
- Projects for Completion By Year 2021 and 2030;
- Projects for Completion By Year 2035; and
- Recommendations/Next Steps.

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), reported that this item was presented to the State Route 91 Advisory Committee on Friday, June 2, 2017, and the item was well received. Mr. Johnson reported that from discussions with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Members at the meeting, RCTC is working to accelerate the Interstate 15 (I-15) Express Lanes, which would accelerate the I-15 north direct connector off the State Route (SR) 91.

Committee Chair Donchak inquired about the SR-241/SR-91 Connector and asked if agenda items related to that would be presented to the OCTA Board more frequently. Mr. Johnson responded that more items could be expected during the summertime.



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10. (Continued)

A motion was made Director M. Murphy, seconded by Director Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to approve the 2017 State Route 91 Implementation Plan.

11. 2018 Long-Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives

Greg Nord, Principal Transportation Analyst, Planning, and Manager for the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), provided an update on the key issues related to transportation, as well as the proposed goals and objectives for the 2018 LRTP. Mr. Nord also provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- LRTP Background;
- Current Commitments;
- Impacts of Growth (2015-2040);
- Key Issues for 2018 LRTP;
- Proposed Goals and Objectives are to:
 - Deliver on Commitments,
 - Improve System Performance,
 - Expand System Choices,
 - Support Sustainability; and
- LRTP Development Schedule.

A short discussion ensued regarding:

- Key Issues for 2018 LRTP – Slide 5 of the PowerPoint.
- Senate Bill (SB) 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) and “fix-it-first”, which was also discussed during today’s Executive Committee meeting.
- Questions on the push to repeal SB 1 and impacts to OCTA on the LRTP efforts.
- Proposed Goals and Objectives – Slide 6 of the Power Point (Deliver on Commitments) – OCTA’s focus is on prioritizing Measure M investments, maintaining consistency with the Next 10 Plan, and maximizing external funds to support Measure M and complementary funds.
- Waze Application technology for carpooling.

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



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Discussion Items

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

Victor Velasquez, Manager of Financial Planning and Analysis, reported that staff is available to the Committee Members to respond to any questions as a result of the May 8th budget workshop. All of the questions that were raised during the workshop have been documented, and the written responses were provided as part of a handout to the Committee Members this morning.

Mr. Velasquez also reported that since the budget workshop, staff has attended each committee meeting and will continue to do so until the June 12, 2017 Public Hearing. Mr. Velasquez offered to hold one-on-one meetings with Committee Members, as requested, to discuss the proposed budget.

No action was taken on this discussion item.

13. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell Johnson, CEO, reported that:

- Tomorrow, the newly constructed bridge connecting Lakeview Avenue over Orangethorpe Boulevard will be opened to traffic. He reported that is the fifth of seven grade separations of the OC Bridges Program, and the commemoration event will take place this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. He asked the Committee Members to contact him if they would like to attend the event.
- A conservation plan commemoration event will be taking place to celebrate the finalization of the Final Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan, which is part of the Measure M Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program that protects more than 1,300 acres of wilderness preserves and provides habitat restoration for more than 350 acres. The event will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20th, at O'Neill Regional Park in Trabuco Canyon.
- On Thursday, June 22nd, OCTA will host a public information meeting for the SR-57 Northbound Improvement Project from Orangewood Avenue to Katella Avenue. The meeting will take place in the cafeteria at Portola Middle School in Orange at 5:00 p.m., located at 270 North Palm Drive.



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14. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' reports.

15. Closed Session

A Closed Session was not conducted at this meeting.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 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