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Transit Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

*Tim Shaw, Chairman
Al Murray, Vice Chairman
Andrew Do
Steve Jones
Tom Tait
Gregory T. Winterbottom*

Staff Present

*Ken Phipps, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board,
OCTA Staff and members of the General Public*

Committee Members Absent

Miguel Pulido

Call to Order

The July 13, 2017 meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Shaw at 9:01 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Winterbottom led in the Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 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.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Murray, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting.



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3. Federal Transportation Program Strategic Regulatory and Funding Consulting Services

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

- A. Approve the selection of Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC, as the firm to provide strategic consultation to the Orange County Transportation Authority on federal transportation program development, regulatory, and funding processes.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-7-1700 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC, in the amount of \$318,000, to provide strategic consultation to the Orange County Transportation Authority on federal transportation program development, regulatory, and funding processes, for a two-year term.

Regular Calendar

4. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Bus Service Improvement Plan

Gary Hewitt, Project Manager of Transit Planning, provided a PowerPoint presentation for this item as follows:

- Overview,
- OC Bus 360°,
- Final October 2017 Service Change,
- Draft February 2018 Service Change Plan, and
- Next Steps.

Mr. Hewitt also referenced the handout about the “Service and Fare Change Evaluation Policy” that was provided to the Committee Members.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The budgetary impact on the recommended changes.
- Reductions based on eight boardings or less in the early morning or late evening.
- Concerns about eliminating part of Route 57 based on the City of Newport Beach’s request, not based on lower ridership.
- Route 57 and the proposed cuts from the time period 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (10 trips) from the Newport Transit Center.



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4. (Continued)

Director Do requested additional data to show justification for the City of Newport Beach's request. Director Do also requested a comparison of Route 57 in relation to other routes during the same hours.

A public comment was heard from Roy Shahbazian, Transit Advocate, who commented on Route 57. Mr. Shahbazian requested to continue to service this route especially in the areas between Costa Mesa and Newport Beach. He stated that the productivity of this segment on Route 57 is strong at 4:00 a.m. and late at night.

Mr. Shahbazian also thanked the Committee Members for the recommended bus service changes.

The Committee Members expressed concerns regarding the City of Newport Beach's request to eliminate Route 57 to the Newport Transportation Center between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. The Committee Members requested that staff conduct a ridership survey for the proposed elimination of Route 57 to the Newport Transportation Center and adjacent area (as requested by the City of Newport Beach), provide data about the ridership, and obtain the City of Newport Beach's Council support.

Director Tait requested that the motion also be amended to obtain support from the City of Newport Beach Council for the proposed Route 57 service reductions to the Newport Transportation Center and adjacent area.

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

- A. Direct staff to implement a public outreach program to solicit feedback on the Draft February 2018 Service Change Proposal.
- B. Direct staff to return to the Board of Directors on September 25, 2017 with outreach findings.
- C. Exclude Route 57 modifications from the October 2017 bus service change, and seek the City of Newport Beach Council support for the proposed Route 57 service reductions to the Newport Transportation Center and adjacent area.



5. Transit Master Plan - Opportunity Corridors

Gary Hewitt, Project Manager of Transit Planning, introduced Jennifer Weiland, Consultant from Nelson Nygaard, who was available to answer questions. Mr. Hewitt provided a PowerPoint presentation for this item as follows:

- Project Schedule,
- Survey Results,
- Opportunity Corridor Evaluation,
- Transit Corridor Types Screened,
- Corridor Segments Screened,
- Corridor Screening Results,
- Freeway Bus Rapid Transit Screening Results,
- Draft Opportunity Corridors, and
- Next Steps.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Consider connecting to the Los Angeles (LA) County line and using the same type of model system as LA.
- Bravo service being considered on Beach Boulevard (north side of Huntington Beach and Westminster).
- The level of service provided on Bravo service is a baseline for bus corridors and moving them towards bus rapid transit.
- The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) being a part of the coalition, "Beach Boulevard of Cities."
- Recognition for keeping a holistic approach and predicting 2025 could be a standard for driving fewer vehicles.
- Being open minded to Uber, Lyft, and different types of mobility.

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Murray, seconded by Committee Chairman Shaw, and declared passed by those present, to direct staff to finalize the Transit Opportunity Corridors based on Board of Directors and upcoming stakeholder input, and return to the Board of Directors in November 2017 with a draft Transit Master Plan.

Director Jones was not present to vote on this item.



Discussion Items

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ken Phipps, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, reported on the following:

- The Angels Express Kids Ride Free campaign has begun. During July and August, kids 18 and under can ride free to all weekday home games starting 7:07 p.m.
- On Saturday, July 15, OCTA will host an event to kick off the OC Fair Express service at the Fullerton Park and Ride at 9:30 a.m. Director Winterbottom will be speaking at this event.
- On Monday, July 17, there will be nightly full and partial freeway closures on the Interstate 5 (I-5). The work is taking place at I-5 and Pacific Coast Highway interchange and will happen from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. through Friday, July 28.
- On Wednesday, July 26, at 9:00 a.m., OCTA will host a groundbreaking ceremony with the city of Orange for the new Metrolink Parking Structure at the Orange Transportation Center.

7. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' reports.

8. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2017**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.



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ATTEST

Tim Shaw
Committee Chairman

Sahara Meisenheimer
Deputy Clerk of the Board