

Minutes of the
Orange County Transportation Authority
Orange County Transit District
Orange County Local Transportation Authority
Orange County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order

The July 24, 2017 regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and affiliated agencies was called to order by Vice Chair Bartlett at 9:03 a.m. at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room – Conference Room 07-08, Orange, California.

Roll Call

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Clerk of the Board noted a quorum was present, with the following Directors in attendance:

Directors Present: Lisa A. Bartlett, Vice Chair
Laurie Davies
Barbara Delgleize
Andrew Do
Lori Donchak
Steve Jones
Mark A. Murphy
Richard Murphy
Shawn Nelson
Miguel Pulido
Tim Shaw
Todd Spitzer
Tom Tait
Gregory T. Winterbottom
Ryan Chamberlain, Governor's Ex-Officio Member

Directors Absent: Michael Hennessey, Chairman
Al Murray
Michelle Steel

Also 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
David DeBerry, Acting General Counsel
Members of the Press and the General Public

Special Calendar

Orange County Transportation Authority Special Calendar Matters

1. Presentation of Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees of the Month for July 2017

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), presented the OCTA Resolutions of Appreciation Nos. 2017-061, 2017-062, and 2017-063 to Manuel Vargas, Coach Operator; Bill Ho, Maintenance; and Gordon Chu, Administration, as Employees of the Month for July 2017.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 13)

Vice Chair Bartlett noted for today's Board of Directors (Board) meeting that there are a few changes to the agenda order. She stated that Item 16 is deferred to a future Legislative and Communications Committee meeting for further discussion, and Item 17 will be presented immediately after the Consent Calendar.

Vice Chair Bartlett stated that matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved in one motion unless a Board Member or a member of the public requests separate action on a specific item.

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2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Nelson, and declared passed by those present, to approve the Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting minutes of July 10, 2017.

3. Oversight Controls and Contract Compliance Related to Agreements for Public Outreach for the West County Connectors Project, Internal Audit Report No. 17-509

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Nelson, and declared passed by those present, to receive and file the Oversight Controls and Contract Compliance Related to Agreements for Public Outreach for the West County Connectors Project, Internal Audit Report No. 17-509.

4. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX Grants Management Division, Financial Monitoring Review of 2014 and 2015 Transit Security Grant Program Funding

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Nelson, and declared passed by those present, to receive and file financial monitoring review letter from Region IX of the Grants Management Division of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated June 27, 2017, as an information item.

5. State Legislative Status Report

Director Spitzer pulled this item and asked why there is an opposed recommendation for Assembly Bill (AB) 1069. Lance Larson, Executive Director of External Affairs, responded that OCTA is following other stakeholders by opposing the bill, highlighted OCTA's concerns, and the opposed position is being noticed by the author.

Director Spitzer inquired what the public policy goal is. Mr. Larson responded that the taxicab association does not want to pay for different permits in order to operate in Orange County. In addition, OCTA has been discussing the various concerns with the author.

Mr. Larson also stated that at the July 20th Legislative and Communications Committee meeting, a member of a taxicab company provided public comments that they are neutral on AB 1069. A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Director Nelson, seconded by Director Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to adopt an OPPOSE position on AB 1069 (Low, D-Campbell), which would require regional transportation agencies in specified counties to regulate and administer a taxicab program.

6. Federal Legislative Status Report

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Nelson, and declared passed by those present, to receive and file as an informational item.

7. Federal Transportation Program Strategic Regulatory and Funding Consulting Services

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Nelson, 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.

7. (Continued)

- 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.

8. Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2016-17 Procurement Status Report

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

9. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Investment Management Services

Vice Chair Bartlett pulled this item and noted that this item has come before the Board on a previous agenda, and at that time, OCTA seemed to have a number of evergreen contracts. She conveyed her appreciation that staff brought this item forward to release a Request for Proposals.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bartlett, seconded by Director M. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 7-1813 for investment management services.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 7-1813 for investment management services of the Orange County Transportation Authority's investment portfolio for a five-year initial term with two, two-year option terms.

Director Pulido abstained on this item.

10. Second Quarter 2017 Debt and Investment Report

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Nelson, and declared passed by those present, to receive and file the Quarterly Debt and Investment Report prepared by the Treasurer as an information item.

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11. Approval to Release Invitation for Bids for Liquefied Natural Gas Tank Removal at the Anaheim and Garden Grove Bus Bases

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Nelson, and declared passed by those present, to approve the release of Invitation for Bids 7-1756 for the liquefied natural gas tank removal at the Anaheim and Garden Grove bus bases.

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12. Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Interstate 5 High-Occupancy Vehicle Improvement Project from State Route 55 to State Route 57

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Nelson, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-7-1817 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$30,849,000, comprised of a construction capital share of \$26,049,000, and a construction management services share of \$4,800,000, for the Interstate 5 high-occupancy vehicle improvement project between State Route 55 and State Route 57.

13. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Construction Management Support Services for the Interstate 5 High-Occupancy Vehicle Improvement Project Between State Route 55 and State Route 57

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Nelson, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 7-1834 for selection of a consultant to provide construction management support services for the Interstate 5 high-occupancy vehicle improvement project between State Route 55 and State Route 57.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 7-1834 to provide construction management support services for the Interstate 5 high-occupancy vehicle improvement project between State Route 55 and State Route 57.

Regular Calendar

Orange County Transportation Authority Regular Calendar Matters

14. Transit Master Plan - Opportunity Corridors

Darrell Johnson, CEO, provided opening comments, and Gary Hewitt, Project Manager of Transit Planning, 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.

Director Chamberlain encouraged OCTA to package this item into a robust corridor plan in order for OCTA to be eligible for competitive funding under SB 1. He stated that there needs to be master and corridor plans that include vehicles, bus rapid transit, and other modes.

A motion was made by Director Nelson, seconded by Director Donchak, 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 Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

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15. 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.

15. (Continued)

A public comment was heard from Jane Reifer, Transit Advocate, commented on the proposed changes to Routes 55 and 57. Ms. Reifer stated that the requested reductions from the City of Newport Beach (Newport Beach) on Route 57 is not productivity related. She also provided concerns and recommendations for Routes 1, 57, 129, and 143.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Concerns about the Newport Beach City Manager reductions requests for Route 57, and the Board wants Newport Beach City Council's input.
- Transit Committee Chairman Shaw and Director Do highlighted the Transit Committee discussion about Newport Beach's requested changes.
- Staff will ask for Newport Beach's City Council input, obtain the Route 57 ridership data, and work with Newport Beach City staff.
- Director Davies requested additional information regarding the trip elimination of Route 85.
- OC Flex is an on-demand pilot program, and the recommendations would come forward to the Board by October 2017.

Director Do requested an amendment to Recommendation C to note "Exclude Routes 55 and 57 modifications . . ." and a change to the word "seek."

A motion was made by Director Delgleize, seconded by Director Davies, 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 Routes 55 and 57 modifications from the October 2017 bus service change, and ask for the City of Newport Beach Council input for the proposed Route 57 service reductions to the Newport Transportation Center and adjacent area.

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

Directors Pulido and Winterbottom were not present to vote on this item.

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16. Consideration of Measure M Identity Enhancements

This item was deferred to a future Legislative and Communications Committee meeting for further discussion.

Discussion Items

17. 91 Express Lanes Intermediate Access Study

(This item was heard immediately after the Consent Calendar.)

Kirk Avila, Treasurer and General Manager of the 91 Express Lanes, provided opening remarks and introduced Jeffrey Fromhertz, Senior Engineering Manager of WSP.

Mr. Fromhertz provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Study Overview & Agenda,
- Background,
- Potential Intermediate Access Location,
- Alternative 1- Fairmont Direct Access Ramp to 91 Express Lanes,
- Alternative 2- At-Grade Access to 91 Express Lanes,
- Alternative Sections,
- Traffic Operations Impacts: Methodology,
- Traffic Operations Impacts: Overall Findings, and
- Financial Results.

A very lengthy discussion ensued regarding:

- The Santa Ana River air rights were considered in the study and would require an analysis with the Army Corps of Engineers.
- The daily 330,000 vehicles traveled are in both directions.
- Alternatives 1 and 2 funding would, 100 percent, come from the toll revenues.
- Director Pulido requested the vehicle hours saved for Alternatives 1 and 2.
- The State Route 241 north and south are part of this study's base model and assumes the 91/241 connector is built.
- Director Tait asked for a continuous access study for the 91 Express Lanes and provided his concerns.
- Director Tait would like to see a report on the technologies available for continuous access, along with a safety and operational feasibility study.

17. (Continued)

- Continuous access discussion was as follows:
 - It's not financeable for the 91 Express Lanes,
 - Weaving and merging impacts the overall performance of the corridor,
 - Safety and operations concerns,
 - There has been previous discussions,
 - Today's technology cannot be used as an enforcement mechanism,
 - As technology changes, options could be reviewed, and
 - As part of the Interstate 405 Improvement Project, the OCTA California Department of Transportation agreement did not preclude continuous access from the future and would be addressed as technology changes.
- The 91 Express Lanes:
 - At full capacity during the peaks hours, which needs to be considered,
 - Traffic patterns changed with the opening of the Riverside County extension of the 91 Express Lanes,
 - Generates approximately \$50 million in total revenues. Approximately \$11 million for debt service payments, \$15 million to \$20 million for operating costs, and \$5 million capital costs,
 - Excess toll revenues are \$20 million to 25 million per year,
 - To fix certain aspects of the corridor, OCTA needs to understand what to solve, and
 - OCTA needs to define what to solve on the 91 Express Lanes.
- Director Chamberlain suggested, for the upcoming managed lanes Board workshop, to have a comprehensive policy discussion and bring forward available data about the concerns discussed.
- Director Chamberlain stated that each corridor is unique and a review would be needed as to what works best.
- Measure M2 has a project to improve the State Route 55/91 interchange.
- In the future, staff will present a report on the continuous access Interstate 580 Express Lanes in Alameda County that recently opened.
- Status of the 91/241 connector project was provided, and staff would bring forward the recommendations to the appropriate Committee and full Board.

18. Public Comments

There were no public comments received.

19. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell Johnson, CEO, reported that:

- OCTA will soon close the \$629 million Interstate 405 Improvement Project Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan. Today, several staff will travel to Washington, D.C., to close out the final TIFIA loan paperwork.
- On July 26th, at 9:00 a.m., OCTA will host a groundbreaking ceremony, in conjunction with the City of Orange, for the new Metrolink Parking Structure at the Orange Transportation Center. Directors M. Murphy and Spitzer are scheduled to speak at the event.
- There are full and partial freeway closures on the Interstate 5 (I-5) will continue to take place through July 28th. The closures are necessary to install overhead signs for the I-5 South County Improvement Project. The work will take place on the I-5 and Pacific Coast Highway interchange from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. OCTA will provide updates on the closures through the regular communication channels.
- The OC Fair Express ridership is up by 36 percent over last year.

20. Directors' Reports

Director R. Murphy congratulated staff on obtaining the TIFIA loan for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project.

Director Donchak reported that Director Murray and Mr. Johnson, CEO, spoke at the recent Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACCOC) forum. Directors Delgleize, Donchak, and Shaw attended the forum, and Director Donchak also reported that both SB 1 and active transportation were discussed at the forum.

Director Donchak added her thanks for the TIFIA loan accomplishment, and asked how OCTA stacks up nationally. Mr. Johnson, CEO, responded that this is a large-scale loan, and staff will review how the loan fits in nationally.

Director Davies expressed her appreciation for the OC Fair Express increased ridership. In addition, she recently spoke about the OC Fair Express service at the City of Laguna Woods local channel.

21. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

22. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 14, 2017**, at Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room – Conference Room 07-08, Orange, California.

ATTEST:

Laurena Weinert
Clerk of the Board

Lisa A. Bartlett
OCTA Vice Chair