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Executive Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

Michael Hennessey, Chairman
Lisa A. Bartlett, Vice Chair
Andrew Do
Lori Donchak
Al Murray
Shawn Nelson
Tim Shaw

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

None

Call to Order

The December 4, 2017 regular meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Hennessey at 9:07 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Donchak 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 and 4)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Murray, seconded by Director Donchak, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 6, 2017.

Director Nelson was not present to vote on this item.



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3. Proposed 2018 Board of Directors Meetings Calendar

A motion was made by Director Murray, seconded by Director Donchak, and declared passed by those present, to approve the Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies 2018 Board of Directors meetings calendar.

Director Nelson was not present to vote on this item.

4. Measure M2 Quarterly Progress Report for the Period of July 2017 Through September 2017

Director Do pulled this item and asked for a report. Tami Warren, Manager, Program Management Office, reported that this item is the Measure M2 (M2) quarterly progress report for activities from July through September 2017.

Director Do stated that OCTA's mission is for regional mobility and provided concerns that 58 percent of the M2 revenues are going to transit.

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), clarified that the expenditures are over the life of M2, revenues from M2 cannot be used for the fixed-route bus services, priority is for the M2 Next 10 Plan, highlighted the M2 transit Projects R, S, and V, and a discussion ensued.

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

Director Nelson was not present to vote on this item.

Regular Calendar

5. Proposed State Route 241/91 Express Lanes Tolloed Connector Update

Kia Mortazavi, Executive Director of Planning, provided a PowerPoint presentation for this item as follows:

- State Route 91 (SR-91) Corridor Vicinity Map;
- 91 Corridor Actions;
- Proposed Project Scope;
- SR-91 Eastbound Configuration with Proposed Tolloed 241/91 Connector;
- Complexity of Traffic Movements;
- Regional Considerations;
- SR-91 Corridor Implications;
- Performance Summary;
- Operational Considerations;



5. (Continued)

- Other Options; and
- Recommended Actions.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) would have a different toll for the 241/91 connector and is open to congestion pricing.
- Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) stated that the issue today with the connector is the lack of capacity on the 91 corridor between the State Route 241 and State Route 71.
- At the Windy Ridge section of the 241 toll road, TCA would consider dynamic pricing.
- The TCA connector Traffic and Revenue Study did not include the entire 241 toll road.
- TCA agreed to explore, as a separate study, congestion pricing for the entire 241 toll road.
- Congestion pricing on the TCA toll system would be problematic because of exiting/entering on the toll roads, and the bonding agencies do not agree with congestion pricing.

A public comment was heard from:

Mike Kraman, CEO of the TCA, commented on the letter from TCA to OCTA that is referenced in Attachment D of the Staff Report. He stated that OCTA, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), TCA, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) needs a collaborative best effort in order to understand a complex traffic corridor.

Mr. Kraman referenced Recommendation A and asked not to stop work on the connector in order to obtain good data and answers for a decision. He stated it is important to understand all the connector impacts to the 91 corridor, 91 Express Lanes, general purpose lanes, and 241 toll road. He also asked that that RCTC, Caltrans, and the TCA be part of the discussions in order to advance congestion relief in the 91 corridor.

Mr. Kraman also stated that he would provide a letter with specific responses to today's presentation. He concluded and asked OCTA to keep working on the project, and obtain good answers and good data, in order to move forward with improving mobility in this sensitive traffic corridor.



5. (Continued)

A discussion ensued between Mr. Karman and the Committee regarding:

- TCA would consider financial contributions, if adding the sixth lane on the 91 corridor is a congestion relief solution.
- Since RCTC has completed its 91 Express Lanes project, new connector data is needed.
- The connector was selected as a Transportation Control Measure (TCM) and it is appropriate for OCTA to select another project for the TCM.
- Review what is best for traffic mobility on the 91 corridor, and at some point, the Environmental Impact Study may need to be redone.
- Interstate 15 corridor was referenced as a good example.
- Pause and have all the 91 corridor agencies staff memorialize in a document how to proceed forward. In addition, consider the overall master plan for regional mobility in the 91 corridor, as well as include Caltrans and the Southern California Association of Governments.
- Consider the OCTA and RCTC bond agencies obligations.
- TCA's data was lower for the no build of RCTC's 91 Express Lanes project in the 91 eastbound general-purpose lanes during peak congestion.
- TCA asked that Recommendation A be softened, continue the technical work, include in the new data RCTC's 91 Express Lanes completed project, and review the benefits based on the updated data.
- Attachment E of the Staff Report from Anne Mayer, Executive Director of RCTC, urges the agencies to look at operational solutions.
- The leadership of OCTA, TCA, RCTC, and Caltrans discuss what is best for the traveler in the 91 corridor.

An additional discussion ensued regarding:

- Have delineators for the connector area.
- Consider adding a sixth lane on the 91 corridor as part of the solution.
- OCTA and RCTC are the regional agencies for the 91 corridor.
- TCA, OCTA, and Caltrans obtain new data for the connector that includes the RCTC 91 Express Lanes completed project.
- Interstate 15 corridor is a good example that could be implemented in the future.
- SR-91 Advisory Committee Chairman Murray commented on a discussion he had with SR-91 Advisory Committee Vice Chair Karen Spiegel and Mayor for the City of Corona about the tolled connector project concerns.



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5. (Continued)

Vice Chair Bartlett suggested an amendment to Recommendation B to include language to “Direct staff to work with the Riverside County Transportation Committee with consultation from the Transportation Corridor Agencies and California Department of Transportation to . . .”

The Committee discussed Vice Chair Bartlett’s amendment to Recommendation B, and Director Murray declined including the suggested language amendment.

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

- A. Direct staff to request Transportation Corridor Agencies to defer all work on the State Route 241/91 Express Lanes connector given the regional mobility impacts.
- B. Direct staff to work with the Riverside County Transportation Commission to evaluate opportunities to advance State Route 91 corridor congestion relief projects.

Discussion Items

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell Johnson, CEO, reported that:

- Last week, the Board of Directors were sent a memo about the California State Auditor releasing its findings from an audit that was conducted to analyze the distribution of the Local Transportation Fund (LTF). In January 2018, staff will present a full report about the LTF findings to the Legislative and Communications Committee.
- On Tuesday, December 5th, OCTA is hosting a public hearing in the City of Irvine for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project, from the Interstate 5 to State Route 55. The open house is from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the University Community Park. In addition, OCTA released the draft environmental document for public review on November 14th and comments can be submitted through December 15th.
- On Friday, December 15th, OCTA will host its 25th Annual Stuff-A-Bus Toy Drive, along with ABC7 and Southern California firefighters, at the Honda Center. Staff will be at the Honda Center from 4:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and all were invited to stop-by.



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6. (Continued)

- Last week, Chairman Hennessey, Director Nelson, Lance Larson, Executive Director of External Affairs, and he were in Washington, D.C., to meet with congressional leaders.

7. Committee Members' Reports

Director Murray asked if the Metrolink Santa train is still provided. Chairman Hennessey explained why the Metrolink Santa train is not provided.

Director Shaw reported that the City of La Habra recently had its tamale festival and La Habra's Project V shuttle service for the festival was a success.

Legislative and Communications Committee Chairman Nelson reported on the recent Washington, D.C., advocacy trip and OCTA's efforts were very productive.

Director Murray reported that last Friday, the Association of California Cities – Orange County, in conjunction with OCTA, had a tour of the 91 corridor and 91 Express Lanes.

Chairman Hennessey reported that consistent trips to Washington, D.C., by OCTA's leadership have made a difference, and Chairman Hennessey encouraged next year's leadership to continue the process.

8. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

9. Adjournment

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2018**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room – Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

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Laurena Weinert
Clerk of the Board

Lisa A. Bartlett
Chairwoman