



# MINUTES

## *Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting*

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### **Committee Members Present**

Lori Donchak, Chair  
Shawn Nelson, Vice Chairman  
Andrew Do  
Barbara Delgleize  
Mark A. Murphy

### **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**

Todd Spitzer  
Michelle Steel

## **Call to Order**

The December 4, 2017 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Donchak at 10:33 a.m.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Committee Vice Chairman Nelson 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 6)**

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director M. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of November 6, 2017.



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### **3. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Semi-Annual Review - September 2017**

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

### **4. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Measure M2 Annual Eligibility Review**

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director M. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to approve all local jurisdictions as conditionally eligible for Measure M2 net revenues for fiscal year 2017-18, and direct staff to return with eligibility findings for local jurisdictions, pending the adoption and submittal of fiscal year 2016-17 expenditure reports by local jurisdictions.

### **5. 2018 Technical Steering Committee Membership**

A motion was made by A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director M. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to approve the proposed 2018 Technical Steering Committee membership.

### **6. Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program Update**

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

## **Regular Calendar**

### **7. Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program Updates and Next Steps**

Alison Army, Principal Transportation Analyst, Planning Division, provided an update and background on the Measure M2 Environmental Program (Program), reporting that the Program provides competitive funding to Orange County cities as well as the County for water quality improvement projects, which must achieve improvements to water quality above and beyond normal mitigation and must have a transportation nexus.

Committee Chair Donchak inquired if the \$20 million and \$28 million (on the pie charts under Attachments B and C to the Staff Report) are organized at a policy level by district or by consideration of an application. Staff responded that this is based by application, and not assigned by district. Committee Chair Donchak requested that staff provide a copy of the distribution list for both the Tier 1 and Tier 2 distribution lists, organized by the five Districts.



### **7. (Continued)**

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Nelson, seconded by Director M. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to direct staff to return in early 2018 with updated Environmental Cleanup Program funding guidelines for a 2018 call for projects.

Committee Vice Chairman Nelson asked that when the call for projects is sent out, staff advise the Board of Directors so that they can reach out to the Cities.

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), said staff would be happy to provide this information and reach out.

### **8. Interstate 405 Improvement Project Update**

Jeff Mills, Program Manager for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project, and Christina Byrne, Acting Manager for Public Outreach, provided a project update and PowerPoint presentation on this item as follows:

- Project Location and Key Features;
- Project Travel Time Benefits;
- Background;
- Project Update;
- Ellis Avenue/Euclid Street Interchange;
- Preliminary Bridge Construction Timeline;
- Public Outreach Update; and
- Next Steps.

Darrell Johnson, CEO, reported on his visit to Washington, D.C., last week, where he met with Congressman Alan Lowenthal, and the Congressman was pleased with the status of the project and staff personally invited him to the January 25<sup>th</sup> Interstate 405 project groundbreaking.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, also reported that he met with Lance Larson, Executive Director, External Affairs, met with the Build America Bureau and provided the status of the project, and staff's anticipated first draw.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The use of the WAZE App and signage will be provided on the roadway to assist users who are not using mobile applications.



### **8. (Continued)**

- Ellis Avenue interchange, and there would be material cost savings; however there will be some additional costs for re-design and permitting. In addition, stakeholders are aware of the changes.
- Staff has a meeting scheduled with the City of Fountain Valley on December 19, to discuss the Ellis Avenue interchange.

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

### **Discussion Items**

### **9. OC Bridges Railroad Grade Separation Completion**

Ross Lew, Program Manager, Capital Programs, provided opening remarks and introduced Tresa Oliveri, Community Relation Officer, External Affairs. Mr. Lew and Ms. Oliveri provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Program Overview;
- Project Timeline;
- Funding; and
- Public Outreach (Short Video Highlighting OCTA's Efforts was Presented).

Committee Vice Chairman Nelson asked for a link to the video to share in his newsletter. He also gave thanks for the Measure M funding received, which allowed OCTA to attract matching funds for these type of projects.

Darrell Johnson, CEO, thanked the Committee Members for the opportunity to share this information and for allowing staff to work on a transformative set of projects in north Orange County. Mr. Johnson also extended his thanks and appreciation to the OCTA team.

Committee Chair Donchak also expressed her appreciation to OCTA staff.

Director Delgleize inquired about the number of projects completed in the last ten years. She also complimented OCTA and staff for its efforts.

No action was taken on this discussion item.



### **10. Executive Officer's Report**

Darrell Johnson, CEO, reported that:

- Last Friday, a short memorandum was sent out to the Board about the California State Auditor releasing its findings from an audit that was conducted to analyze the distribution of our Local Transpiration Funds sales tax revenues. Staff had concerns with the collection and distribution not keeping pace as anticipated, possibly due to the impacts of point-of-sale determination for internet sales.

The audit essentially supported OCTA's theory and made recommendations on how to address this going forward, and staff plans to bring a full discussion to the January 2018 Legislation and Communications Committee.

- OCTA will be hosting a public hearing for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project (between the Interstate 5 and State Route 55) on December 5, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the University Community Park in Irvine, CA.
- On Friday, December 15, 2017, OCTA will be hosting its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Stuff-A-Bus Toy Drive, along with ABC7 and Southern California Firefighters, at the Honda Center in Anaheim, CA. The event will take place from 4:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### **11. Committee Members' Reports**

Committee Vice Chairman Nelson reported that Committee Chair Donchak, Darrell Johnson, CEO, and Lance Larson, Executive Director of External Affairs, were in Washington, D.C., last week and provided an update on the United States (U.S.) President's thoughts against the funding sources for the New Starts Program, which provides funding for the OC Streetcar. However, he reported that the Federal Transit Administration, who works for the President, made clearly that it would spend money if allocated by Congress.

Committee Vice Chairman Nelson added that when Mario Diaz-Balart, U.S. Representative from Florida and Chairman of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations, walked the OC Streetcar route in August 2-17, he was very impressed and stated that the OC Streetcar project is within his appropriation.



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### **12. Closed Session**

A Closed Session was not conducted at this meeting.

### **13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 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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Olga Prado  
Assistant Clerk of the Board

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Lori Donchak  
Committee Chair