



MINUTES

Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

Mark A. Murphy, Chairman
Shawn Nelson
Miguel Pulido
Michelle Steel

Committee Members Absent

Barbara Delgleize, Vice Chair
Lisa A. Bartlett
Todd Spitzer

Staff Present

Darrell E. 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

Call to Order

The March 5, 2018 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman M. Murphy at 10:31 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director 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 (Item 2)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Nelson, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of February 5, 2018.



Regular Calendar

3. Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program - Tier 1 Grant Program Call for Projects

Alison Army, Transportation Analyst Principal, Planning, provided background information on the Measure M2 (M2) Environmental Cleanup Program (ECP), Project X, which provides competitive grant funding to local agencies as well as the County of Orange for water quality improvement projects that reduce transportation-generated pollution.

Ms. Army also reported that:

- Over the last seven years, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) has approved over \$20 million of Tier 1 funding for 154 projects.
- OCTA has worked with local agencies and the Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC) to review the M2 ECP Tier 1 Program Guidelines.
- The 2018-19 Tier 1 call for projects is anticipated to be released upon Board approval and remain open until mid-May. Two workshops will be held to assist the applicants with the process.
- The Board will be notified when the call for projects will begin and end.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The Board will be notified when the call for projects is to begin and end.
- Issues with pollution on the Santa Ana River, which travels straight into the beaches.
- Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), reported that OCTA staff will communicate with all the applicants to ensure that every city has an opportunity to apply.

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

- A. Approve the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines for Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 projects.
- B. Authorize staff to issue the fiscal year 2018-19 Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 call for projects for approximately \$2.8 million.



Discussion Items

4. Update on Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Project

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, introduced Jeannie Lee, Program Manager, Capital Programs, and Ms. Lee provided a PowerPoint presentation for this item as follows:

- Project Improvements;
- Alternative 1 – Existing Condition;
- Alternative 2;
- Alternative 3;
- Project Benefits;
- Public Noticing and Outreach; and
- Environmental Phase Schedule.

Director Steel asked what the cost difference was between Alternatives 2 and 3. Ms. Lee responded that based on the current updated cost estimate, Alternative 2 is estimated at \$35 million, and Alternative 3 is estimated at \$40 million.

5. Update on the Interstate 5/El Toro Road Interchange Improvement Project

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, provided opening remarks and introduced Lisa Ramsey, Acting Deputy District Director for Capital Programs, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12. Ms. Ramsey provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item as follows:

- Project Location;
- Purpose and Need;
- Partnering;
- Progress to Date;
- Alternative 1 – Intersection Modification (\$65 million);
- Alternative 2 – (Flyover (\$95 million)
- Alternative 3 – Diverging Diamond Interchange (\$65 million); and
- Project Schedule for Environmental Phase.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Alternative 3 (Diverging Diamond Interchange) where traffic crisscrosses on top of the bridge to not cause interference to the opposite side of the road.



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- Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, reported that the Interstate 5 (I-5) from the State Route (SR) 73 to El Toro Road Project will go into construction in five years and the two projects are linked.
- Staff will return to the Committee with an update later this year.

6. **Eastbound State Route 22 Safety Improvement Project at Interstate 5/ State Route 22/State Route 57**

Lisa Ramsey, Acting Deputy District Director for Capital Programs, Caltrans District 12, provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item as follows:

- Project Location – Eastbound (EB) SR-22;
- Project Purpose and Funding;
- Project Scope – Modify EB SR-22;
- Progress to Date;
- Project Schedule; and
- Public Outreach.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- This project will eliminate the EB SR-22 Bristol Street onramp and still allow northbound I-5, SR-57, and southbound I-5 access under the freeway.
- EB SR-22 traffic can circle back on Memory Lane up to The City Drive and access the onramp.
- The project will reduce weaving between the lanes to access the various freeways.
- Clarification on the removal and retention of the various barriers.
- This project has been modeled and the project will alleviate a lot of the traffic back-up.
- Director Pulido requested a planned view of the barriers and modeling information.

7. **Executive Officer's Report**

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, reported that:

- OCTA will host an open house for the SR-91 Project (from SR-57 to SR-55), which is in the environmental phase. The open house will be held on Wednesday, March 14, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Rio Vista Elementary School in Anaheim. The public hearing and draft environmental document circulation are anticipated for late 2018.



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7. (Continued)

- Staff will follow-up with Caltrans regarding the requested information for Item 6 on the Agenda.
- Mr. Johnson, CEO, thanked Caltrans for working hard to get Item 6 on the Agenda into the State Highway Operations and Protection Program.

8. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' reports.

9. Closed Session

A Closed Session was not conducted at this meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 2, 2018**, 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

Mark A. Murphy
Committee Chairman