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Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

Frank Ury, Chairman
Lisa A. Bartlett, Vice Chair
Andrew Do
Lori Donchak
Gary A. Miller
Shawn Nelson
Todd Spitzer

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

Jeffrey Lalloway

Call to Order

The December 5, 2016 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Ury at 10:33 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Miller 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 8)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Nelson, seconded by Board Chair Donchak, and declared passed by those present, to approve minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting.

Director Bartlett was not present to vote on this item.



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3. Grant Award for Countywide Systemic Safety Analysis Report

A motion was made by Director Nelson, seconded by Board Chair Donchak, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the grant award and execute grant-related agreements with the California Department of Transportation to develop a Systemic Safety Analysis Report for Orange County.

Director Bartlett was not present to vote on this item.

4. 2017 Technical Steering Committee Membership

A motion was made by Director Nelson, seconded by Board Chair Donchak, and declared passed by those present, to approve the 2017 Technical Steering Committee membership list.

Director Bartlett was not present to vote on this item.

5. Amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways

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

A. Approve amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways for facilities listed below in the City of Garden Grove:

- Reclassify Gilbert Street between Chapman Avenue and Katella Avenue from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial.
- Reclassify West Street between Garden Grove Boulevard and Orangewood Avenue from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial.

The proposed amendment will become final contingent upon the Orange County Transportation Authority receiving documentation that the City of Garden Grove has amended its general plan and has complied with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. If the originally proposed Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment is modified as a result of the California Environmental Quality Act and/or general plan amendments process, the modified Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment shall be returned to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors for consideration.



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5. (Continued)

- B. Direct the Executive Director of Planning, or his designee, to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act in support of the amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways.

Director Bartlett was not present to vote on this item.

6. **Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Semi-Annual Review – September 2016**

A motion was made by Director Nelson, seconded by Board Chair Donchak, and declared passed by those present, to approve adjustments to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program projects and Local Fair Share funds.

Director Bartlett was not present to vote on this item.

7. **Cooperative Agreement with the Department of California Highway Patrol for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project**

A motion was made by Director Nelson, seconded by Board Chair Donchak, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-6-1437 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Department of California Highway Patrol, in the amount of \$7,000,000, for the Construction Zone Enhanced Enforcement Program required during the design-build implementation of the Interstate 405 Improvement Project.

Director Bartlett was not present to vote on this item.

8. **Fiscal Year 2016-17 Freeway Service Patrol Program Fund Transfer Agreement**

A motion was made by Director Nelson, seconded by Board Chair Donchak, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-6-1527 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2016-17 Freeway Service Patrol program funding.

Director Bartlett was not present to vote on this item.



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Regular Calendar

9. California Department of Transportation Draft Managed Lanes Network Study

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided opening remarks and introduced Kurt Brotcke, Director of Strategic Planning.

Mr. Brotcke provided a brief overview on the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Draft Managed Lanes Network Study, and introduced Lan Zhou, Deputy District Director, Planning and Local Assistance, Caltrans District 12, and Loren Bloomberg, North American Director of Traffic Engineering, CH2M Hill, Inc.

Ms. Zhou and Mr. Bloomberg provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Project Overview;
- Managed Lanes Studies;
- Evaluation;
- Scenarios;
- Results:
 - Delay Improvements;
 - Toll Revenues;
 - Revenue and Mobility Benefits;
- Recommended Corridors; and
- Next Steps.

A very lengthy discussion ensued regarding:

- High, medium, and low toll revenue expectations;
- Traffic mobility or generating revenue; and if the latter, how does revenue come into play;
- If the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) moved to dynamic pricing model, how will that affect toll revenue assumptions;
- Difference between OCTA toll lanes and TCA private toll roads and related pricing models;
- What consideration was given to adjacent counties;
- Clarification of the various scenarios and questions regarding a feasibility study;
- Los Angeles County Measure M bonding, as well as other agencies' plans for priced managed lanes; and
- When does local control come into play in this process.



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9. (Continued)

Mr. Brotcke discussed Attachments B and C of the Staff Report, as well as Caltrans' next steps.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, provided closing remarks and no action was taken on this receive and file information item.

10. **Relocation of West Orange County Water Board Water Line for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project**

Darrell Johnson, CEO, provided opening remarks and reported that Director Miller previously requested an agenda item be presented to the Regional Planning and Highways (RP&H) Committee, and introduced Jeff Mills, Program Manager, Highway Programs.

Mr. Mills outlined the current status, cost liability, and recommendations for the relocation of a 33-inch water line owned and operated by West Orange County Water (WOCW) Board, which crosses the Interstate 405 (I-405) and is in conflict with the I-405 Improvement Project.

Director Miller stated that he had requested an agenda item on project costs for all water lines that cross the I-405 Improvement Project and are owned or operated by the WOCW Board, Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, and the Mesa Water District. Director Miller inquired about the public utility code and if funding the relocation of a utility line is considered a gift of public funds to the state.

A lengthy discussion ensued, and James Donich, General Counsel, addressed Director Miller's questions/concerns.

A motion was made by Committee Chairman Ury, seconded by Board Director Donchak, and declared passed by those present, to direct staff to continue to work cooperatively with the West Orange County Water Board and the California Department of Transportation, in accordance with state and federal laws, to relocate a 33-inch water line in conflict with the Interstate 405 Improvement Project.



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Discussion Items

11. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell Johnson, CEO, reported that:

- The 91 Express Lanes Pavement Rehabilitation Project work is completed as of yesterday afternoon. Staff is now working on finishing touches to the project, which include six changeable message signs, restriping, replacement of channelizers, etcetera. These will be completed during short overnight closures through the months of December and January.
- Last week, President-elect Trump's transition team announced the nomination of Elaine Chao as Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation. Mr. Johnson stated that Ms. Chao has a lot of experience as the Secretary of Labor, and both the American Association of State of Highway Transportation Officials and the American Public Transportation Association organizations have signaled a strong support for her nomination.
- Today is Committee Chairman Ury's last RP&H Committee meeting, and Mr. Johnson thanked Committee Chairman Ury, on behalf of staff, for his leadership on the RP&H Committee over the past two years. In addition, Mr. Johnson thanked Director Miller on behalf of the staff for his participation, focus, and efforts on the RP&H Committee as today is also his last meeting.

12. Committee Members' Reports

Director Miller stated that this has been an exciting Committee to participate on and expressed his appreciation for staff's hard work and for General Counsel's input during the meetings. He also thanked everyone for allowing him to participate on the Committee and thanked all for the comradery.

Committee Chairman Ury reported that this has been a lot of fun being the Chairman of the RP&H Committee. He thanked staff and the Board for all their work and comradery. He also stated that he appreciated the experience and wished everyone the best of luck on all the projects staff is working on.

13. Closed Session

A Closed Session was not conducted at this meeting.



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14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2017**, 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

Frank Ury
Committee Chairman