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Transit Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

*Al Murray, Chairman
Greg Winterbottom, Vice Chairman
Andrew Do
Steve Jones
Miguel Pulido
Tim Shaw
Michelle Steel
Tom Tait*

Staff Present

*Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Ken Phipps, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board
Mary K. Burton, Deputy 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 8, 2016 regular meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Murray at 9:10 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Jones 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 9)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Tait, seconded by Committee Chairman Murray, and declared passed by those present, to approve minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.



3. Agreement for Bridge Repair at the Laguna Beach Transportation Center

A motion was made by Director Tait, seconded by Committee Chairman Murray, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-6-1400 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and John S. Meek Company, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$198,755, for bridge repair at the Laguna Beach Transportation Center.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

4. Consultant Selection for Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Clearance Services for the Transit Security and Operations Center

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

- A. Approve the selection of STV Incorporated as the firm to provide preliminary engineering and environmental clearance services for the Transit Security and Operations Center.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-6-1108 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and STV Incorporated to provide preliminary engineering and environmental clearance services for the Transit Security and Operations Center.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

5. Amendment to Agreement for Additional Construction Management Services for the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station Improvements Project

A motion was made by Director Tait, seconded by Committee Chairman Murray, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-4-1781 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and PreScience Corporation, in the amount of \$350,000, for additional construction management services for the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station Improvements project, and extend the contract term of the agreement through December 31, 2017. The amendment will increase the maximum obligation for the agreement to a contract value of \$827,626.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.



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6. Consultant Selection for Construction Management Services for the Placentia Metrolink Commuter Rail Station Project

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

- A. Approve the selection of Berg & Associates, Inc., as the firm to provide construction management services for the Placentia Metrolink Commuter Rail Station project.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-6-1304 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Berg & Associates, Inc., to provide construction management services for the Placentia Metrolink Commuter Rail Station project.

Pursuant to Government Code 84308, Directors Do and Steel recused themselves from voting on this item.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

7. Award of Agreement for Bus Stop Solar Lighting

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

- A. Approve the selection of Urban Solar Corp as the firm to provide up to 630 solar powered lights and 750 solar powered batteries.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-6-1440 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Urban Solar Corp, in the amount of \$423,642, to manufacture and install solar powered lighting units at select bus stops, for a three-year term.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.



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8. Amendment to Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of the Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Facility at the Irvine Sand Canyon Bus Base

A motion was made by Director Tait, seconded by Committee Chairman Murray, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 11 to Agreement No. C-7-0997 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Clean Energy to exercise the second and final one-year option term, in the amount of \$700,049, through February 28, 2018, for operation and maintenance support for the Irvine Sand Canyon Base compressed natural gas fuel station. This amendment will bring the total contract value to \$8,781,029.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

9. February 2017 Bus Service Change Program

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

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

Regular Calendar

10. Award of Agreement for the Purchase of Cutaway Buses for Project V Services

Cliff Thorne, Maintenance Manager, provided background, procurement approach, and recommendations for the purchase of cutaway buses for the Project V services.

Committee Chairman Murray inquired if there is a difference with the vehicles and if there is a \$13,000 savings per vehicle.

Mr. Thorne responded that there is a difference between the 2016 and 2017 vehicle, and the 2016 vehicle is "Altoona" tested and the 2017 is not tested. Mr. Thorne also confirmed that there is a \$13,000 savings per vehicle.

Director Shaw inquired about the Best and Final Offer from Creative Bus Sales and how the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) responded to A-Z Bus Sales, Inc. (A-Z).

Mr. Thorne responded that A-Z opted out from bidding, and sent a letter to OCTA stating they would not bid on this contract, because the 2017 vehicle was not "Altoona" tested.



10. (Continued)

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

- A. Approve the selection of Creative Bus Sales as the firm to provide up to seven, 32-foot cutaway compressed natural gas-powered buses under the California Association for Coordinated Transportation/Morongo Basin Transit Authority Purchasing Cooperative.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-6-1323 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Creative Bus Sales in the amount of \$1,564,318, for the purchase of up to seven, 32-foot compressed natural gas-powered cutaway buses.

11. Project V Community-Based Transit Circulators Program Ridership Report

Sam Kaur, Section Manager, Measure M Local Programs, stated that the Transit Committee requested a report on the ridership for the Project V Community-Based Transit Circulators Program (Project V). Ms. Kaur reported that the services are generally doing well and referenced Attachment A of the Staff Report.

Ms. Kaur also reported that staff will continue to work with the City of La Habra to improve ridership and reduce unproductive vehicle hours. In addition, staff will continue to monitor the community circulators approved earlier this year.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The cities of Mission Viejo and Westminster Project V reports will be provided by mid-2017.
- The La Habra Project V will travel on Imperial Highway to provide service that was discontinued, due to the OC Bus 360°.
- La Habra's community circulator fee is \$1.00 per boarding, and La Habra could consider not charging in order to potentially increase ridership.
- The cost for La Habra to pick up the service cost is 10 percent of the total cost, which is approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year.
- The interagency agreement between La Habra and Metrolink has been implemented, and Metrolink provides \$1.00 per transfer to La Habra's Project V circulator.
- Laguna Beach's service is free, and the City is responsible for providing the match per their application.
- The fare structure for each city is defined in the application submitted and each city has a different fare structure.



11. (Continued)

- For Measure M2 (M2) funded community circulators, the 20 percent farebox recovery state rule does not apply.
- The Project V boardings requirement within the first year of service is at least six passengers per hour and the first 24 months is 10 passengers per hour.

Following the discussion, no action was taken on this receive and file information item.

12. **Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Manufacturing and Delivery of Vehicles for the OC Streetcar Project**

Jim Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Background,
- Piggyback Contract Opportunities,
- Site Visits,
- Request for Quotation,
- Buy America Requirements,
- Staff Recommendation, and
- Next Steps.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Staff cannot quantify at this time the savings of the Piggyback process.
- Depending on negotiations with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the streetcar budget may change.
- The vehicle cost is one element of the project budget cost, and staff is reviewing the risk assessment along with the FTA for the project.
- Approximately 10 percent of the streetcar budget is for vehicle costs.
- Staff will report in early 2017 the risk assessment.
- The 70 percent low-floor vehicle has an elevated section over the wheels of the vehicle that is wheelchair accessible.
- The FTA requires OCTA to become "Buy America" compliant for the vehicles and will not provide a waiver.



12. (Continued)

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

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 6-1445 for manufacturing and delivery of eight streetcar vehicles for the OC Streetcar project, with an option to purchase ten additional streetcar vehicles.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 6-1445 for manufacturing and delivery of eight streetcar vehicles for the OC Streetcar project.

Director Tait voted in opposition.

Discussion Items

13. OC Streetcar Bus Rail Interface Plan Options

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided opening comments that the New Starts funding process requires OCTA to develop and submit a bus rail interface plan for the OC Streetcar project.

Gary Hewitt, Manager of Transit, Non-Motorized Planning, provided a PowerPoint presentation for the OC Streetcar Bus Rail Interface Plan Options as follows:

- OC Streetcar Service Profile,
- Goals,
- Objectives,
- Pre OC Streetcar Bus Routing,
- Bus Route change Options,
- Bus Route Alignment Options,
- Post OC Streetcar Bus Routing,
- Bus Stop Options,
- Bus Frequency and Span Options, and
- Next Steps.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- OC Bus 360° bus route changes considered the streetcar alignment and the routes are within ½ mile walking distance of the OC Streetcar alignment.



13. (Continued)

Director Tait requested that the public be given an opportunity to weigh-in on this bus rail interface plan. In addition, Director Tait is concerned that the streetcar project will take away from “natural” fixed-routes and fixed-route budget.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- OCTA is required to develop and submit a plan to the FTA by spring 2017,
- The plan is different from the implementation process to be done in four years,
- There may be opportunities to adjust the plan based upon changes in land use, demographics, existing ridership, economics, etcetera,
- Staff can solicit feedback in regards to this plan from the Customer Advisory Committee and Special Needs Advisory Committee,
- The bus funds do not fund the streetcar system, and
- The existing bus operations are not included in the transit component of M2; however, M2 Project S allows use for rubber tire for new bus service only.

14. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, reported that:

- On today's Consent Calendar, “Item 9” is regarding the February 2017 Bus Service Change Program, which includes routine schedule adjustments. In addition, he reported that the next express service will be on Route 53 and will be called Route 53X to be included in the February service change.
- Last week, President-elect Trump's transition team announced the nomination of Elaine Chao as Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation. Ms. Chao served in various capacities in the Department of Labor and in transportation under Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush.

Ms. Chao's nomination is still subject to confirmation in the Senate. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the American Public Transportation Association have given strong support for her nomination.



15. Committee Members' Reports

Director Shaw reported that this week, the City of Santa Ana is declared a sanctuary city and stated that President-elect Trump indicated withholding federal dollars from any city that was a sanctuary city. Director Shaw asked if OCTA is expecting \$240 million in federal money for the OC Streetcar project.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, responded that OCTA will receive approximately \$150 million from the New Starts program and about \$60 million from the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program.

A discussion ensued that OCTA is the federal funds recipient, how OCTA receives the funds, the current schedule funds process will start in October 1, 2017, and the Santa Ana's Council could change their sanctuary city policy.

James Donich, General Counsel, stated there are few federal grants that go to state and local agencies that are conditioned upon the local agency complying with federal immigration regulations, and he highlighted the process.

Committee Chairman Murray announced that Director Shaw is the new Legislative Committee Chairman of the Association of California Cities - Orange County.

Committee Chairman Murray announced that tonight is the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) awards gala and Chair Donchak will be honored with the Woman of the Year award.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reconfirmed that tonight is the WTS awards gala, as well as their annual scholarship event and approximately \$50,000 in scholarships will be given to women in the transportation industry. In addition, Mr. Johnson stated that he will be the Master of Ceremonies for the WTS event.

16. Closed Session

A Closed Session was not conducted at this meeting.



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17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2017**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room – Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

ATTEST

Mary K. Burton
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Al Murray
Committee Chairman