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Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

*Lisa A. Bartlett, Vice Chair
Andrew Do
Lori Donchak
Shawn Nelson*

Committee Members Absent

*Jeffrey Lalloway
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*

Call to Order

The January 5, 2017 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Committee Vice Chair Bartlett at 10:33 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 (Items 2 through 4)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Nelson, seconded by Board Chair Donchak, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of December 5, 2016.



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3. Active Transportation Program Cycle 3 Project Prioritization

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

- A. Approve the additional points assigned to the Orange County Active Transportation Program Cycle 3, Regional Projects, consistent with the Orange County Transportation Authority-adopted Active Transportation Program project prioritization and submittal to the Southern California Association of Governments.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to approve and adopt any future technical changes, substitutions, and additions to the final recommended project list.
- C. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program to facilitate the above actions.

4. Consultant Selection for the Active Transportation Plan

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

- A. Approve the selection of IBI Group as the firm to develop the Orange County Active Transportation Plan.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-6-1417, between the Orange County Transportation Authority and IBI Group, in the amount of \$350,000, for an 18-month term through July 31, 2018, to develop the Orange County Active Transportation Plan.

Regular Calendar

5. Regional Planning Update

Kurt Brocke, Director of Strategic Planning, provided opening remarks and introduced Greg Nord, Principal Transportation Analyst, Planning.

Mr. Brotcke reported on the regional planning efforts with the goal to ensure that the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) voice is heard through various regional forums, including the Southern California Association of Government, the Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and other agencies. Mr. Brotcke also highlighted the two major policy issues the report focuses on.



5. (Continued)

Mr. Nord provided a report on the following:

- Implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 743 (Chapter 386, Statutes of 2013), which:
 - Eliminates the use of vehicle delay, and
 - Directs the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to promote the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the development of multimodal transportation networks, and a diversity of land uses;
- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) released an "Interim Guidance" for its Intergovernmental Review Program, which directs Caltrans staff to submit comments that identify opportunities for reduced vehicle miles traveled for land use, and infrastructure plans and projects;
- Concerns that Caltrans may be getting ahead of the SB 743 rulemaking process;
- 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP);
- National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) requirements;
- If NAAQS standards are not met, possible sanctions could be imposed;
- AQMP's figures reflect that the region needs to reduce nitrogen (NOx) by approximately 43 percent below the baseline projection by the year 2023, and 55 percent by the year 2031;
- Three identified main subject areas of concern in the draft AQMP; and
- Development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is underway.

Committee Vice Chair Bartlett inquired on how the NOx percentages are projected by SCAQMD, and Director Nelson added his concerns regarding the figures. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Board Chair Donchak inquired about Attachment A to the Staff Report, Page 2, regarding the three listed studies related to Caltrans. Mr. Brotcke provided clarification.

Board Chair Donchak reported that the zero-emission technology for busses is an incredible expense for agencies, and asked how staff is working with other agencies/counties on this. A short discussion ensued, and she encouraged that staff work with other counties and stakeholders and make OCTA's voice heard.

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), reported that embedded with the LRTP process will be OCTA's forecast of likely-to-be-available revenues, and as the 2017 Legislative Session approaches, the revenue side will be challenging for OCTA.

No action was taken on this receive and file as an information item.



Discussion Items

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell Johnson, CEO, reported that:

- Yesterday afternoon, a big milestone was reached with traffic reopening on Fender Avenue and State College Boulevard in Fullerton for the grade crossing project. There are seven grade crossing projects under construction and this is one of the two projects being managed by Fullerton, with OCTA providing funding, oversight, and outreach.

7. Committee Members' Reports

Director Nelson requested that OCTA staff work with its federal advocate regarding any issues between the City of Santa and the Federal Administration regarding federal funding/sanctuary concerns. A short discussion ensued.

Committee Vice Chair Bartlett reminded the Board that in mid-August, the La Pata Extension Grand Opening event took place. She added that the project was very well received, saving people commuters a lot of time in the region.

Committee Vice Chair Bartlett reported that Camino Del Rio, which connects a portion of Camino Del Rio into La Pata, will open on Monday, January 9, 2017. The opening is three months ahead of schedule, and will make a huge difference for regional mobility in south Orange County. She extended her thanks to OCTA for the funding for this significant project.

Committee Vice Chair Bartlett reported that she was recently appointed as Co-Vice Chair for the Housing, Land Use, and Transportation Committee for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). She reported that CSAC has a big voice in Sacramento, and she would be happy to provide a voice for Orange County.

8. Closed Session

A Closed Session was not conducted at this meeting.



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9. 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, February 6, 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

Lisa A. Bartlett
Committee Vice Chair