



Committee Members Present

Shawn Nelson, Chairman
Al Murray, Vice Chairman
Laurie Davies
Barbara Delgleize
Tim Shaw
Gregory T. Winterbottom

Staff Present

Ken Phipps, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board,
Sara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board
James Donich, General Counsel
OCTA Staff and members of the General Public

Committee Members Absent

Lisa A. Bartlett
Michael Hennessey

Call to Order

The September 21, 2017 regular meeting of the Legislative and Communications Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Nelson at 9:17 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Vice Chairman Murray led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Special Calendar

2. Sacramento Advocate Presentation

Lance Larson, Executive Director of Government Relations, introduced Sacramento Advocate, Moira Topp, who provided an update on this year's State Legislature as follows:

- Statistics:
 - In the Senate Assembly, 2,590 bills were introduced this year and only 1,484 of them made it to the Governor's desk.
 - Of the bills that the Legislative leaders passed; only 12 of 2,590 were refused passage.
- Themes:
 - Infrastructure,
 - Climate change, and
 - Response to Washington D.C.



2. (Continued)

- Transportation Funding:
 - Senate Bill (SB) 1.
 - The bills that the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) took a position on had an overall successful rate.
 - The governance bill related to Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board did not pass.
 - The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) governance bill passed, which changed the voting threshold and the Board voting weight.
 - A suggestion was made to have General Counsel review ways in which OCTA Board of Directors (Board) can be protected from SANDAG's Board weighting impact.
- The National Environmental Policy Act delegation passed.
- Cap-and-trade Expenditures.
- Assembly Bill (AB) 1069 will allow the Orange County Taxi Administration Program to continue to exist.
- The Assembly Republican Leader was replaced.
- The recall effort to replace Senator Newman is still in place.
- Senator De Leon will be termed out and next year, there will be a new Democratic leader in the Senate.
- Next year will be Jerry Brown's last year as Governor.
- Reviewing toll issues from a number of different perspectives, in regards to privacy issues and toll violations.

A discussion ensued about the Governor making the water tunnels a high priority. Committee Chairman Nelson stated that working with the author is a lot more productive than trying to change the trajectory when 12 bills failed.

Consent Calendar (Item 3)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Murray, seconded by Director Shaw, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting.

Regular Calendar

4. State Legislative Status Report

Kristin Essner, Manager of State and Federal Relations, stated that Ms. Topp covered a majority of the report and added that AB Bill 28 and AB 1113, which OCTA supported, were signed into law by the Governor.

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

5. Federal Legislative Status Report

Kristin Essner, Manager of State and Federal Relations, reported on the following:

- Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations Process update.
- Both the fiscal year 2018 Transportation Housing and Urban Development appropriation bills seek to maintain the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act authorized funding levels for the majority of the transportation funding programs.
- Differences lie between the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) programs and the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program.
- The CIG program funding is larger than what the President initially requested and includes funding for the New Starts program, which is a major funding source for the OC Streetcar project.
- The Senate included the maximum amount of funding and reporting language that continues to direct the Secretary of Transportation to sign future full funding grant agreements.
- The House includes some new full funding grant agreements. However, a lot of the new funding is specifically directed towards one project in the Northeast Corridor.
- The positions the House and Senate take on the TIGER funding.
- The CIG programs benefits most agencies state-wide verses the TIGER program.
- The Federal report covers an executive order that seeks to streamline the environmental process.
- A reference to Attachment B that outlines similarities and differences.
- Staff has received notice that the Council on Environmental Quality has started implementing some of the executive order and released recommendations on how to streamline the environmental process.

5. (Continued)

- OCTA staff would travel to Washington D.C. in November/December timeframe based on the congressional schedule.
- A comprehensive tax reform measure may be handled for zero emission vehicles (vehicles that do not pay into the Federal Highway Trust Fund).
- A letter of support was sent in July to find a solution to the Federal Highway Trust Fund issue and to explore other ways of funding.

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

6. Draft Revisions to Orange County Transportation Authority's 2017-18 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

A public comment was heard from Barbie Daly, Director of Government and Legislative Affairs, Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA), who commented on the following:

- Background on the TCA.
- TCA's collaboration with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and OCTA, and the shared mission to provide increased mobility options to Orange County.
- Concerns that the staff report was modified to remove language supportive of TCA's mission to find mobility solutions to south Orange County, to complete the toll road network, and did not recognize the current collaborative efforts between OCTA and Caltrans, which resulted in 20 mobility solution ideas put forth by the public.
- The leadership of TCA asks for OCTA's continued support to TCA's mission, to maintain the existing language in OCTA's State and Federal Legislative Platforms, and to find solutions that will provide traffic relief and transportation options for south Orange County.

Dustin Sifford, Senior Government Relation Representative, reported on the following:

- This is the first draft and the 2017-18 draft revisions will return to the Legislative and Communications Committee and full Board in November for final consideration.
- In the State Legislative Platform, the biggest change was to the annual "Transportation Funding" section to reflect passage of SB 1, and language was updated to make it applicable to what will happen in 2018.

6. (Continued)

- In Section IV and V, content was added to include OCTA's work on the Interstate 405, completion of the 91 Express lanes extension, and streamlining toll language.
- Two sections in the State Legislative Platform were edited in order to be consistent with the Federal Legislative Platform.
- In the Federal Legislative Platform, the biggest change is in Section III. "Economic Impact Legislative and Regulations" includes a new paragraph on OCTA's goals for federal funding and protecting the existing funding.
- A section on the Highway Trust Fund's (HTF) structural deficit was included, in which OCTA sent a letter in support of a long-term fix for the HTF structural revenue deficit in tax reform legislation.
- Staff recommends removing the language about TCA's efforts to expand its existing network because the language is outdated. Staff is prepared to bring back legislation once TCA has significant information on those projects.

Lance Larson, Executive Director of External Affairs, referenced the first paragraph of the staff report and noted that this is a mid-session refresh, and due to a settlement agreement with the toll road authorities, language was amended and included to reflect OCTA's platform.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The Legislative platform is a guide for the legislative process.
- Page one of Attachment B of the Staff Report allows OCTA to collaborate with regional entities.
- Concerns about removing language in Attachment A, section five, of the Staff Report.
- The lack of legislative activity pertaining to any potential TCA projects and the need to finalize project alternatives through a public selection process.
- This document is about legislative items and not projects.
- OCTA confirmed that no documentation was received from the TCA regarding this item.

Committee Chairman Nelson requested refined language addressing, "the impact of low and zero emission vehicles on Highway Trust Fund revenues."



6. (Continued)

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Murray, seconded by Committee Chairman Nelson, and declared passed by those present, to authorize staff to integrate the recommended revisions to the Orange County Transportation Authority's 2017-18 State and Federal Legislative Platforms and seek further feedback from the Board of Directors, internal staff, and advisory groups, with subsequent drafts to be brought forward in November for final consideration and adoption.

7. Consideration of Measure M Identity Enhancements

Ken Phipps, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO), provided opening comments and introduced Ryan Armstrong, Section Manager of Digital Marketing and Creative Services. Mr. Armstrong stated that this item was presented at the July 20, 2017 Legislative and Communications Committee meeting.

Mr. Armstrong referred to slides 11, 12, and 13 of the PowerPoint presentation and explained the changes of the OC Go design.

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Winterbottom, and declared passed by those present, to approve renaming Measure M and incorporate the OC Go logo into updated signage and communications materials.

Discussion Items

8. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ken Phipps, DCEO, reported on the following:

- Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, is in New York meeting with various rating agencies.
- Yesterday, OCTA hosted a planning workshop with elected officials to discuss the 2018 Long-Range Transportation Plan. There were approximately 30 attendees. Mr. Phipps expressed thanks to Directors Davies, Delgleize, Donchak, and Murray for attending the workshop.
- On Friday, September 29th, the Mobility 21 Annual Southern California Transportation Summit takes place at the Disneyland Hotel. For those Members who have not signed up and would like to attend, please contact the CEO's office.

9. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' Reports.



10. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

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Shawn Nelson
Committee Chairman

Sahara Meisenheimer
Deputy Clerk of the Board