

MINUTESTransit Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

Tim Shaw, Chairman
Al Murray, Vice Chairman
Andrew Do
Steve Jones
Miguel Pulido
Tom Tait
Gregory T. Winterbottom

Staff Present

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 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

Miguel Pulido

Call to Order

The January 11, 2018 regular meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Shaw at 9:02 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 4)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Murray, seconded by Director Winterbottom, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of the December 14, 2017.

Director Tait was not present to vote on this item.

3. SB 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) State of Good Repair Program Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017-18 Funds

Director Do pulled this item and asked if staff should start the process of putting together a plan to make more user friendly stations, bus stops, and terminals.

3. (Continued)

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), explained the ultimate goal of the transit master plan. He stated that the next step is a fleet plan, overall comprehensive business plan which looks at the funding, as well as, Senate Bill (SB) 1 and state transit assistance which will feed into funding those items. Mr. Johnson also commented on SB 1 and it being in place until it is repealed.

Director Do asked if the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) can focus on the top five bus routes that are heavily impacted and to enhance the bus stops and benches. Mr. Johnson, CEO, responded that under Project W (Measure M2) it focuses on the 100 busiest bus stops which are the responsibility of the cities.

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

- A. Approve the use of \$5.607 million in fiscal year 2017-18 SB 1 State of Good Repair program funding for the purchase of ten zero-emission hydrogen fuel cell buses.
- B. Approve the use of any remaining fiscal year 2017-18 SB 1 State of Good Repair program funding (currently estimated to be \$66,181) for heating-ventilation unit replacements at Anaheim Base Maintenance Building.
- C. Approve Resolution 2018-015, consistent with the SB 1 State of Good Repair program guidelines.
- D. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, as well as execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the above recommendations.

4. Award of Agreement for Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Facility Operation and Maintenance

Staff deferred this item to the February 8, 2018 Transit Committee meeting.

Regular Calendar

5. Local Agencies' Interest in Project V Call for Projects

Kurt Brotcke, Director of Strategic Planning, provided an update on local agencies' interest in a potential future Project V Call for Projects and reported on the following:

- 16 services are using the Project V funds.
- \$36.5 million has been allocated for these services.
- The special events and seasonal services have been successful from a productivity point of view.
- Staff requested letters of interests from local agencies and OCTA received 13 letters of interest from: Buena Park, Dana Point, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, Orange, Placentia, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Ana, Tustin, and Yorba Linda.
- The letters of interest emphasized that there's a lot of interests for future projects, but some cities do not necessarily know what they want yet.
- The next step is to update the Project V guidelines on the Call for Projects and to return next month.
- Applications would be due between March April timeframe and staff would come back to the Transit Committee in June.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding:

- The finances of Project V in regards to the seasonal and special event services, the call for projects would be in the \$10 million to \$12 million range.
- Whether or not, there is a correlation with ridership and fares (i.e. free fares, etc.)
- Clarification on seasonal events and cities being required to have a local match.
- Costa Mesa and Anaheim services have not been successful with their year round circulator.
- Project V Guidelines state that the Project V-funded services need to achieve six boardings per revenue vehicle hour for the first year and ten boardings per revenue vehicle hour after the second year.
- The La Habra service as a part of Project V.
- The guidelines limit OCTA's subsidy to \$9.00 per boarding and the city has to pick up what is beyond that.

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5. (Continued)

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Murray, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to direct staff to return with revised Project V Guidelines for a potential call for projects that focuses on special event and seasonal services.

Director Winterbottom was not present to vote on this item.

Discussion Items

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- On January 10th, a memo was sent to the Board of Directors' (Board) about the proposed 2018-19 state budget that the Governor introduced at a news conference. It is about \$4.6 billion of new transportation funding in the budget which includes: \$1.2 billion state-wide for local street and road maintenance, about \$350 million for transit and intercity rail capital projects, and \$1.6 billion total to the California Department of Transportation for maintenance activities. Staff will continue to keep the Board updated on what the state budget means for the OCTA budget.
- This morning, OCTA's community outreach team is hosting a booth in the staff café at Ikea in Costa Mesa to distribute Interstate 405 Improvement Project information to employees. This is in preparation for the official groundbreaking of the project that will take place on January 26th at 9:00 a.m. in the Ikea parking lot adjacent to the freeway.

7. Committee Members' Reports

- Committee Vice Chairman Murray inquired about the current rail situation due to the rain. Jennifer Bergner, Director of Rail Programs and Facilities Engineering, responded that the rail lines have been closed for the last two and half days and Highway 101 will remain closed through the weekend and on Monday. It is strongly encouraged to not travel in that direction over the weekend.
- Committee Chairman Shaw expressed his gratitude for being Chairman of the Transit Committee and asked about the committee assignments.
- Mr. Johnson, CEO, responded that the Board committee assignments will be included in the January 22nd Board agenda packet.



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8. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room – Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

ATTEST	
	Sahara Meisenheimer
Steve Jones	Deputy Clerk of the Board
Committee Vice Chairman	