



Committee Members Present

Shawn Nelson, Chairman
Al Murray, Vice Chairman
Lisa A. Bartlett
Laurie Davies
Barbara Delgleize
Michael Hennessey
Tim Shaw
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 Board
Cassie Trapesonian, Associate General Counsel
OCTA Staff and members of the General Public

Committee Members Absent

None

Call to Order

The November 16, 2017 regular meeting of the Legislative and Communications Committee was called to order by Committee Vice Chairman Murray at 9:03 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Davies led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Special Calendar

2. Conference Call with State Legislative Advocate Moira Topp

Moira Topp, Sacramento Advocate, reported on the following:

- The Legislative Analyst's Office released its economic outlook, which reported a strong economy.
- Predictions of an additional California budget reserve at the close of the fiscal year 2018-19 budget.
- 2018 will be the final year for the Governor and it's predicted the State's budget will remain fiscally conservative.
- The Governors' office is thinking about closing out legacy items.
- Assembly Member Tom Daly sponsored an audit on sales tax issues and how it affects transit funding; the audit should be released by November 30th, 2017.
- 2018 will be an election year, which means fewer major policy items will be brought up during the legislative session.
- Continuation of implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 1 will be one of the main priorities for California.



2. (Continued)

- The homeless crisis is impacting California cities.
- Climate change continues to rank number one with legislative leadership and the Governor.
- The reactions to the Federal government actions will affect the California budget tax reform legislation.
- The politics of 2018 and who will be running for Governor of California.
- The sexual harassment issues and allegations will have an effect on some of the election races.
- The budget reserve could be used for the homelessness issues.

Director Davies requested for staff to monitor and report back regarding any potential federal funding impacts, due to recent correspondence by the United States Justice Department to specific cities that have declared sanctuary city status.

A discussed ensued regarding:

- Consideration of legislators pulling back on Assembly Bill 109, Proposition 57, and Proposition 47 and to reform those initiatives.
- The Governor making California High-Speed Rail a legacy item.

Consent Calendar (Item 3)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2017 meeting.

Committee Chairman Nelson was not present to vote on this item.



Regular Calendar

4. Orange County Transportation Authority 2017-18 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

Lance Larson, Executive Director of External Affairs, provided opening comments and introduced Dustin Sifford, Senior Government Relations Representative, who reported on the following:

- Minimal changes to the State and Federal Legislative Platforms are as follows:
 - For the State Platform: updated language to the cap-and-trade section based on what the Legislature passed and the definition of disadvantaged communities was moved to the transportation section.
 - For the Federal Platform changes: timing regulations to the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality and the language requested by Committee Chairman Nelson on the Highway Trust Fund fix.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The future of Assembly Bill 1069 and how the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) will start meeting with cities and the Orange County Taxi Administration Program (OCTAP) on what may be possible under the new legislation.
- The Orange County City Managers' Association developed an Ad-Hoc Committee to take the lead on informing every City Manager on the OCTAP refinements.

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

- A. Adopt the revised 2017-18 State and Federal Legislative Platforms.
- B. Direct staff to distribute the adopted platforms to elected officials advisory committees, local governments, affected agencies, the business community, and other interested parties.

5. Status Report of State Legislation Enacted in 2017

Lance Larson, Executive Director of External Affairs, provided opening comments and introduced Kristin Essner, Manager of State and Federal Relations and Jaymal Patel, Associate Government Relations Representative, who reported on the following:

- A summary of the bills the Governor signed and vetoed this year.

5. (Continued)

- The Governor signed 95 bills which are included in the end of the year report in Attachment A of the Staff Report.
- Of the bills that OCTA took a position on, OCTA opposed Assembly Bill (AB) 805, which was signed by the Governor.
- A description of AB 805 and how it changes the voting and governance structure of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).
- AB 805 adds new requirements into how SANDAG funds projects and changes the taxing authority in San Diego County.
- The Governor signed bills OCTA took positions on, including: Assembly Bill 28, Assembly Bill 1069, and Assembly Bill 179.
- Various bills held over as two-year bills including: dealing with public-private partnership expansion, zero emission bus requirements, and requirements for tolling evasion penalties.

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

6. Performance Evaluation of Sacramento Legislative Advocate, Platinum Advisors, LLC

Lance Larson, Executive Director of External Affairs, provided opening comments and Kristin Essner, Manager of State and Federal Relations, reported on the following:

- Staff has rated Platinum Advisors, LLC's (Platinum) performance as "excellent."
- Major issues completed by Platinum included: securing the authorship of Assembly Member Tom Daly on the audit request and a co-authorship with Assembly Member Todd Gloria.
- Platinum was able to secure language with SB 1 and amendments with several bills.
- Many bills OCTA opposed were able to be turned into two-year bills.
- OCTA anticipates significant issues next year with SB 1 implementation, the expenditure plan associated with cap-and-trade revenues, and any needed legislation related to the outcome of the audit request.

No action was taken on this item.

Discussion Items

7. Federal Tax Reform Proposals

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided opening comments and Dustin Sifford, Senior Government Relations Representative, provided a PowerPoint presentation for this item as follows:

- Background;
- Challenges Going Forward;
- Deficit Effects of Each Proposal; and
- Provisions Potentially Affecting OCTA.

A short discussion ensued regarding:

- Repatriation and previous attempts to create a fund for transportation.
- Staff will continue to monitor the House and Senate bills.
- The money not being used for transportation projects, the federal government will invest it in whatever they prefer.

No action was taken on this discussion item.

8. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- At the Monday, November 27th Board of Directors' (Board) meeting, staff will request approval to release the invitation for bids for construction of the OC Streetcar project.
- After the November 27th Board meeting, Committee Chairman Nelson, Chairman Hennessey, Mr. Johnson, and Lance Larson, Executive Director of External Affairs, will depart to Washington, D.C. to meet with the Federal Transit Administration officials to discuss the Full Funding Grant Agreement for the OC Streetcar project, as well as the Orange County delegation.
- The Interstate 405 Improvement Project, from the Interstate 5 to the State Route 55, which is Project L in the Measure M2, is in the environmental public review phase. Comments can be submitted by Friday, December 15th. In addition, OCTA will host an open house at the University Community Park in the City of Irvine on Tuesday, December 5th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Mr. Johnson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Mr. Johnson highlighted the timelines for the OC Streetcar Project.



9. Committee Members' Reports

Director Bartlett inquired about the connection between the homelessness population and transportation.

Director Bartlett also referenced the November 16, 2017 Legislative and Communications meeting (Item 4 of the Staff Report) and stated that the County of Orange has been receiving numerous public comments in regards to the proposed State Route 241/91 Express Lanes Tolloed Connector and asked that staff review the polling results in favor of enhancing regional mobility.

Darrell Johnson, CEO, responded that OCTA has also been receiving many emails in regards to the same subject. He stated that OCTA's goal is to ensure the Board of Directors' are notified about those emails and at this time, there are no thoughts as to what they mean.

Committee Chairman Nelson commented on the Transportation Corridor Agencies' (TCA) mission, how it will overlap with OCTA, and the criticism TCA has been receiving. Director Bartlett responded that she has pushed the TCA to be more open and collaborative with the stakeholder groups and to make sure all projects work in conjunction with other agencies.

10. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2017**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

ATTEST

Sahara Meisenheimer
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Shawn Nelson
Committee Chairman