



MINUTES

Legislative and Communications Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

Shawn Nelson, Chairman
Michael Hennessey, Vice Chairman
Barbara Delgleize
Al Murray
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

Director Davies

Call to Order

The April 19, 2018 regular meeting of the Legislative and Communications Committee was called to order by Committee Vice Chairman Hennessey at 9:03 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Shaw 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:

- Next week is the deadline to get all the policies out of the policy committee.
- Senate Bill (SB) 1119, sponsored by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), was passed unanimously out of both the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee and the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.
- OCTA has taken a strong support position on Assembly Bill (AB) 3201 by Assembly Member Daly, which would enable access to funding to promote innovative technology.
- Senator Glazer introduced Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 20 that would deal with the Bradley-Burns sales tax allocation formulas and OCTA has taken a support position on it.
- SB 1466 and SCA 20 and its goal to be on the November 2018 ballot.



2. (Continued)

- OCTA opposed Assembly Member McCarty's bill that would no longer enable communities to access their SB 1 transportation dollars if the housing needs requirements were not met.
- OCTA supports AB 1905 which is related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) judicial relief for transportation projects. This bill was put on hold for a vote.
- Assembly Member Daly introduced AB 2886 which is specific to OCTA because it would shift the negotiating and unfair labor practice concerns from the court system to the Public Employees Relations Board.

A discussed ensued regarding:

- Continue to remind the legislatures that people use the transit system to go to work in Orange County while living outside of Orange County.
- The Orange County taxpayers are shouldering the burden for people to work in Orange County for outside counties.
- An update on SB 827 and the details of the recent hearing from the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.
- Director Delgleize commented that she met with Senator Wiener in Sacramento and feels that what Senator Weiner has in mind for SB 827 may be too aggressive.
- Community interest in building more houses and CEQA challenges that would have to go to trial within 90 days of filing.

Consent Calendar (Item 3)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Murray, seconded by Committee Vice Chairman Hennessey, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Legislative and Communications Committee meeting of March 15, 2018.

Regular Calendar

4. State Legislative Status Report

Kristin Essner, Manager of State and Federal Relations, provided opening comments and introduced, Jaymal Patel, Associate Government Relations Representative. A report was made on the following:

- AB 2417 and OCTA is taking an oppose unless amended position.

4. (Continued)

- Brief updates to the Staff Report on the: Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, SCA 20, and an opposition to AB 3201 by the Sierra Club.
- A summary on the hearing entitled “Uproar over *Upland*: Assessing the California Supreme Court’s Decision,” which could be interpreted to allow citizen-led sales tax measures to go forward by a majority vote.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The Construction Authority bill was introduced by Senator Mendoza and a precedent was set when Senator Mendoza introduced a bill to change the Los Angeles Metro Board of Directors.
- The Supreme Court’s decision on the Upland hearing and how the decision will have to work its way through the court system.

A motion was made by Director Winterbottom, seconded by Director Murray, and declared passed by those present, to adopt an OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED position on AB 2417 (Rodriguez, D-Pomona), which revises the board membership of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority.

5. Federal Legislative Status Report

Dustin Sifford, Senior Government Relations Representative, provided opening comments and reported on the following:

- A breakdown of the federal fiscal year’s appropriations bill that passed recently and includes \$1.3 trillion.
- The Transportation Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Subcommittee received \$70.3 billion which is the largest ever appropriation for the THUD subcommittee.
- Attachment A of the Staff Report displays programs most important to OCTA’s operation.
- A summary of the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program which received \$2.645 billion.
- An additional \$400 million is available for projects that do not have full funding grant agreements available, including the OC Streetcar Project.
- Issues with the Gateway Program and how the omnibus bill did not allocate any CIG funding for the program.
- The omnibus bill included an additional \$3.359 billion of appropriations out of the General Fund for highway and transit programs.

5. (Continued)

- A breakdown of additional funding for: transit grants, Bus and Bus Facilities programs, Federal Transit Administration State of Good Repair program, bus testing funds, highway funds, the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, federal lands and in the territories, and the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery program.
- Attachment B of the Staff Report which is a letter from the Federal Railway Administration to the Chief Executive Officer of Metrolink.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Additional details on the Gateway Program, the dispute between New York and New Jersey, and the condition of the tunnels between the two cities.
- The issue on the Gateway Program and if the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan counts as local share or federal share.

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

Discussion Items

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ken Phipps, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, reported on the following:

- The Angels Express was in service last night and recorded 728 boardings. The Angels Express will be in service again tonight as the Angels conclude their series with the Boston Red Sox. To date, there have been a total of 4,591 boardings, which is an increase by 6.4 percent from last year's boardings.
- On Saturday, April 14th, staff will be at the Angels 5K Fun Run to create awareness and promote the Angels Express train service.
- There will be two wilderness preserve events this month:
 - On Saturday, April 14th, OCTA will host a hike at the Pacific Horizon Preserve in Laguna Beach at 9:00 a.m.
 - On Sunday, April 29th, OCTA will host an equestrian ride at the Trabuco Rose property in Trabuco Canyon at 10:00 a.m.

7. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' Reports.



8. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2018**, 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