



**City of Anaheim
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

April 13, 2018

Mr. Darrell Johnson
Chief Executive Officer
Orange County Transportation Authority
550 S. Main Street
Orange, California 92863

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On behalf of the Anaheim City Council, I would like to formally transmit to you and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board our Council Resolution expressing opposition to a streetcar system in Anaheim, including the streetcar options evaluated in the OCTA Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Corridor Study (Harbor Study).

On January 10, 2017, the Council approved a Resolution expressing opposition to any streetcar plans along Harbor Boulevard as part of the OCTA's Harbor Study, while supporting OCTA's efforts to study alternate transit solutions that alleviate traffic congestion and improve mobility for transit dependent riders. On March 6, 2018, OCTA staff provided the Anaheim City Council with a presentation on the Harbor Study results (covering a variety of transit modes including enhanced bus, bus rapid transit, streetcar and rapid streetcar, along several streets in Anaheim) and requested feedback.

The attached Resolution, adopted on April 10, 2018, extends the Council's opposition to a streetcar system in Anaheim to include the streetcar options evaluated in OCTA's Harbor Study along Harbor Boulevard, Katella Avenue, Disney Way, Anaheim Boulevard and Lemon Street. This Resolution expresses the Council's concerns that the streetcar and rapid streetcar options evaluated in the Harbor Study are expensive to construct and have high operating costs; do not allow for flexibility; make congestion worse by creating gridlock on already congested streets in Anaheim; and, do not support projected ridership numbers. The City Council continues to support the OCTA's study of other non-streetcar transit modes to recommend the best options to alleviate traffic congestion and improve mobility for transit dependent riders in Anaheim and Orange County. The City Council also encourages the OCTA to study other alternatives included enhanced electric buses or zero emission buses which are more flexible and a more cost effective solution.

As you and your team proceed with the Harbor Study, please take into consideration the City's position on these aspects of the project. Please contact me should you have any further questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Andal
Interim City Manager

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-043

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE STREETCAR SYSTEM IN ANAHEIM INCLUDING THE STREETCAR OPTIONS EVALUATED IN THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CENTRAL HARBOR BOULEVARD TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY

WHEREAS, in August, 2015, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) initiated the Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Corridor Study (Harbor Study) to analyze and develop options to improve transit service on Harbor Boulevard, between the Fullerton Transportation Center and Westminster Avenue and the study scope was amended in October 2016 to also evaluate transit connections between The Anaheim Resort and the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC); and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-009, expressing opposition to the Anaheim Rapid Connection (ARC) streetcar project as being a non-viable transit solution in the City of Anaheim; expressing opposition to any street car plans along Harbor Boulevard while supporting the OCTA's study of other transit modes to recommend the best options to alleviate traffic congestion and improve mobility for transit dependent riders in Anaheim and Orange County; and, encouraging the OCTA to plan and develop a flexible transit solution that increases frequency of bus routes and provides this solution for a lower fare, so that more riders can use this system; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2018, the OCTA Board directed its staff to offer presentations of the Harbor Study results to the City Councils in the study area, and return to the Board with a status report when completed and that said presentation was provided to the City of Anaheim City Council on March 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Study evaluates twelve (12) conceptual transit alternatives that include a variety of modes (enhanced bus, bus rapid transit (BRT), streetcar and rapid streetcar) and alignments in Anaheim (along Harbor Boulevard, Katella Avenue, Disney Way, Anaheim Boulevard and Lemon Street); and

WHEREAS, the City Council is hereby expressing concern that the streetcar and rapid streetcar options evaluated in the Harbor Study are expensive to construct and have high operating costs; do not allow for flexibility; make congestion worse by creating gridlock on already congested streets in Anaheim; and, do not support ridership numbers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Anaheim wishes to express its opposition to a streetcar system in Anaheim, including the streetcar and rapid streetcar options evaluated in the

OCTA Harbor Study along Harbor Boulevard, Katella Avenue, Disney Way, Anaheim Boulevard and Lemon Street for the reasons stated above and reiterating the reasons expressed in Resolution No. 2017-009 stating opposition to the ARC Streetcar Project and any streetcar plans on Harbor Boulevard.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Anaheim supports the OCTA's study of other non-streetcar transit modes to recommend the best options to alleviate traffic congestion and improve mobility for transit dependent riders in Anaheim and Orange County.

Section 3. The City Council of the City of Anaheim encourages the OCTA to study other alternatives including enhanced electric buses or zero emission buses which are more flexible and more cost effective solution.

Section 4. The City Council of the City of Anaheim directs a copy of the adopted Resolution to be sent to the OCTA Board of Directors.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION is approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Anaheim this 10th day of April, 2018 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Tait and Council Members Moreno, Vanderbilt,
Barnes, Kring, and Faessel

NOES: Council Member Murray

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CITY OF ANAHEIM

BY

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM
127191 (Acting)

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss.
CITY OF ANAHEIM)

I, THERESA BASS, Acting City Clerk of the City of Anaheim, do hereby certify that the foregoing is the original Resolution No. 2018-043 adopted at a regular meeting provided by law, of the Anaheim City Council held on the 10th day of April, 2018 by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES: Mayor Tait and Council Members Moreno, Vanderbilt, Barnes,
 Kring, and Faessel

NOES: Council Member Murray

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of April, 2018.



ACTING CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM

(SEAL)