



Committee Members Present

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

Staff Present

Darrell E. 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

None

Call to Order

The June 14, 2018 regular meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Vice Chairman Jones at 9:02 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Do 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 7)

2. Approval of Minutes - March 8, 2018

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to approve the amended minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of March 8, 2018.

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

3. Approval of Minutes - May 10, 2018

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of May 10, 2018.

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

4. Consultant Selection to Design, Furnish, and Install a Video Surveillance System at the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve the selection of Convergent Technologies, LLC, as the firm to design, furnish, and install a video surveillance system at the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-7-2150 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Convergent Technologies, LLC, in the amount of \$384,488, to design, furnish, and install a video surveillance system at the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station.

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

5. Amendment to Agreement with First Transit, Inc., for the Provision of Contracted Fixed-Route Service

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 6 to Agreement No. C-4-1737 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and First Transit, Inc., in the amount of \$383,744, for an increase in service to accommodate the expansion of the iShuttle service. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$148,900,252.

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

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Director Tait abstained from voting on this item.

6. Cooperative Agreement with the Regional Center of Orange County

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-8-1735 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Regional Center of Orange County, in the amount of \$7,435,155, for a term of two years, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020, with two, two-year option terms, to share in the cost of paratransit services provided to Regional Center of Orange County consumers.

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

7. Amendment to Agreement for the Development, Hosting, License, and Maintenance of a Mobile Ticketing Application

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. C-5-3244 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and moovel North America, LLC, in the amount of \$160,000, to add functionality to the current mobile ticketing platform to administer and distribute employer and university program bus passes. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$783,209.

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

Regular Calendar

8. OC Streetcar Project Update

James Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, reported on the following:

- Background on the OC Streetcar Project and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) awarded the contract to manufacture streetcar vehicles to Siemens Industries, Inc. (Siemens).
- Final negotiations for Siemens is concluding and the vehicle contract pricing expires on July 19, 2018.
- Construction bids are scheduled to open on June 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. and a contract and notice to proceed (NTP) must be issued by December 16, 2018.
- A construction award recommendation could be brought to the Board of Directors (Board) as early as August 13, 2018.
- The latest Board award date which allows OCTA to issue the construction NTP is in October.
- The Project has expended \$33 million. Right-of-way has been acquired and major utilities are being relocated.
- The Board will be asked to consider awarding a small demolition and clearing contract in July.
- Any delays to the NTP from October to December will endure additional soft costs.
- Since the invitation for bid was released, there has been a 27 to 30 percent impact on the price of steel.
- OCTA continues to monitor the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) action for the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA).

8. (Continued)

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Cost pressures and applying that to capital projects at large was anticipated.
- Concerns on the unexpected steel tariffs and wage pressures.
- Director Tait expressed his opposition as previously stated.
- The approval for the FFGA with the FTA is expected to happen this summer.
- Director Jones expressed his excitement to see this project moving forward.
- Director Pulido had a discussion with Senator Feinstein about the OC Streetcar Project and she is willing to contact the Secretary of Transportation.
- Sherry Little, OCTA's consultant, is working aggressively to address the Trump administration.
- Siemens is also an active advocate for the Project.

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

9. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department

A public comment was heard from Roy Shahbazian, Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee, who thanked the Transit Committee and staff for being strategic on maximizing money for transportation benefits, such as requesting documentation on Project V. Mr. Shahbazian also expressed concerns about \$1 million being used for Transit security when it could be used for bus service. He also asked several questions about arrests and reporting, and made suggestions to include that type of data in future contracts.

Katrina Faulkner, Department Manager of Security and Emergency Preparedness, reported on the following:

- Background on OCTA contracting with the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) to provide Transit Police Services (TPS).
- Adding two additional deputy sheriff II positions on the bus system and what the positions' responsibilities will be.
- Explanation provided on the 14.63 percent increase to the contract.
- Referenced Attachment A of the Staff Report which lists services provided by the OCSD.
- Highlighted staff's recommendation.

9. (Continued)

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding:

- The public speaker's questions on the numbers of arrests, calls for service, and deployment times was asked to be addressed.
- Lieutenant Chris Thomas explained the purpose for the two deputy sheriff II positions.
- The importance of safety on OCTA buses, the community, and its costs.
- Concerns on the increase of 14.63 percent to the contract, reducing ridership, and the potential repeal of Senate Bill 1.
- The 14.63 percent increase to the contract was planned for Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget, and there was an escalation regardless of the additional scope of work.
- Safety issues introduced at the last Coach Operator contract negotiations and how crime has doubled on the buses in the last 24 months.
- Options being reviewed to increase Coach Operator safety such as barriers and video monitoring.
- Director Do explained the differences between a non-sworn and sworn officer, agreed with the staffing level to address the rise in the number of incidents, and directed staff to deploy other means.
- Committee Chairman Murray echoed Director Do's remarks and asked staff to review where non-sworn officers can be deployed.
- Progress on OC Bus 360°, safety has not been a cause to the decline in ridership, pension problems, and OCTA wants to stay ahead.
- Director Davies requested to review other methods of security, mentioned propositions 47 and 57, and emphasized safety as a priority.

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Committee Chairman Murray, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-3342 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department, in the amount of \$8,640,895, for Transit Police Services, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$30,173,391.

Director Tait was not present to vote on this item.

10. Transit Division Performance Measurements Report for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2017-18

Johnny Dunning Jr., Manager of Scheduling and Customer Advocacy, provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Performance Measurements;
- Safety;
- Courtesy;
- Reliability – On Time Performance;
- Reliability – Miles Between Road Calls;
- Fixed-Route-Ridership and Productivity;
- ACCESS – Ridership and Productivity;
- Farebox Recovery Ratio;
- Cost per Revenue Vehicle Hour;
- Performance: Local Routes;
- Performance: Community Routes;
- Performance: Express/Stationlink Routes;
- Transit Performance and OC Bus 360°;
- Performance: Systemwide Trends;
- Performance: OC Bus 360° Improvements;
- Performance: OC Bus 360° Reductions; and
- Next Steps.

Committee Chairman Murray stated that OCTA is trending in the right direction and thanked staff for continuing to make progress.

No action was taken on this receive and file information item.

11. 2018 Measure M2 Community-Based Transit Circulators (Project V) Call for Projects Programming Recommendations

Joseph Alcock, Section Manager III of Local Programs, provided opening comments and a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Project V Overview;
- Timeline;
- Project V Recommendations;
- Project V Services Starting in 2018; and
- Next Steps.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The next performance update will be provided in July 2018.

11. (Continued)

- Importance in maintaining Project V standards.
- The City of Laguna Niguel (Laguna Niguel) proposed a Project V trolley service; however, it was not an eligible expense and needs further operational refinement. OCTA will work with Laguna Niguel.
- Director Davies expressed her appreciation for considering Laguna Niguel and described the goal of the trolley service.
- OCTA is very pleased with the response from cities and riders to accommodate the core of the county with buses and at the same time, provide options for other parts of the county with seasonal/weekend service.

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Jones, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Approve programming recommendations for Project V funding, in an amount not to exceed \$5,153,664, plus inflationary adjustments, for five local agency projects submitted under capital and operating reserve categories.
- B. Approve programming recommendations for Project V funding, in an amount not to exceed \$1,649,700, plus inflationary adjustments, for the City of San Clemente's Rideshare Beta Test Expansion Program, contingent upon receipt of ridership and usage documentation. If this documentation is not provided by August 2018, and it is not consistent with the Orange County Transportation Authority's minimum performance requirements, direct staff to return with an update and revised programming recommendation.
- C. Direct staff to work with the City of Laguna Niguel on route and operational refinements and return at a later date with a final recommendation on the City of Laguna Niguel's proposed Project V service, if appropriate.
- D. Authorize staff to execute cooperative funding agreements with appropriate local agencies.

Directors Do, Pulido, and Tait were not present to vote on this item.

12. Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Corridor Study

Eric Carlson, Senior Transportation Analyst, gave an update on the Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Corridor Study as follows:

- Evaluation results presented to the Board in January 2018 which included various modes, features, alignment options, bus rapid transit, streetcar, and rapid streetcar options.
- Technical evaluation results and the projected ridership and cost estimates for each alternative.
- The corridor city councils were presented the results and the feedback received, indicated a lack of consensus.
- Attachment A of the Staff Report provides a summary of city councils' comments.
- Cities of Santa Ana and Garden Grove supported extending the OC Streetcar system beyond its initial segment.
- Cities of Fullerton and Anaheim opposed the OC Streetcar system.
- Attachment B of the Staff Report is the City of Anaheim's Resolution expressing opposition.
- Staff will seek opportunities to implement speed and amenity improvements to existing bus service on Harbor Boulevard.
- Support for enhanced bus service improvements include:
 - Off-board fare collection;
 - All-door boarding;
 - Transit signal priority; and
 - Queue jumps (use of right turn only lanes).
- The next Transit Corridor Study will be the Bristol Street corridor.

A short discussion ensued regarding:

- Director Tait expressed his appreciation to staff for listening to the views from cities of Anaheim and Fullerton and going forward to consider new technologies.
- A timetable on the enhanced measures has not been identified as to when it will return to the Board.

A motion was made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Do, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Conclude the Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Corridor Study.
- B. Focus future Central Harbor Boulevard efforts on service speed and amenity improvements for existing bus service.

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

Discussion Items

13. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), presented a video by the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Institution of Transportation Studies titled, "Not Boarding: The Case of the Disappearing Transit Rider." He stated that the video summarizes the Southern California Association of Governments and the UCLA study on transit ridership in southern California.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, also reported on the following:

- This upcoming week is National Dump the Pump and through the OC Bus mobile application, OCTA will offer free bus rides to people who have not ridden before.
- Tonight is the final open house at the Orange Coast College Student Center in Costa Mesa from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to provide information and answer questions about the Interstate 405 Improvement Project. There have been a series of six open houses that have been well attended and the goal was to ensure the public understood the construction timelines.
- Next week, Mr. Johnson will travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with the FTA Administrator to discuss the OC Streetcar Project and on Wednesday, he will also travel to New York and join Chairwoman Bartlett, Vice Chairman Shaw, and Finance and Administration Committee Chairman Do for the annual rating agencies and financial institution meetings.

14. Committee Members' Reports

Director Winterbottom stated there is a difference between increasing ridership for ridership reasons and trying to get people out of their cars. The best way to increase ridership is to stay within the bus system core.

15. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.



16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

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Al Murray
Committee Chairman

Sahara Meisenheimer
Deputy Clerk of the Board