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## State Route 91 Advisory Committee Meeting

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### **Committee Members Present**

*Karen Spiegel, Chair  
Tim Shaw, Vice Chairman  
Berwin Hanna, RCTC  
Kevin Jeffries, RCTC, Alternate  
(Teleconference)  
Bob Magee, RCTC  
(Teleconference)  
Al Murray, OCTA  
Adam Rush, RCTC, Alternate  
Rebecca Guirado (for John Bulinski,  
Caltrans District 8, Ex-Officio)*

### **Staff Present**

*Darrell Johnson, OCTA, Chief Executive Officer  
Anne Mayer, RCTC, Executive Director  
Kirk Avila, OCTA, General Manager,  
91 Express Lanes  
Michael Blomquist, RCTC, Toll Program Director  
Olga Prado, OCTA, Assistant Clerk of the Board  
Gina Ramirez, OCTA, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Steve DeBaun, RCTC, Legal Counsel  
James Donich, OCTA, General Counsel  
OCTA and RCTC Staff and Members of the  
General Public*

### **Committee Members Absent**

*Mark A. Murphy, OCTA  
Shawn Nelson, OCTA  
Todd Spitzer, OCTA  
John Tavaglione, RCTC  
Michael Hennessey, OCTA, Alternate  
Tom Tait, OCTA, Alternate  
Adnan Maiah, (for Ryan Chamberlain  
Caltrans District. 12, Ex-Officio)  
(Vacant), SBCTA, Ex-Officio*

## **Call to Order**

The June 1, 2018 regular meeting of the State Route 91 Advisory Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Spiegel at 9:01 a.m.

Committee Chair Spiegel announced that several of the Members would participate in today's meeting via teleconferencing, and all votes would be taken by roll call.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Member Rush led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **1. Public Comments**

No public comments were received.

## **Special Calendar**

There were no Special Calendar Matters.



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### **Consent Calendar (Items 2 and 3)**

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Member Rush, seconded by Member Hanna, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, by those present, to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2018 meeting.

Committee Member Murray abstained as he was not in attendance at the March 2, 2018 meeting.

#### **3. Joint 91 Express Lanes Monthly Status Reports**

A motion was made by Member Rush, seconded by Member Hanna, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, by those present, to receive and file the Joint 91 Express Lanes Monthly Status Reports for the months of January 2018 through March 2018.

### **Regular Calendar**

#### **4. 2018 State Route 91 Implementation Plan**

Kurt Brotcke, Director, Strategic Planning, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), provided background information on the 2018 State Route 91 (SR-91) Implementation Plan (Plan) and provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item as follows:

- SR-91 Implementation Plan (Background);
- Culmination of Efforts;
- Guiding Principles;
- Orange County Projects;
- Riverside County Projects;
- Bi-County Projects;
- Project Implementation; and
- Recommendation/Next Steps.

A short discussion ensued regarding:

- Potential material impacts to SR-91 after the opening of the Placentia Metrolink Station, and expected benefits to the SR-91 corridor.

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



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### **Discussion Items**

#### **5. State Route 91 Corridor Operation Improvements in Riverside County**

Michael Blomquist, Toll Program Director, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), provided opening remarks on RCTC's authorization to implement several operation improvements along the SR-91 corridor and provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:.

- Work Performed Since Opening;
- Express Lanes Entrance at Interstate 15 Northbound – Recommendation (Option 1);
- General Purpose Lanes Westbound Near the County Line – Recommendation (Option 3);
- General Purpose Lanes Westbound Near the County Line – Recommendation (Option 4); and
- Policy Considerations and Next Steps.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Staff is coordinating trial efforts to turn off the on-ramp meter westbound at Green River during the next several months.
- Egress weaving has a stopping point after Green River, and Option 3 would provide a benefit and remove the more dedicated egress/ingress points making this more of a continuous weave area/zone;

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

#### **6. 91 Express Lanes 6C Transponder Technology Transition**

Jennifer Crosson, Toll Operations Manager, RCTC, provided opening remarks on the upcoming transition to 6C transponder technology for the 91 Express Lanes, and reported that as part of this requirement, OCTA and RCTC are developing a deployment plan for the new transponders.

Ms. Crosson provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item as follows:

- Title 21 California Code of Regulations (Mandate);
- What is 6C?;
- Elements of Transition Work;
- Obtaining Agencies Board Approvals;
- Factors Driving Account Plan Changes;



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### 6. (Continued)

- 91 Express Lanes Account Plans;
- 91 Express Lanes Customers by Plan;
- Goals of the Transition;
- Transition Plan Summary; and
- Next Steps.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The Title 21 mandate comes with no funding.
- There is a five-year deadline to complete the transition to the 6C transponder technology; however, staff is gearing to complete the transition within the next 12 months.
- Currently, a person who sells their vehicle would have to de-activate their account if a 6C sticker is on that vehicle when sold.
- Staff is investigating with the California Toll Operator Committee if 6C transporter stickers placed on a vehicle which is later sold, can be used by a new vehicle owner.
- Staff is checking on compatibility of the 6C stickers for other locations such as airports, other states, etcetera.
- Distribution roll-out to fleet customers: It is estimated that most fleet customers sit in 91 Express Lanes account base (approximately 1,800 accounts), and toll operators have been working daily with these members to assist and answer their concerns.
- Since the system works from a begin date to an end date, from a customer service perspective, staff will look into ways to “cleaning up” the 6C sticker vehicle history on the web (e.g., when sticker is used on a rental car, a car is sold, etcetera).

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

### 7. General Manager’s Report – Orange County Transportation Authority

Kirk Avila, General Manager, OCTA, 91 Express Lanes, reported on the following items:

- Since the one-year anniversary of RCTC’s opening, OCTA’s segment of the 91 Express Lanes has noticed the following:
  - Total ridership has increased on the facility by approximately 14.5 percent; most noticeable on the westbound side by over 20 percent.
  - Shift in travel patterns on the westbound direction as compared to historical travel records.



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### **7. (Continued)**

- During the last reported month, approximately 51 percent travel eastbound, and westbound travel increased to approximately 49 percent.
- Earlier this year, the OCTA Board of Directors approved the ten-year lease to move the Customer Service Center from the current location to the RCTC Corporate Terrace Circle Building.
- Beginning July 1, 2018, for OCTA's segment of the 91 Express Lanes, a two percent cost of living adjustment will be applied. The two percent adjustment is annually imposed upon the toll rates that have not been increased over the past year.

### **8. Toll Program Director's Report – Riverside County Transportation Commission**

Michael Blomquist, Toll Program Director, RCTC, reported on the following items:

- As it relates to the 6C transponder changes, as of May 10, 2018, staff has received a number of proposals from industry vendors and the proposals evaluation is almost complete. Staff plans to bring an item to the RCTC Board of Directors (Board) on the proposals received in late June 2018, and the July 2018 Board meeting for the award of the contract.
- The ten-year lease to move the Customer Service Center from the current location to the RCTC Corporate Terrace Circle Building was executed on May 31, 2018. An opening event will take place the beginning of 2019.
- RCTC will also apply a two percent cost of living adjustment to certain tolls.
- The I-15 Express Lanes Project started construction in April 2018, and overlaps with the 91 Express Lanes on the east end of the corridor. The project is scheduled to open in 2020.
- Over the last couple of months, the RCTC Board has awarded a couple of contracts for the 91 Express Lanes as follows:
  - Multi-year marketing contract for the I-15 and 91 Express Lanes.
  - Traffic and revenue update contract.

### **9. Committee Members' Reports**

Committee Chair Spiegel reported that last week, the California Transportation Foundation (CTF) selected the State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project as the 2017 Freeway Expressway Project of the Year. She noted that each year, the CTF selects top projects throughout California that present the Best of the Best. Committee Chair Spiegel also acknowledged the partnership established amongst the various agencies (RCTC, OCTA, City of Corona, the California Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration), and presented the award to OCTA.

Committee Vice Chairman Shaw thanked Committee Chair Spiegel for her remarks and the partnership with RCTC and the various agencies for the CTF's award.



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### 9. (Continued)

Member Hanna invited everyone to attend the Saturday June 2, 2018 (beginning at 12:00 noon), Horse Town Brew N' Que Festival in the City of Norco. The event will take place at the George Ingall's Equestrian Event Center, and will feature a barbeque contest, live music, brew samplings, and special activities.

Member Murray invited everyone to attend the City of Tustin's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off and Street Fair in Old Town Tustin. The event will take place on Sunday, June 3, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Member Rush invited everyone to attend the City of Eastvale's Annual Picnic-in-the Park event from Friday, June 22, through Sunday, June 24, 2018. The event will take place at the Eastvale Community Park.

Committee Chair Spiegel reported that Tuesday, June 5, 2018, is the primary election and there are very critical items that our lives, and invited all to take the privilege and responsibility to vote on this date.

### 10. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

### 11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 7, 2018**, at the:

City of Corona - City Hall  
400 South Vicentia Avenue  
Council Chambers - First Floor  
Corona, California

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Olga Prado  
OCTA Assistant Clerk of the Board

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Karen Spiegel  
Committee Chair