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Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

Mark A. Murphy, Chairman
Barbara Delgleize, Vice Chair
Lisa A. Bartlett
Shawn Nelson
Miguel Pulido
Michelle Steel

Staff Present

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Ken Phipps, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board
Olga Prado, Assistant Clerk of the Board
James Donich, General Counsel
OCTA Staff and Members of the General Public

Committee Members Absent

Todd Spitzer

Call to Order

The October 1, 2018 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman M. Murphy at 10:34 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Directors (Board) Chairwoman Bartlett led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Special Calendar

2. Intercounty Planning Update

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided opening remarks and introduced Kurt Brotcke, Director of Strategic Planning, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

Mr. Brotcke and special guests, Manjeet Ranu, Senior Executive Officer and Philbert Wong, Senior Manager, Transportation Planning, Los Angeles County (LA) Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), presented three separate PowerPoint presentations on intercounty planning efforts as follows:



2. (Continued)

Mr. Brotcke, OCTA, presented on the following:

- Context;
- 2040 Orange County Population Density;
- Bus Passenger Boarding Density;
- 2040 High-Frequency Transit Network;
- 2015 Intercounty Commuting;
- 2015 Work Destinations of OC Residents to LA and within Orange County (OC);
- 2015 Work Destinations of LA Residents to OC;
- Metrolink Rail and Express Bus Routes;
- Regional Express Lanes Plans; and
- Intercounty Planning Areas.

Mr. Ranu, LA Metro, presented on the following:

- LA Metro's Transportation Policy & Planning;
- Overview;
- Introduction;
- Policy Initiatives;
- Metro Vision 2028: Goals;
- Metro Vision 2028: Specific Outcomes;
- Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update;
- LRTP Framework;
- Bus Rapid Transit Vision & Principles Study;
- The Twenty-Eight by '28 Initiative;
- Future Transit Corridors;
- West Santa Ana Branch Light Rail Transit (LRT);
- Gold Line Phase 2 LRT Branched Extension: Whittier and South El Monte;
- Interstate 5 (I-5) Freeway Improvements; and
- I-5 South Construction Projects.

Committee Vice Chair Delgleize inquired on the projects LA Metro is working on to connect OC and LA. Mr. Ranu responded that there are several projects being worked on, including work on several LRT lines, freeway improvements, revamping its bus network, and improving rapid transportation to enhance connectivity.



2. (Continued)

Director Nelson asked for an update on the two-mile gap on the Green Line (east side), which does not connect to the Amtrak Metrolink Line and a discussion ensued as follows:

- LA Metro is working on improving connections to Amtrak Metrolink, as well as to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).
- The Southern California Association of Governments has the east side connection study on hold pending the City of Norwalk completing local studies, and LA Metro continues seek possibilities to accelerate project delivery.
- Currently, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange County commuters cannot access rail services to LAX.
- The OCTA Board can reach out to LA Metro's Board for possible resources to move the project along.

Mr. Wong, LA Metro, presented on the following:

- ExpressLanes –
 - Background,
 - Performance,
 - Benefits,
 - Strategic Plan (Network Expansion); and
- Next Steps.

Director Nelson expressed his concerns related to LA Metro's switchable transponders and how these do not interface with the 91 Express Lanes and the OC Toll Roads. Mr. Wong reported that the LA Metro Board has requested other means of tolling be studied, and a pilot project is being planned. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Committee Chairman M. Murphy stated that he agreed with Director Nelson's comments on the challenges with the switchable transponders and thanked the LA Metro planners for their work. He added that ultimately, each agency's Board makes final determinations and decisions.

Board Chairwoman Bartlett stated that, with Federal inoperability, something standardized should come into place for all toll roads, toll lanes, and express lanes, and inquired on future technology being contemplated by LA Metro.

Mr. Wong discussed the various types of technology being contemplated, and Mr. Johnson, CEO, discussed inoperability challenges related to toll policy.



Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 6)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Nelson, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of September 6, 2018.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

4. Active Transportation Program Local Project Prioritization Methodology

A motion was made by Director Nelson, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to approve the Active Transportation Program local project prioritization methodology for the 2019 Active Transportation Program and future calls for projects.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

5. Grant Award for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program

A motion was made by Director Nelson, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to adopt Orange County Transportation Authority Resolution No. 2018-120 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the State of California Office of Traffic Safety award, and to negotiate and execute grant-related agreements and documents with the California Office of Traffic Safety.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

6. Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Interstate 5 Widening Project Between State Route 73 and Oso Parkway

This item was pulled by Board Chairwoman Bartlett who expressed her appreciation for the project moving forward as this section of the freeway is very congested on a daily basis. She stated that widening this area will significantly improve mobility.



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6. (Continued)

A motion was made by Board Chairwoman Bartlett, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-8-1960 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$133,289,000, comprised of a construction capital share of \$112,008,000, and a construction management services share of \$21,281,000, for Segment 1 of the Interstate 5 widening project between State Route 73 and Oso Parkway.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

Regular Calendar

7. **Contract Change Order for Additional Design and Construction Efforts for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project Between State Route 73 and Interstate 605**

Jeff Mills, Program Manager, Interstate 405 Improvement Project, provided an overview of the project and summarized the proposed changes for additional design and construction efforts identified since the execution of the contract with OC 405 Partners as follows:

- Required width of six city bridges that cross over the freeway with no ramp connections.
- Construction changes to minimize right-of-way (ROW) impacts to ROW limits and property interests.
- Revised design concept at Ellis Avenue on-ramp to southbound Interstate 405.
- Four miscellaneous items that address issues that arose during the design phase of the project.

A motion was made by Board Chairwoman Bartlett, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 13 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of \$8,560,556, for additional design and construction efforts for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project between State Route 73 and Interstate 605.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.



8. Amendment to Agreement for Additional Program Management Consultant Services for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project Between State Route 73 and Interstate 605

Jeff Mills, Program Manager, Interstate 405 Improvement Project, provided an overview and summarized the proposed amendment for additional program management consultant (PMC) services as follows:

- Changes to the original scope of work (SOW) addressing several contractual compliance items.
- SOW's design period time extension related to submittal metering and other factors.
- Increased PMC document control and project control support needed to process and document the increased number of design and construction submittals.
- Additional PMC engineering support during the design-builder's final design development.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The \$48 million in savings noted in the Staff Report related to PMC value engineering studies are primarily due to savings for ROW acquisitions and utility relocations.
- This is a design-build project, which allows for ROW requirements to evolve after the design-build contract execution, versus a design-bid-build project where design is performed and ROW is acquired before the project is bid.
- The contract change order savings amount on Agenda Item 7, related to construction changes to minimize ROW impacts, on today's Agenda and the savings amount noted under Agenda Item 8 are completely separate.
- The project, including ROW, will take an extensive time to close out, and although OCTA is identifying savings in some areas, staff is not recommending adjusting OCTA's Budget as there are several years left on the project and it will take time after that to go through the full closeout of all project activities.

A motion was made by Board Chairwoman Bartlett, seconded by Director Nelson, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 18 to Agreement No. C-2-1513 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Parsons Transportation Group, Inc., in the amount of \$39,762,000, for additional program management consultant services for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project between State Route 73 and Interstate 605. The amendment will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$132,802,186.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.



Discussion Items

9. Project Update - Interstate 5/EI Toro Road Interchange Project

Darrell Johnson, CEO, provided opening remarks and introduced Lisa Ramsey, Office Chief of Program and Project Management, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12. Ms. Ramsey provided an update on the progress update on the Interstate 5/EI Toro Road Interchange Project (Project) and a PowerPoint presentation on this item as follows:

- Project Location;
- Problems & Solutions;
- Option 1 Intersection Modification;
- Option 2 Flyover;
- Option 3 Diverging Diamond;
- Option 4 Hook Ramp;
- Progress;
- Public Outreach & Noticing; and
- Environmental Phase Schedule.

Board Chairwoman Bartlett reported that approximately half of the Laguna Hills Mall has been torn down and the Irvine Spectrum has implemented and opened-up \$200 million of experiential retail, which is in direct competition with what the Laguna Hills Mall area. She inquired if Caltrans is working in conjunction with the Laguna Hills Mall developer in order to not interfere with the Project and vice-versa.

Ms. Ramsey responded that throughout the whole design process, Caltrans staff has been working with the City and the City is aware of all the proposals that are coming along and is working with the developer. In addition, Caltrans has reached out to the developer but has been unable to make direct contact.

No action was taken on this discussion item.

10. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- Slater Avenue Bridge
 - Demolition started this past weekend, and everything went smoothly.
 - Another full freeway closure will take place this Saturday evening from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.



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10. (Continued)

- Resource Management Plans
 - The remaining Resource Management Plans have been finalized, and all seven plans for the OCTA preserves are now complete.
- OC Flex
 - After the October 10th Board meeting, the OC Flex pilot program van will be at the OCTA Headquarters, providing an opportunity for all to see the van and take photographs to commemorate the launch of the service. The service starts on October 15th in Huntington Beach and Westminster, and on October 20th in Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, and Aliso Viejo.

11. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' reports.

12. Closed Session

A Closed Session was not conducted at this meeting.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 5, 2018**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

ATTEST

Olga Prado
Assistant Clerk of the Board

Mark A. Murphy
Committee Chairman