



MINUTES

Transit Committee Meeting

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 October 11, 2018 regular meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Murray at 9:02 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Vice Chairman Jones led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

Patrick Kelly, Teamsters Union Local 952 (Teamsters), thanked the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) employees for their public service. Mr. Kelly expressed his concerns if Proposition 6 passes, Teamster's opposes Proposition 6, and the many jobs that could be lost. Lastly, Mr. Kelly stated that the Transit Committee and the Board of Directors (Board) have a serious responsibility to protect California.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 7)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Committee Vice Chairman Jones, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of September 13, 2018.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

3. Request to Exercise Option Term for On-Call Architectural and Engineering Design and Construction Support Services for Facility Modification Projects

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Committee Vice Chairman Jones, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute amendments to the following consultant agreements to exercise the two-year option term for on-call architectural and engineering design and construction support services for facility modification projects: Agreement No. C-4-1927 with STV, Inc., Agreement No. C-5-3227 with Owen Group, Inc., Agreement No. C-5-3228 with Stantec Architecture, Inc., Agreement No. C-5-3229 with Dahl, Taylor and Associates, Inc., and Agreement No. C-5-3230 with Westgroup Designs, Inc., in the total amount of \$1,000,000, and extend the term of the agreements through December 31, 2020. This will increase the maximum obligation for all the on-call firms in a shared amount of \$1,000,000, for a total combined aggregate contract value of \$3,000,000.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

4. Cooperative Agreements with Special Agencies for the Provision of Special Transportation Services

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 8 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1619 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Acacia Adult Day Services, in the amount of \$485,833, to extend the term through June 30, 2019, for the provision of transportation as outlined in the agreement.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-8-1917 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Acacia Adult Day Services, in the amount of \$676,001, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, for transportation to and from the facility and client's home.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 8 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1620 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Alzheimer's Family Center, to extend the term through June 30, 2019, for the provision of transportation as outlined in the agreement.

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- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-8-1918 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Alzheimer's Family Center, in the amount of \$733,469, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, for transportation to and from the facility and client's home.
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-6-1056 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Alzheimer's Orange County, in the amount of \$124,784, to extend the term through June 30, 2019, for the provision of transportation as outlined in the agreement.
- F. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-8-1919 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Alzheimer's Orange County, in the amount of \$360,198, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, for transportation to and from the facility and client's home.
- G. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1622 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Community SeniorServ, in the amount of \$259,215, to extend the term through June 30, 2019, for the provision of transportation as outlined in the agreement.
- H. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-8-1920 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Community SeniorServ, in the amount of \$769,153, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, for transportation to and from the facility and client's home.
- I. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 8 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1624 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Sultan Adult Day Health Care, in the amount of \$840,921, to extend the term through June 30, 2019, for the provision of transportation as outlined in the agreement.
- J. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-8-1922 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Sultan Adult Day Health Care, in the amount of \$1,119,180, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, for transportation to and from the facility and client's home.

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- K. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 8 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1623 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Orange County Adult Achievement Center, doing business as My Day Counts, in the amount of \$969,022, to extend the term through June 30, 2019, for the provision of transportation as outlined in the agreement.
- L. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-8-1921 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Orange County Adult Achievement Center, doing business as My Day Counts, in the amount of \$1,315,661, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, for transportation to and from the facility and client's home.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

5. Cooperative Agreement for the Administration of the Orange County Taxi Administration Program

Director Winterbottom pulled this item and commended staff and the agencies who worked hard on this item's cooperative agreement. Director Winterbottom also stated that the costs were reasonable and benefited both parties.

Committee Chairman Murray echoed Director Winterbottom's remarks.

A motion was made by Director Winterbottom, seconded by Committee Chairman Murray, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-8-2015 with Orange County cities and the County of Orange for the administration of the Orange County Taxi Administration Program, effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.
- B. Amend the Orange County Transportation Authority Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget to reflect an additional \$251,188 for the administration of the Orange County Taxi Administration Program from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

Director Tait did not participate or vote on this item due to his firm having performed work with the County of Orange.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

6. Metrolink Fiscal Year 2017-18 Performance Report

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Committee Vice Chairman Jones, and declared passed by those present, to receive and file as an information item.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

7. 2019 Project W Safe Stops Call for Projects

Director Do pulled this item to thank Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and staff for the improvements made under Project W. As Director Do's District has the bulk of ridership, the changes will make it more comfortable for the customers.

Committee Chairman Murray also thanked staff for the revisions that were made in Chapter 3 (Attachment B of the Staff Report) which makes the process more efficient and inclusive.

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

- A. Approve proposed revisions to Chapter 3 (Project W section) of the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines.
- B. Approve making \$3 million in Measure M2 Project W funds available for a second funding allocation.
- C. Direct staff to work with eligible local agencies and to return with Project W funding recommendations in early 2019.

Director Tait did not participate or vote on this item.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

Regular Calendar

8. Bus Operations Performance Measurements Report for the Fourth 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;

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- Reliability: Miles Between Road Calls;
- Fixed-Route: Ridership and Productivity;
- OC Access: Ridership and Productivity;
- Farebox Recovery Ratio;
- Cost per Revenue Vehicle Hour;
- Performance: Local Routes;
- Performance: Community Routes;
- Performance: Express/Stationlink Routes;
- Bus Operations Performance and OC Bus 360°;
- Performance: System-wide Trends;
- Performance: OC 360° Improvements;
- Performance: OC 360° Reductions; and
- Next Steps.

A discussed ensued regarding:

- Slide Seven of the PowerPoint presentation addresses Director Tait's question on budget projection verses ridership from 18 months ago.
- Director Tait commended staff for stabilizing the ridership numbers.
- Positive steps being taken with OC Bus 360°, challenges with Proposition 6, and putting more effort into maintenance and less on new bus procurements.
- High hopes that the OC Flex pilot program will bring good results.
- Adopting a new fleet plan by 2020 and what to consider.
- Hydrogen buses coming on board.
- Meeting purchase requirements or doing a "midlife overhaul" to extend the life of the bus or replace them with a zero emissions bus.
- Looking back on OCTA's history and the transition from diesel to liquid natural gas, and most recently, compressed natural gas buses.

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

9. Proposition 6: Potential Impacts to Transit Services

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Gary Hewitt, Manager of Transit Planning, who reported on the following:

- Staff has began looking at reducing approximately 180,000 revenue hours or 11 percent of the bus service.

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- Reductions being considered to the bus service fall into seven categories:
 - Eliminating lower productivity routes.
 - Making modest frequency reductions to core routes.
 - Looking for external funding for OC Flex, if it continues beyond the one-year pilot.
 - Revisit route improvements from OC Bus 360° which have not been completely effective.
 - Explore operating reduced service on additional holidays.
 - Consolidating duplicate route segments and eliminate lower ridership segments of route.
 - Eliminating bus trips with less than 15 boardings outside of OCTA's service span standards.
- A portion of the cost savings will come from changes to the ACCESS service as follows:
 - The new special agencies agreements being considered today will save approximately \$500,000 a year in ACCESS costs.
 - Where bus service is eliminated and there are no nearby routes, ACCESS service would no longer be provided.
- The recently approved Comprehensive Business Plan extended the useful life of 40 and 60-foot buses from 14 to 18 years. This will reduce the amount of money placed into the capital sinking fund for vehicle replacement.
- Continue to refine the service reduction concepts including: route level impacts and additional analysis necessary for Title VI and Environmental Justice.
- If Proposition 6 passes, staff will return to the Board to seek direction regarding the proposed service reductions.
- Majority of the reductions are anticipated to be made during the October 2019 service change and requires public feedback.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Four vehicles were purchased for OC Flex with the idea to use them for ACCESS service.
- Challenges if ACCESS service is reduced and the importance in letting riders know Same-Day Taxi Service will be available.
- Extending the life of the buses is very important by keeping up with the maintenance.
- Concerns regarding reducing frequency on core routes and possible alternatives.

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- Reviewing legislation and being more vocal about the vehicle clean air regulations that will be costly.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reemphasized that this will be a major service change and if Proposition 6 passes, OCTA will address service changes in October of 2019. The vehicle clean air requirements under the Innovative Clean Transit is a new mandate which would put another \$440 million of costs into OCTA's fleet requirements over the Comprehensive Business Plan plan period. OCTA will continue to have early and frequent discussions.

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

Discussion Items**10. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

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

- OC Flex pilot program launches on Monday, October 15th in Huntington Beach and Westminster and on Saturday, October 20th in Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, and Aliso Viejo. OCTA continues to market and promote outreach efforts and will have staff at the Coast Vintage Market on Sunday, October 14th to promote the service. The mobile app should be available today.
- On Thursday, October 25th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., OCTA is hosting a Public Hearing for the northbound State Route 57 Improvement Project from Orangewood Avenue to Katella Avenue. The Public Hearing will be in an open house format at the Portola Middle School in Orange.
- On Thursday, September 27th, the Orange County Public Relations Society held its annual awards ceremony honoring the region's top public relations professionals and campaigns in various categories. OCTA won three awards:
 - The Protos award, the top honor, for the Interstate 405 (I-405) Improvement project groundbreaking event and project interactive map/Waze integration;
 - An Award of Excellence for the I-405 project construction safety and coloring and activity book; and
 - An Award of Excellence for the Santa Ana Community College Pass Program.



11. Committee Members' Reports

Director Davies stated OCTA has made some great changes, cost equals results, and where there are challenges, there are also opportunities. Director Davies looks forward to the OC Flex pilot program, and next Wednesday, October 17th, a tour of the south county service areas for the OC Flex pilot program will be conducted.

Director Tait stated that people who ride scooters and electric bikes will create new opportunities for people to use the bus routes, and Mr. Johnson, CEO, responded OCTA can provide guidance, but it is a city process.

Director Pulido recommended for OCTA to take the lead on scooters and create a template for cities to follow, and Mr. Johnson, CEO, responded that there will be an Innovation Update at the next Transit Committee and scooters and electric bikes will be addressed.

Committee Chairman Murray acknowledged National Walk to School day and thanked Lance Larson, Executive Director of External Affairs, and OCTA staff for making it successful in the City of the Tustin.

12. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2018**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

ATTEST

Al Murray
Committee Chairman

Sahara Meisenheimer
Deputy Clerk of the Board