



# **MINUTES**

## ***Transit Committee Meeting***

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### **Committee Members Present**

Andrew Do, Chairman  
Gregory T. Winterbottom, Vice Chairman  
Laurie Davies  
Steve Jones  
Jose F. Moreno  
Miguel Pulido  
Tim Shaw

### **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 March 14, 2019 regular meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Do at 9:02 a.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Davies 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 5)**

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

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Winterbottom, seconded by Director Davies, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of February 14, 2019.

Directors Jones and Pulido were not present to vote on this item.



**3. Agreement for Pedestrian Access to the Operations Building at the Santa Ana Bus Base**

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Winterbottom, seconded by Director Davies, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-8-2098 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and A2Z Construct, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$270,000, for a pedestrian access to the operations building at the Santa Ana Bus Base.

Directors Jones and Pulido were not present to vote on this item.

**4. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2018-19 Funds**

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

- A. Approve the use of \$7,110,976 in fiscal year 2018-19 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funding for college fare programs and travel training for Fullerton, Golden West, and Santa Ana colleges, and the purchase of zero emission buses, plus related infrastructure, and operating costs for Bravo! Main Street Rapid Bus Service.
- B. Approve Resolution 2019-018, consistent with the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Guidelines.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, as well as execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the above recommendations.

Directors Jones and Pulido were not present to vote on this item.

**5. OC Vanpool Program Update**

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

Directors Jones and Pulido were not present to vote on this item.

## **Regular Calendar**

### **6. OC Streetcar Project Update**

James Biel, Executive Director of Capital Programs, provided opening comments and co-presented a PowerPoint presentation with: Kelly Hart, Project Manager for the OC Streetcar Project and Tresa Oliveri, Community Relations Officer.

The PowerPoint topics are as follows:

- Alignment;
- Background – Key Dates;
- Project Groundbreaking and Full Funding Grant Agreement;
- Right-of-Way;
- Utilities;
- Permits;
- Construction;
- Vehicles;
- Outreach; and
- Other Key Project Updates.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding:

- The status on issuing the Santa Ana river bridge permits: United States Army Corps of Engineers to provide permits for Sections 404 and 408 by tomorrow.
- The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) will help facilitate electronic coupons to business owners whose businesses could be disrupted.
- The revenue service date being pushed back, due to the schedule and signing of the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA).
- Meetings are being held with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to keep the risk management plan up to date.
- Walsh Construction Company and PGH Wong (OCTA's construction management firm) have leased space at the Santa Ana train station.
- There are no delays anticipated in the next two to three years, even with ongoing projects going on at the same time.
- The OC Streetcar will run along the new Hall of Administration building, with a platform and a pedestrian plaza.
- Director Moreno encouraged outreach in terms of ridership environmentally, and access to other modes of transportation benefits.
- The FTA requires a bus-rail interface plan which ensures bus routes will not be eliminated to fund rail routes, and making a commitment to keep OCTA's bus service running for several years.

**6. (Continued)**

- An explanation on the bus corridor being split into three areas by: adding new service on the left side of the corridor, replacing service on the eastern side, and modifying service in the center.
- Director Do explained that this project serves as connection to other rail services.
- Raitt Street in Santa Ana currently has no service, but the OC Streetcar Project will open it up to new opportunities.
- Being flexible with other technologies like Lyft and Uber that could increase ridership.
- How the development along the four miles will spur other alternatives.
- Two projects proposed along the corridor are: One Broadway Plaza and Willowick.
- Director Moreno expressed his concerns on justifying to the public how \$400 million covers four miles and discussed the deficit the City of Anaheim faced from the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center.
- The estimated annual operating costs is under \$8 million for the first five years.
- Overview of FTA's review process and how OCTA waited a year and a half to get the funding.
- The importance of connecting Harbor Boulevard to the OC Streetcar.
- There will be outreach on the upcoming construction activities and the benefits of the project.
- Director Do supports this project and states OCTA will need to address the first and last mile connecting to the OC Streetcar.
- The City of Garden Grove is excited about the OC Streetcar and extending the corridor along the hotels on Harbor Boulevard.
- Modern streetcars system around the nation are between 30 to 40 percent in farebox recovery.
- The City of Santa Ana agreed to include traffic signal priority for the OC Streetcar system.
- The Board of Directors (Board) authorized a study of Bristol Street to the airport (all modes) and the results will be presented at the Transit Committee meeting in May 2019.

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

**7. Bus Operations Performance Measurements Report for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2018-19**

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

- Performance Measurements;
- Safety;
- Courtesy;
- Reliability: On-Time Performance (OTP);
- Routes Impacted by Construction;
- 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
- Future Reports.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The increase in ACCESS service is based on the contracted agreement rate and the increase in gas prices.
- The miles between road calls is trending in the right direction and First Transit has met their performance goal in the last two weeks.
- Director Davies requested to have the last three to four years of trends shown on the report for comparison to the current numbers being reported.
- An overview on productivity guidelines: if buses are below 10 boardings per revenue vehicle hour for traditional bus service, then staff will start looking at other options.
- Director Do requested staff to highlight which routes and construction projects are impacted.
- Clarification that on-time performance is down because the entire route is impacted, not part of the route.
- A reference to Slide 6 and how the McFadden Avenue construction project impacted bus service.
- Explanation of the different standards between contracted routes and directly-operated fixed route bus service.

**7. (Continued)**

- A suggestion to add a table to the PowerPoint presentation to indicate what system-wide OTP is.

Jennifer Bergener, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the February 10<sup>th</sup> service change and explained the shortage of coach operators and mechanics at OCTA and First Transit. First Transit has implemented a strategy to remedy a Wage Order 9 and has assessed contractual penalties due to the high number of lost trips and revenue hours. Ms. Bergener highlighted the corrective action plan.

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

## **Discussion Items**

**8. Project V - City of Mission Viejo Route 182 Update**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), stated at the last Transit Committee meeting staff would return with an update about the issues with the City of Mission Viejo; therefore, due to discussions with the City of Mission Viejo, Mr. Johnson suggested deferring the item for 30 days in order to meet with the City Manager, and return to the Transit Committee in April with an update.

No action was taken on this Discussion item.

**9. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

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

- On Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, OCTA's outreach staff will be hosting neighborhood meetings at Aegean Hills Park and Doria Park in Mission Viejo to provide information about the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from the State Route 73 to El Toro Road.
- With the weather permitting, crews will commence the second weekend of the demolition of the Fairview Road bridge as part of the Interstate 405 Improvement Project. The freeway and bridge will be closed from 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The annual recruitments for the Taxpayer Oversight Committee, the Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Special Needs Advisory Committee are underway. Applications are online at [octa.net](http://octa.net) and being accepted through Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.



**9. (Continued)**

- OCTA is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Metrolink's Orange County line with an event at the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center station in Anaheim on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Data indicates there has been 47 million boardings in the last 25 years and more than 80 percent of people would have driven alone if they did not have access to Metrolink.
- The Angel's Express will be launching another year of service on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> with a pre-season game against the Dodgers.

**10. Committee Members' Reports**

Director Do asked about the call for projects for Project V and when it would be brought to the Board. Mr. Johnson, CEO, responded that a letter of interest will be sent in two weeks to all eligible entities under Measure M2 and once the level of interest is determined, it would be brought to the Board for consideration.

**11. Closed Session**

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

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Andrew Do  
Committee Chairman

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Sahara Meisenheimer  
Deputy Clerk of the Board