

Minutes of the
Orange County Transportation Authority
Orange County Transit District
Orange County Local Transportation Authority
Orange County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order

The July 8, 2019 regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and affiliated agencies was called to order by Chairman Shaw at 9:01 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room – Conference Room 07-08, Orange, California.

Roll Call

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Clerk of the Board noted a quorum was present, with the following Directors in attendance:

Directors Present: Tim Shaw, Chairman
Steve Jones, Vice Chairman
Lisa A. Bartlett
Laurie Davies
Barbara Delgleize
Michael Hennessey
Joe Muller
Richard Murphy
Miguel Pulido
Michelle Steel
Donald P. Wagner
Gregory T. Winterbottom
Ryan Chamberlain, District Director
California Department of Transportation District 12

Directors Absent: Doug Chaffee
Andrew Do
Gene Hernandez
Jose F. Moreno
Mark A. Murphy

Also 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
Cassie Trapesonian, Assistant General Counsel
Members of the Press and the General Public

Special Calendar

Orange County Transit District Special Calendar Matters

1. Recognition of the 2019 American Public Transportation Association Roadeo Team

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), presented of the OCTA 2019 American Public Transportation Association International Bus Roadeo Team of Patrick Courchaine, Ray Consiglio, Chris Jordan, and Darvy Traylor.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, announced that the OCTA Roadeo will be held on Saturday, September 28th at the Santa Ana Base. Additionally, at the upcoming OCTA Roadeo, there will be an amateur Administrative and Executive competition for Board of Directors (Board) and senior management team.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, invited the Board to participate in the upcoming OCTA Roadeo event.

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2. Taxpayer Oversight Committee New Member Recruitment and Lottery

Chairman Shaw provided an overview of the Measure M2 (M2) Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC) and conducted the lottery for final selection of new M2 TOC Members.

The names were drawn from the recommended finalists from the Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County Selection Panel, each representing the First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. The lottery results were as follows:

First District

Douglas P. Gillen

Contingency List (in order):

Andrew Ramirez

John Wyre

Joan Williams

Third District

Tuan Nguyen

Contingency List (in order):

Kirk Watilo

Craig Floerke

Peter Riley

Jeffrey Haspell

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Fourth District

Michael Pascual

Contingency List (in order):

George Wright

Dana Swart

Jose Ulloa

Arnel Sarmiento

Fifth District

Douglas Anderson

Contingency List (in order):

Glenn Powder

Michael Knudsen

Greg Prouty

James Mulvaney

Chairman Shaw congratulated the newly selected members and thanked all the applicants and finalists for their interest. Chairman Shaw also thanked and acknowledged this year's Grand Jurors Association of Orange County Selection Panel Bill Underwood (Chair), Robin R. Bowen, Bette Flick, John Gallie, John J. Moohr, and Virginia Zlaket.

Chairman Shaw also acknowledged outgoing TOC Members Stanley F. Counts, Eugene Fields, Richie Lim, and Matt McGuinness for their hard work.

Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 7)

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3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director R. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to approve the Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting minutes of June 24, 2019.

4. Construction Safety Program, Internal Audit Report No. 19-506

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director R. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to direct staff to implement two recommendations provided in Construction Safety Program, Internal Audit Report No. 19-506.

5. Grant Acceptance for the Safe Travels Education Program and the Freeway Bus Rapid Transit Concept Study

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the Active Transportation Program grant award and execute grant-related agreements and documents with the California Department of Transportation and the Southern California Association of Governments.
- B. Adopt Orange County Transportation Authority Resolution No. 2019-059 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant award and execute grant-related agreements and documents with the California Department of Transportation and the Southern California Association of Governments.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to amend the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and process all necessary amendments to facilitate the recommendation above.

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6. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with Southern California Regional Rail Authority for the Interstate 5 High-Occupancy Vehicle Improvement Project Between State Route 55 and State Route 57

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-6-1574 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Southern California Regional Rail Authority, in the amount of \$40,425, for additional railroad flagging and inspection services. This will increase the maximum obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total contract value of \$89,925.
- B. Authorize the use of \$40,425 in OC Go funds for construction inspection, which will increase Cooperative Agreement No. C-6-1574 from \$49,500 to \$89,925, for the Interstate 5 high-occupancy vehicle improvement project between State Route 55 and State Route 57.

7. Measure M2 Eligibility Review Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017-18 Expenditure Reports

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director R. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to find all conditionally eligible local agencies (excluding the cities of Santa Ana and Stanton) eligible to receive net Measure M2 revenues for fiscal year 2018-19.

Regular Calendar

Orange County Transportation Authority Regular Calendar Matters

8. Draft 2019 State Route 91 Implementation Plan

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Kurt Brotcke, Director of Strategic Planning, who provided a PowerPoint presentation for this item as follows:

- State Route (SR) 91 Implementation Plan;
- Culmination of Efforts:
 - Eight Projects Completed
 - \$1.9 billion Invested
 - 66.5 Lane Miles Added
 - 15 Percent Increase in Throughput
 - Benefits of Coordinated Efforts;
- Guiding Principles;
- Orange County Projects;
- Riverside County Projects;
- Bi-County Projects;
- SR-91 Corridor Operations Project;
- SR-241/91 Express Lanes Connector (Project);
- Project Implementation; and
- Recommendation/Next Steps.

A public comment was heard from Don Fuller, City of Corona (Corona) resident, who commented on the SR-91 traffic issues as follows:

- Vehicles are lane cutting from the general-purpose lanes into the 91 Express Lanes from Weir Canyon Road to the Orange/Riverside county line which has caused traffic accidents.
- At the recent Regional Planning and Highways Committee (RP&H), he commented on the lane cutting issues,
- He felt the lane cutting issues should have been discussed by the RP&H and included in today's PowerPoint presentation.
- A Corona citizens group called Greater Corona Traffic Alliance is advocating to fix the lane cutting issues.

8. (Continued)

A lengthy discussion ensued as follows:

- The preliminary analysis suggests the need for additional eastbound general-purpose lane capacity between SR-241 and SR-71 that either accompanies or is implemented before the Project.
- The geometric and traffic coordination is needed for the SR-91 Corridor Improvement Project (CIP).
- Efforts are underway with the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Districts 8 and 12, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), and OCTA to address the Project's geometrics.

- John Standiford, Deputy Executive Director of RCTC, stated:
 - The RCTC Board will vote on its' 10-year delivery plan that includes funding for the Interstate 15 (I-15)/91 Express Lanes, SR-71/91 Express Lanes, and improvements east of the I-15.
 - RCTC has taken a cooperative approach.

- Director Wagner stated the following:
 - Expressed concerns and disappointment with the lack of cooperation OCTA and RCTC is having with the TCA.
 - RCTC should not be dictating the timing of the Project and have veto over the Project.
 - Referenced Item 9 on today's Board agenda to strengthen regional partnerships and looks at the TCA as a component of transportation in Orange County along with OCTA.
 - Efforts to bring the five Board Members that serve on both the TCA and OCTA Boards have not materialized to discuss the Project's downstream capacity concerns.
 - Concerns about the environmental impact report (EIR) going stale and the streets being backed up from Yorba Linda through Anaheim Hills because of the Project's delay.
 - Inquired about the timelines for when the OCTA Board will be presented the Project's technical issues. Additionally, is there a commitment to approve the EIR and include the Project in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) before the EIR expires.
 - Mr. Johnson, CEO, responded that OCTA is not in control of the work process by the other agencies. He stated that OCTA is working the other agencies to expedite the process, including the Project into the FTIP is in process, and there is no drop-dead date for the EIR.

8. (Continued)

- Director Muller stated the following:
 - Concerned:
 - Without the FTIP funding, the TCA cannot approve the Project's EIR.
 - The EIR is going stale.
 - RCTC having veto over Orange County traffic.
 - TCA should have a voice on the SR-91 Advisory Committee.
 - The sixth lane from Weir Canyon Road to the SR-71 could impede the Project and not sure if it prevents lane weaving.
 - He is working with TCA staff to have Caltrans include in the FTIP the right-of-way (ROW) budget, which would be enough for the TCA Board to vote on the EIR.
 - By later this year, the FTIP needs to be amended to include the ROW budget.
 - TCA has upcoming deadlines that need to be approved by January 2020.
 - The Project shows there are benefits for Orange/Riverside counties traffic.
 - Important to amend the FTIP, build a regional relationship, move forward quickly, and not duplicate TCA's efforts.

- Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, stated the following:
 - OCTA agrees the Project is important.
 - There is established, by legislation, the SR-91 Advisory Committee that has discussed the Project and includes Board representation from the OCTA and RCTC Boards.
 - RCTC does not have veto power.
 - There have been recent facilitated discussions between the TCA, RCTC, Caltrans Districts 8 and 12, and OCTA about the Project's technical concerns, and another meeting is scheduled for July 12.
 - OCTA believes the Project's EIR is not stale
 - Before presenting to the Project's technical issues to OCTA's Board, staff wants to understand the issues and benefits of the tolls, funds, and operations of the Project.
 - OCTA asked Caltrans to not prematurely approve the EIR until TCA, RCTC, OCTA, and Caltrans District 8 and 12 agrees on a path forward.

- Director Davies requested the number of accidents, type and time of the accidents, and safety options on the SR-91 from Weir Canyon to the Orange/Riverside counties line.

8. (Continued)

- Director Bartlett stated the following:
 - All the SR-91 corridor projects have merit.
 - Clarification is needed from OCTA, TCA, RCTC, and Caltrans on the Project's downstream capacity, priority projects, and weaving concerns.

- Director Chamberlain stated the following:
 - Thanked the public speaker, Don Fuller, for his comments, and confirmed that he discussed the concerns with Mr. Fuller after the recent SR-91 Advisory Committee meeting, as well as has a copy of Mr. Fuller's letter to OCTA.
 - Caltrans is reviewing and analyzing the SR-91 safety data at Weir Canyon Road to the Orange/Riverside counties line.
 - The facilitator is helping the agencies dialogue about the outstanding issues, and Caltrans is working towards a consensus.
 - Caltrans Districts 8 and 12 believe that the modeling data indicates that the SR-91/I-15 connector on the east end is a critical component for the SR-91 corridor downstream capacity.
 - Caltrans supports the 241/91 and the SR-91/SR-71 projects.
 - For the SR-91 CIP project, Caltrans believes there are geometric issues.
 - Caltrans Districts 8 and 12 are working with RCTC, TCA, and OCTA for consensus with the Project's conflicts.
 - Caltrans will not approve the 91 CIP if there is not some resolution on the 241/91 geometric and space issues.

- Chairman Shaw commented on the SR-91 Advisory Committee and last year's New York rating agency trip that discussed the 91 Express Lanes and the complexity of the SR-91 corridor.

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

9. 2019 Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors Strategic Initiatives Mid-Year Report

Chairman Shaw reported on the mid-year 2019 OCTA Board Strategic Initiatives as follows:

- Initiative 1 – Deliver Capital Projects;
- Initiative 2 – Champion Fiscal Responsibility;
- Initiative 3 – Develop State-of-the-Art Regional Transportation Plans;
- Initiative 4 – Strengthen Regional Partnerships;
- Initiative 5 – Implement OC Bus 360° Vision and Offer Modern Transit Solutions; and
- Initiative 6 – Reinforce a Culture of Safety.

Director Winterbottom complimented Chairman Shaw for doing a good job. Director Winterbottom stated that OCTA is shifting towards safety which was an issue at Metrolink, and going forward, OCTA will focus on accident free areas.

10. 2019 Chief Executive Officer's Initiatives and Action Plan - Second Quarter Progress Report

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, reported on the second quarter (Q2) 2019 CEO's Initiatives and Action Plan as follows:

- There are 88 milestones with 73 projects and programs.
- 86 percent of the Q2 goals are completed;
- Construction began along Oso Parkway and Alicia Parkway for the Interstate 5 South Orange County from State Route 73 to El Toro Road project;
- OC Streetcar is approaching \$3 billion of active construction;
- The TOC recently held its 28th annual public hearing, and OCTA received positive M2 compliance findings; and
- OCTA continues to implement the Board's initiatives and M2 promises made to the voters.

A public comment was heard from Eric Reese who provided a proposal on how to market the use of trains and bus services as follows:

- Partner with the following:
 - Metrolink in their development of customer rewards program to combine resources and reduce research cost.
 - Starbucks or Coffee Bean in rewarding riders with coffee and pastries.
- Highlighted:
 - How to partner the rewards program by offering ridership points for free or reduced admissions sporting events, and attractions.

10. (Continued)

- How OCTA can provide additional points to riders who ride OC Bus and Metrolink, use the OC Bus App, and tag or post their ride experience on social media.
- The potential benefits for a customer rewards program.

11. Public Comments

A public comment was heard from Eric Reese who provided a proposal as follows:

- Make cities in Orange County more resilient to extreme temperatures that will improve the quality of life and reduce healthcare and roadway costs.
- Staff and the Board work with the local cities, California Transportation Commission, Caltrans, and the Federal Highway Administration in researching the feasibility of using porous reflective pavements as preferred roadway material for highway projects.
- The porous reflective pavement benefits are long-term fiscal savings, innovative sustainability, and improvement to the quality of life.
- Now is the opportunity to join partnerships with the state legislature in leveraging to help create a pavement program that is more resilient to climate change.

12. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, reported:

- Angels Express:
 - Currently underway is the Angels Express Kids Ride Free marketing campaign.
 - Throughout July and August, kids 18 and under can ride the Angels Express for free.
 - Angels Express will be back in service on Friday after the All-Star break.
- OC Fair Express:
 - On Friday, July 12, the Orange County Fair opens.
 - On Saturday, July 13, OCTA will host a kick-off event for the OC Fair Express at the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 - The OC Fair Express will be in service from nine locations throughout the county on Saturdays and Sundays from July 13 through August 11.

12. (Continued)

- The 2019 OCTA Roadeo is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th at the Santa Ana Base, and information about the Roadeo will be forwarded to the Board.
- The Board was introduced to Olivia Salters who is a participant in the Job Rotation Program, and Ms. Salters current rotation is with the Clerk of the Board Department.

13. Directors' Reports

Director Davies requested digital information for the locations of the OC Fair Express.

Director Pulido reported that at the recent Mayor's conference, he received a lifetime achievement award. He reported how the conference gave him an opportunity to find out what other cities and countries are doing for electric mobility, as well as provided other comments.

Director Pulido asked staff to inquire on how Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority obtained proper indemnity for electric mobility and review the electric mobility in China.

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, stated that last year, the Board asked staff to develop best practices guidelines for electric mobility. Additionally, Director Pulido's suggestions can be incorporated in the innovation and mobility discussions and brought forward to discuss at the RP&H and Transit Committees.

Director Bartlett provided comments about mobility challenges in Orange County in comparison to Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties. Director Bartlett thanked OCTA for the robust projects and programs in south Orange County and highlighted her observations and interactions with residents, over the Fourth of July Holiday weekend, about the successful trolley services in south Orange County.

Director Winterbottom stated that the public speaker Eric Reese has many great ideas and suggested incorporating those suggestions into OCTA's programs.

14. Closed Session

There were no Closed Sessions scheduled.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 22, 2019**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room – Conference Room 07-08, Orange, California.

ATTEST:

Laurena Weinert
Clerk of the Board

Steve Jones
OCTA Vice Chairman