



Committee Members Present

Gregory T. Winterbottom, Vice Chairman
Laurie Davies
Steve Jones
Miguel Pulido
Tim Shaw

Staff Present

Darrell E. Johnson, 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

Andrew Do, Chairman
Jose F. Moreno

Call to Order

The August 8, 2019 regular meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Vice Chairman Winterbottom at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Shaw 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 6)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Jones, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of July 11, 2019.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

3. Sole Source Agreement for the Purchase of Nineteen Near-Zero Emission Bus Engines for the Midlife Overhaul of Articulated Buses

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Jones, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C-9-1085 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Cummins Pacific, LLC, in the amount of \$1,348,248, for the purchase of 19 replacement Cummins L9N near-zero emission compressed natural gas-powered engines.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

4. Contract Change Order for Removal and Disposal of Contaminated Materials Within the Orange County Transit District-Owned Pacific Electric Right-of-Way for the OC Streetcar Project

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Jones, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 3 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$1,600,000, for the removal and disposal of contaminated materials within the Orange County Transit District-Owned Pacific Electric Right-of-Way for the construction of the OC Streetcar project.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

5. SB 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) State of Good Repair Program Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2019-20 Funds

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

- A. Approve Resolution No. 2019-058, consistent with the SB 1 State of Good Repair Program Guidelines, authorizing the use of \$5.720 million in fiscal year 2019-20 SB 1 State of Good Repair Program funding for:
 - Replacement of up to seven iShuttle buses (\$3.030 million),
 - Replacement of up to six El Dorado Cutaways with 40-foot buses (\$1.890 million),
 - Replacement of the emergency equipment at the Anaheim and Irvine Construction Circle bus bases (\$0.800 million).
- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, as well as execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the above recommendations.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

6. Measure M2 Community-Based Transit Circulators Program Project V Ridership Report

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director 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.

Regular Calendar

7. Local Agencies' Interest in Project V Call for Projects

Joseph Alcock, Section Manager III of Local Programs, Planning Division, gave a brief overview of the Project V Community Based Transit Circulators Program, and provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Measure M2 (M2) Community Circulator Program;
- Program Status;
- Interest in Future Call for Projects; and
- Next Steps.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- M2 Project V has a \$248 million budget through the life of M2 and \$30 million has been committed through the current call for projects, which allows another call for projects to be accommodated.
- The City of Mission Viejo's (Mission Viejo) Project V service was cancelled for the summer and will begin on August 20th. Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) will lead the service through October 14th, then the City will take over the service.
- Mission Viejo did not submit a Project V request because they have existing funds.
- OCTA staff will provide an overall funding outlook for the Project V call for projects in the fall for the Board of Directors (Board) to review.

A motion was made by Director Shaw, seconded by Director Jones, and declared passed by those present, to direct staff to return by fall 2019 with revised Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines to support a fourth Project V call for projects.

Discussion Items

8. Bristol Street Transit Corridor Study Update

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided opening comments and introduced Eric Carlson, Principal Transportation Analyst, Planning Division, who provided a PowerPoint presentation for this item as follows:

- Study Schedule;
- Alternatives Development;
- Modes and Features;
- Improving Travel Times;
- Emerging Issues;
- Coordination with Cities and External Agencies;
- Stakeholder and Public Participations; and
- Next Steps.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- If offboard ticketing is implemented, it would be done as a pilot program with promotion and campaigns to boost OCTA's mobile ticketing app, in addition to training and educating people.
- Transit signal priority systems detect when transit vehicles are approaching or waiting at traffic signals. The systems can hold green lights longer and shorten red lights to decrease waiting time at traffic signals.
- Streetcar and rapid streetcar vehicles are the same, the only difference is whether or not there is a dedicated lane. If OCTA were to move forward with a streetcar option, it is assumed that identical technology to the OC Streetcar will be used for parts and maintenance.
- Director Pulido referenced Slide 4 of the PowerPoint, which contained an image of a white streetcar, questioned why the color white was quoted four times more expensive for the OC Streetcar, and requested that the color be reconsidered.
- Director Pulido referenced Slide 6 of the PowerPoint to discuss the former CenterLine project route.
- Mr. Johnson, CEO, clarified that OCTA did not have an adopted route or Environmental Impact Report for the CenterLine project, and the project was cancelled in the fall of 2005.
- Mr. Johnson, CEO, referenced Slide 2 of the PowerPoint and discussed project schedules and phases. OCTA staff will present six conceptual alternatives to the Transit Committee and the Board in the fall of 2019.

8. (Continued)

- How reduced dwell times will affect riders that are transferring from one bus to another.
- Director Pulido stated that planning and design for the transit median at Bristol Street should consider accommodations for future transit projects and provided examples.
- Director Pulido requested OCTA create a list to show how projects will be accommodated in the future.
- The City of Santa Ana (Santa Ana) is applying for protected bike lanes grants on Bristol Street, and OCTA has discussed the Bristol Street corridor study with Santa Ana Public Works and Planning Departments.
- There will be language in the grant agreement regarding the ongoing study and that the bike lanes, if implemented, would not preclude possibilities found in this study.
- Director Pulido stated that he wants to take a proactive approach on planning within the corridor.
- Mr. Johnson, CEO, discussed the process of capital projects and stated that there should be options to consider that will not conflict with projects. In certain areas, projects have been built and some may need to be reworked depending on project selection.
- Functionality of transit signal priority systems as it relates to pedestrians.

9. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

- The Orange County Fair wraps up on Sunday and this will be the final weekend of the OC Fair Express. There were more than 64,000 boardings recorded, which is up 2.2 percent compared to last year.
- OCTA has been hosting bicycle safety workshops throughout the county as part of the bicycle safety campaign called "Be Safe Be Seen." Funding for this campaign comes from the grant received from the California Office of Traffic Safety. A request for an additional workshop was received from South Orange County and will be reviewed by OCTA staff. Workshops will be held on the following dates:
 - August 13th, 5:30 p.m., at the Huntington Beach City Hall
 - August 31st, 9:00 a.m., at the Tustin Senior Center



9. (Continued)

- A wilderness hike at the Pacific Horizon Preserve will take place on August 17th at 8:30 a.m. to give the community an opportunity to see the open space. The space is only open during designated hikes and there continues to be good turnout.

10. Committee Members' Reports

Director Davies thanked Nora Yeretzian and Alice Rogan, External Affairs, as well as OCTA staff for their efforts in promoting OC Flex at the City of Laguna Niguel's (Laguna Niguel) Friday night concert, which was well received by the public. Laguna Niguel may also promote OC Flex at its carnival August 16th through August 18th. She added that as the school year begins, OCTA should continue to outreach to increase ridership and perhaps partner with schools.

11. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2019**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

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Gregory T. Winterbottom
Committee Vice Chairman

Olga Prado
Assistant Clerk of the Board