





#### **Committee Members Present**

Tim Shaw, Chairman Steve Jones, Vice Chairman Lisa A. Bartlett Andrew Do Michael Hennessey Mark A. Murphy

#### **Committee Members Absent**

Laurie Davies

#### **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

#### Call to Order

The October 7, 2019 regular meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Shaw at 9:03 a.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director M. Murphy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

# **Special Calendar**

There were no Special Calendar matters.

# **Consent Calendar (Item 2)**

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director M. Murphy, seconded by Director Hennessey, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 5, 2019.

Vice Chairman Jones was not present to vote on this item.

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## **Regular Calendar**

# 3. Measure M2 Next 10 Plan: Market Conditions Key Indicators Analysis and Forecast

Tami Warren, Measure M2 Manager, Program Management Office, provided opening comments and introduced Dr. Wallace Walrod, Chief Economic Adviser, Orange County Business Council (OCBC) and Southern California Association of Governments, and Dr. Marlon Boarnet, Professor and Chair of the Department of Urban Planning and Spatial Analysis at the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Walrod and Dr. Boarnet co-presented the PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Infrastructure Construction Cost Index (CCI) Model Components;
- Three-Year Moving Average of Year-Over-Year Percent Change in California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) CCI and Building Permits;
- Three-Year Moving Average of Year-Over-Year Percent Change in Caltrans CCI and California Unemployment Rates;
- Forecast and Rage of OCTA Infrastructure Cost Increases by Index Value;
- Cost Pressures Are Mixed;
- OCBC Infrastructure Construction Cost Forecast; and
- Orange County's Construction Workforce: Labor Market Flows.

#### A discussion ensued regarding:

- The building permit issuance in California has declined.
- Senate Bill (SB) 330 did not pass, and SB 50 could be a challenge for local agencies.
- Housing production will start to increase in 2020 and 2021.
- Interest rates will determine if there is an increase in issuance of building permits.
- The 2020 recession might not happen.
- On Slide 8 of the PowerPoint, the shortage of Orange County construction labor workforce numbers are accurate.

A motion was made by Chairman Shaw, seconded by Director Bartlett, and declared passed by those present, to continue to monitor market conditions and their effects on the advancement of the Next 10 Delivery Plan and provide updates to the Board of Directors as appropriate.

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#### 4. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

Matt DesRosier, Manager, Health, Safety, and Environmental Compliance, provided a PowerPoint presentation for this item as follows:

- Discussion Points;
- Timeline of Events (49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 673);
- Safety Management System Approach;
- Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Requirements and Oversight;
- Compliance Activities to Date; and
- Board of Directors (Board) Involvement.

#### A discussion ensued regarding:

- Late 2019, the new federal safety requirement took effect.
- Chairman Shaw included a "Reinforcing a Culture of Safety" in the 2019 Board initiatives.
- One of the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee is to oversee safety.
- The federal safety regulation requires the Board adopt a PTASP for its transit system no later than July 2020.
- Mr. DesRosier was complimented for a job well-done.

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

# 5. Framework for Implementation of the State Route 241/91 Express Lanes Connector

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), presented this item and highlighted the term sheet and State Route (SR) 91 projects sequencing priorities noted in Attachment C of the Staff Report.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Attachment D of the Staff Report includes a Caltrans letter of support for the SR-241/91 Express Lanes Connector (Express Connector [EC]).
- Caltrans had an internal committee discussion that supports the EC.
- The tolls are "waterfall" funds and consistent with the traditional flow of tolls.
- If the toll operation exceeds three percent, the funds would need to come from a non-toll revenue source and will be addressed in the future agreement.

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#### 5. (Continued)

- Assembly Bill 194 allows the OCTA Board to define where to invest the excess toll revenues.
- The thought is to invest the excess toll revenues into the SR-91 corridor in Orange and Riverside counties and SR-241 corridor.
- The stakeholders involved with this item's discussions were thanked.
- The EC term sheet:
  - Needs to include OCTA's interests.
  - The throughput performance concerns for the 91 Express Lanes and SR-91 general-purpose lanes are addressed, in the term sheet, by having OCTA and Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) manage the operations for the facility.
- To ensure a balance of throughput, against the 91 Express Lanes and SR-91 general-purpose lanes, Appendix A in Attachment C of the Staff Report lists projects sequencing priorities.
- The EC will mirror the 91 Express Lanes toll policy.
- Caltrans would be responsible for the maintenance and has final design approval of the EC.
- Should the EC project move forward, Caltrans would be included in three different agreements.
- Chairman Shaw reported that he, along with, Vice Chairman Jones, Finance and Administration Committee Chairman Hennessey, and OCTA Staff recently attended the New York rating agencies meetings and highlighted the 91 Express Lanes discussions.
- Next steps are as follows:
  - Multiple agencies are involved with the term sheet approval.
  - The environmental response to comments is underway.
  - As time is critical, agencies involved with the toll operations have begun the next set of activities.
  - This item is scheduled for the October 28<sup>th</sup> OCTA Board meeting.
  - RCTC scheduled this item for its October 28<sup>th</sup> committee meeting and November 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
  - The Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by TCA Board Member and OCTA Director Mark A. Murphy, discussed and favorably received the term sheet.
  - The TCA Board scheduled this item for its October 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

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#### 5. (Continued)

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

- A. Approve the State Route 241/91 Express Lanes Connector term sheet as a framework for future agreements, contingent on all parties agreeing to the term sheet.
- B. Direct staff to work with agencies to prepare associated agreements for Board of Directors' consideration, consistent with the terms included in this report.

#### **Discussion Items**

#### 6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, reported on the Beach Boulevard Corridor Study (Study) as follows:

- OCTA is moving forward with the Study.
- This 18-month Study is OCTA's and Caltrans' effort to "Transform Beach" by identifying improvements along the corridor ranging from upgraded pedestrian, bike and transit facilities to enhanced signal synchronization.
- OCTA conducted an initial public survey in May 2019 and is now seeking a final round of public feedback through an online survey at octa.net/beachstudy.
- OCTA has partnered with the corridor cities to promote the survey, and the survey closes October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The Study will be completed in February 2020.

#### 7. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' reports.

#### 8. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

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# **MINUTES**

# **Executive Committee Meeting**

### 9. Adjournment

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 4, 2019**, at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room – Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

ATTEST	
	Laurena Weinert
	Clerk of the Board
Tim Shaw	
Chairman	

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