



MINUTES

Transit Committee Meeting

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
Gina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk of the Board
James Donich, Assistant General Counsel
OCTA Staff and members of the General Public

Committee Members Absent

None

Call to Order

The October 10, 2019, regular meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Do at 9:03 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Moreno led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 12)

2. Approval of Minutes - September 12, 2019

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Chairman Shaw, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of September 12, 2019.

Director Moreno abstained from voting on this item, having not been present at the September 12, 2019 meeting.

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



3. Approval of Minutes - August 8, 2019

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Chairman Shaw, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of August 8, 2019.

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

4. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the City of Anaheim for the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Rail Station Improvement Project

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Chairman Shaw, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-1714 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Anaheim, to reimburse the Orange County Transportation Authority in the amount of \$40,840, for work to be included in the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink rail station improvement project, and to increase the amount the Orange County Transportation Authority will reimburse the City of Anaheim by an additional \$100,000 for administrative and inspection costs. This will increase the maximum obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total value of \$273,000.

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

5. Consultant Selection to Provide Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services for the Orange County Maintenance Facility

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

- A. Approve the selection of Gannett Fleming, Inc., as the firm to provide preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Orange County Maintenance Facility.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-9-1143 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Gannett Fleming, Inc., for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Orange County Maintenance Facility.

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

6. Contract Change Order for Additional Railroad Flagging Allowance for the Laguna Niguel to San Juan Capistrano Passing Siding Project

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 2 to Agreement No. C-7-2018 with Reyes Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,300,000, to increase the allowance budget for railroad flagging for the Laguna Niguel to San Juan Capistrano Passing Siding Project.
- B. Authorize the use of \$2,300,000 in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds.
- C. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute any necessary agreements and/or amendments to facilitate associated programming actions.

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

7. Amendment to Agreement for the Design of the OC Streetcar Project

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Chairman Shaw, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 8 to Agreement No. C-5-3337 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and HNTB Corporation, in the amount of \$1,500,000, and to extend the agreement term by 26 months through February 28, 2022, for continuation of OC Streetcar project design support services during construction. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$20,683,841.

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

8. 2020 Project V Community-Based Transit Circulators Program Guidelines and Call for Projects

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

- A. Approve revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines for the Project V Community-Based Transit Circulators Program.
- B. Authorize staff to issue the 2020 Measure M2 Project V Community-Based Transit Circulators call for projects.

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

9. Programming Recommendation for the City of Laguna Niguel Project V Service

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

- A. Approve Project V funding in the amount of \$886,082 for the City of Laguna Niguel's Trolley.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a cooperative funding agreement with the City of Laguna Niguel to support implementation of its proposed new Project V service.

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

10. Federal Transit Administration Sections 5307, 5310, 5337, and 5339 Program of Projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

- A. Approve the federal fiscal year 2019-20 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula, Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, Section 5337 State of Good Repair, and Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities program of projects, including federal and local funds, and the use of match credit for projects.
- B. Approve the five-year programming plans for Federal Transit Administration Section 5307, Federal Transit Administration Section 5310, Federal Transit Administration Section 5337, and Federal Transit Administration Section 5339.

10. (Continued)

- C. Authorize the use of \$1.275 million in federal proceeds from the sale of the Santa Ana Transit Terminal for the Anaheim Canyon Station Project.
- D. Authorize the use of up to \$1.191 million in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds from cost savings on the Orange Transportation Center Parking Structure Project for the following projects: \$0.719 million for the Anaheim Canyon Station; and up to \$0.472 million for the San Juan Creek Bridge replacement.
- E. Authorize the use of \$1.689 million in Federal Transit Administration Section 5337 for the San Juan Creek Bridge Replacement Project to provide a full funding plan for the project based upon current estimates.
- F. Authorize staff to adjust individual project funding consistent with final apportionments and eligibility determinations through the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, and direct staff to include updated numbers in grant and programming status reports.
- G. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to submit the federal fiscal year 2019-20 Federal Transit Administration grant applications to the Federal Transit Administration.
- H. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute or amend all necessary agreements to facilitate the above actions.

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

11. Award of Agreement for the Purchase of Heavy-Duty Buses for iShuttle Service

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Chairman Shaw, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C-9-1001 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Gillig LLC, in the amount of \$6,756,221, for the purchase of 12, 30-foot heavy-duty compressed natural gas-powered buses, with an option to purchase five additional buses, for iShuttle service.

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

12. Agreement for Federal Strategic Regulatory and Funding Consulting Services

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

- A. Approve the selection of Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC, as the firm to provide strategic consultation to the Orange County Transportation Authority on federal transportation program development, regulatory, and funding processes.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-9-1360 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC, in the amount of \$318,000, for a two-year term, to provide strategic consultation to the Orange County Transportation Authority on federal transportation program development, regulatory, and funding processes.

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

Regular Calendar

13. Bristol Street Transit Corridor Study - Draft Alternatives

Kurt Brotcke, Director of Strategic Planning, provided opening comments and introduced Gary Hewitt, Manager of Transit Planning, who provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Schedule and Progress;
- Developing the Draft Alternatives;
- Agency, Stakeholder, and Public Participation;
- Online Survey Results;
- Improving Transit;
- Features by Mode;
- Draft Alternatives;
- Alternatives 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6;
- Airport Access-Bus and Rail;
- Draft Evaluation Criteria, and
- Next Steps.

13. (Continued)

Director Winterbottom inquired on the timeframe of the different alternatives before the project is completed.

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), responded if the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) was going forward with doing the most straightforward alternative, the timeframe is four to six years. Additionally, a more sophisticated option, with bridges over the Interstate 405 and elevated access into the airport, the timeframe is 12 to 15 years.

Director Davies inquired about bus versus streetcar travel time and taking into consideration Americans with Disabilities Act customers being able to go right up to the door.

Staff responded that the projects with more dedicated lanes have faster travel time and highlighted other advantages.

Committee Chairman Do stated the following:

- The cost differential is significant, and the alternative with the streetcar would exceed the Orange County (OC) Streetcar maintenance yard capacity.
- He expressed his concerns about the timing and permanence of this project. He also provided examples of why he supported the OC Streetcar knowing the higher cost. However, he objects to alternatives 5 and 6, of this study, since the data will be obsolete in four to six years.

Director Pulido stated the following:

- The north side of Bristol Street and Sunflower Avenue are in the City of Santa Ana and not the City of Costa Mesa. He said that Henry Segerstrom supported the streetcar before he passed away. He also suggested staff study MacArthur Boulevard and Bristol Street as an alternative.
- The streetcar alternative will induce growth, and suggested the Committee review what Los Angeles is doing.

Chairman Shaw stated the following:

- Referenced Alternative 5 and has heard very significant concerns from South Coast Plaza stakeholders about rail options at Bristol Street and Sunflower Avenue.
- Recommended modifying Alternative 5 so the alignment avoids Bristol Street and Sunflower Avenue.

13. (Continued)

Director Jones stated the following:

- OCTA is in the early stages of the study, and this item is only to direct staff to solicit community outreach.
- Important for OCTA to go through the process and obtain input from the community.

Director Moreno stated the following:

- He also met with Justin McCusker, Senior Executive, C.J. Segerstrom & Sons (Segerstrom), and South Coast Plaza, who shared concerns on whether transportation should drive development or the opposite.
- South Coast Plaza is going through a development process on how the property is planned for the next five to ten years.
- Inquired if the City of Costa Mesa representative aligns with the primary stakeholder's concerns.
- Segerstrom is not objecting to enhance transportation to the property. The issue is taking a lane away and how will South Coast Plaza plan property development if OCTA takes four to six years to implement a project.
- Asked that the study be based on ridership.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, stated at a staff level, the six alternatives were accepted by all the stakeholders from the cities. In addition, OCTA had two private meetings with Segerstrom in February and August 2019, and no serious objections were raised to complete a study.

Director Davies expressed concerns regarding money, development, and working with the cities.

A substitute motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Moreno, to delay alternatives 5 and 6 and go forward with alternatives 1 to 4.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, suggested that the Transit Committee (Committee) remove alternatives 3 through 6 and complete a bus study. He explained that a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service is expensive with a dedicated line, and the enhanced bus mode is not permanent.

Committee Chairman Do suggested that staff should study the BRT.

13. (Continued)

Committee Chairman Do requested a roll call vote be taken on the substitute motion, made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Moreno, and declared passed 4-3 to:

- A. Direct staff to offer presentations of the draft conceptual alternatives 1 to 4 to the cities and external agencies participating in the study and conduct a second round of outreach to solicit input from stakeholders and the public.
- B. Direct staff to update the conceptual alternatives 1 to 4 based on the input received, perform the technical evaluations, and return to the Board of Directors in spring 2020.
- C. Direct staff to delay further study of alternatives 5 and 6 to a future date as determined by the Board of Directors.

Directors Jones, Pulido, and Winterbottom voted in opposition.

14. OC Bus 360° Update

Gary Hewitt, Section Manager of Transit Planning, provided a verbal report and referenced Attachment B of the Staff Report shown on the screen;

- Ridership;
- Mobile Ticketing;
- College Pass Program;
- Ridership Marketing Campaign; and
- Seasonal & Special Event Service.

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

15. Bus Operations Performance Measurements Report for the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2018-19

Johnny Dunning, Jr., Department Manager, Scheduling and Bus Operations Support, provided a PowerPoint on the following:

- Performance Measurements;
- Safety;
- Courtesy;
- Reliability-On Time Performance;
- Reliability-Miles Between Road Calls;

15. (Continued)

- Fixed Route-Ridership and Productivity;
- Orange County Access-Ridership and Productivity;
- Farebox Recovery Ratio;
- Cost per Revenue Vehicle Hour;
- Performance: Local Routes;
- Performance: Community Routes;
- Performance: Express/Stationlink Routes;
- Performance: Systemwide Trends;
- Performance: Orange County Bus 360° Improvements;
- Performance: Orange County Bus 360° Reductions; and
- Future Reports.

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

16. Metrolink Fiscal Year 2018-19 Performance Report

Megan LeMaster, Senior Transportation Analyst, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the following:

- Background;
- Orange County Line;
- Inland Empire-Orange County (IEOC) Line;
- 91/Perris Valley Line;
- Average Weekly Ridership;
- On-Time Performance;
- Initiatives;
- Special Trains; and
- Metrolink Weekends-Daycations.

Chairman Shaw inquired, on Page 3 of the Staff Report, where systemwide ridership is up 2.1 percent.

Ms. LeMaster responded ridership totaled 11.9 million riders last fiscal year.

Director Moreno inquired on the decrease in the IEOC line.

Ms. LeMaster stated reliability issues are the reason for a decline in ridership on the IEOC line that line runs on a shared route with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway. In addition, there have been issues with delayed trains, and Metrolink has since met with BNSF Railway to improve time slots and reliability.

16. (Continued)

Mr. Johnson, CEO, stated Metrolink riders all have access to a car and choose to take the train.

Director Moreno acknowledged staff for increasing ridership.

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

Discussion Items

17. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- In 1993, Amtrak Pacific Surfliner was the only rail system with about 1.6 million riders annually. Now, the Pacific Surfliner is approaching the 10 million ridership mark over the last 25 years.

High-Speed Rail Funds:

- You may have seen news reports about a Metrolink report to the California High-Speed Rail Authority that proposed funds be spent on improving passenger rail service between Anaheim and Burbank.
- The report was requested by the California High-Speed Rail Authority includes information about potential investments and benefits to train service in Southern California.
- OCTA has invested significantly in Metrolink service in Orange County, and any additional state funding to allow for more frequent and more reliable service in Southern California would be welcome.
- Staff will continue to monitor this and keep the Committee apprised of any new developments.

Orange County Public Relations Society of America (OC-PRSA) Awards:

The OC-PRSA recently held its annual awards event, and report that OCTA received three awards. One for the OC Streetcar groundbreaking event, Metrolink Weekends "Featured Station" campaign, and OCTA's 2018 Rideshare Week event received the highest honor, which is known as a Protos Award. The Committee was thanked for its continued support on outreach activities, and congratulations to staff that worked on these initiatives.

17. (Continued)

Beach Boulevard Corridor Study:

The Beach Boulevard Corridor study continues to move forward. OCTA has partnered with the corridor cities to promote the survey. There is an online survey available, and closes October 26th, and the study should be completed and brought forward to the Board in February of 2020.

State Route 55 Open House/Public Hearing:

On Wednesday, October 16th, OCTA is hosting a Public Hearing, along with the California Department of Transportation, to get feedback on the proposed State Route 55 improvements between the Interstate 5 and the State Route 91.

18. Committee Members' Reports

Chairman Shaw reported on his participation in the International Walk to School Day that took place on October 9th.

Director Moreno reported abstaining from the September 12th, Transit Committee meeting minutes due to not being in attendance.

Director Moreno expressed thanks to Kia Mortazavi, Executive Director of Planning, and staff who met with him and Councilwoman Denise Barnes, to provide a briefing on the Anaheim portion of the Beach Boulevard Corridor.

19. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.



20. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2019**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

ATTEST

Andrew Do
Committee Chairman

Gina Ramirez
Deputy Clerk of the Board