

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 January 27, 2020 regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and affiliated agencies was called to order by Chairman Jones at 9:04 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:     Steve Jones, Chairman  
                               Andrew Do, Vice Chairman  
                               Lisa A. Bartlett  
                               Doug Chaffee  
                               Michael Hennessey  
                               Mark A. Murphy  
                               Richard Murphy  
                               Miguel Pulido  
                               Harry S. Sidhu  
                               Donald P. Wagner

Director Absent:       Laurie Davies  
                               Barbara Delgleize  
                               Gene Hernandez  
                               Joseph Muller  
                               Tim Shaw  
                               Michelle Steel  
                               Gregory T. Winterbottom  
                               Ryan Chamberlain, District Director  
                                     California Department of Transportation District 12

Also Present:           Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
                               Kenneth Phipps, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
                               Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board  
                               Sahara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
                               James Donich, General Counsel  
                               Members of the Press and the General Public

## **Special Calendar**

### **Orange County Transportation Authority Special Calendar Matters**

**1. Presentation of Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees of the Month for January 2020**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), presented the OCTA Resolutions of Appreciation Nos. 2020-003, 2020-004, and 2020-005 to Jeffrey Hill, Coach Operator; Dennis Siewerd, Maintenance; and Adam Raley, Administration, as Employees of the Month for January 2020.

**2. 2020 Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer Initiatives and Action Plan**

Chairman Jones opened with comments and highlighted the 2020 Board of Directors (Board) Initiatives and Action Plan as follows:

- Comprehensive Mobility Solutions;
- Regional Leadership & Public Transparency;
- Resiliency, Sustainability, and Innovation;
- Fiscal Accountability; and
- Organizational Excellence.

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, referenced the CEO's Initiatives and Action Plan in Attachment B of the Staff Report. Mr. Johnson reported there are nine initiatives that are measured through 97 milestones and highlighted the following:

- OC Bus 2.0 and how the it interacts with Metrolink and the upcoming OC Streetcar services;
- OC Go - Next 10 Plan;
- Regional Partnerships;
- Ensure Transparency and Commitment;
- Resiliency, Sustainability, and Innovation;
- Fiscal Accountability; and
- Organizational Excellence.

## **Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 13)**

### **Orange County Transportation Authority Consent Calendar Matters**

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director M. Murphy, seconded by Director R. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to approve of the Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting minutes of January 13, 2020.

#### **4. Approval of 2020 Orange County Transportation Authority Board Committees and External Agencies' Assignments**

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

- A. Approve the Chairman's assignments for the 2020 Orange County Transportation Authority Board Committees comprised of the Executive, Finance and Administration, Legislative and Communications, Regional Planning and Highways, State Route 91 Advisory, Transit, and Environmental Oversight Committees.
- B. Receive the Chairman's assignments for 2020 external agencies comprised of the California Association of Councils of Governments, Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency, Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, Southern California Association of Governments' Regional Council, Orange County Council of Governments, and Southern California Regional Rail Authority.

#### **5. Fiscal Year 2019-20 Internal Audit Plan, Second Quarter Update**

A motion was made by Director M. Murphy, seconded by Director R. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to receive and file the second quarter update to the Orange County Transportation Authority Internal Audit Department Fiscal Year 2019-20 Internal Audit Plan as an information item.

#### **6. Fiscal Year 2018-19 Annual Financial and Agreed-Upon Procedures Reports**

A motion was made by Director M. Murphy, seconded by Director R. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to receive and file the fiscal year 2018-19 annual financial statement audits and agreed-upon procedures reports as information items.

**7. Same-Day Taxi Service, Internal Audit Report No. 20-503**

A motion was made by Director M. Murphy, seconded by Director R. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to direct staff to implement the recommendation provided in Same-Day Taxi Service, Internal Audit Report No. 20-503.

**8. State Legislative Status Report**

Director Wagner pulled this item, referenced the Staff Report, asked what direction does OCTA want to take, why does OCTA want to engage in discussions, and provided other comments related to the High-Speed Rail (HSR) project.

Director Wagner expressed zero confidence in the California HSR Authority (CHSRA) and the HSR project, as well as provided additional comments.

A discussion ensued regarding the following:

- OCTA has concerns with the pace and decisions of the HSR project investments.
- Proposition 1A (Prop 1A) defines the HSR system as Anaheim, Los Angeles, and San Francisco through the Central Valley.
- OCTA has engaged in discussions with the CHSRA on how the Anaheim and Los Angeles HSR corridor would be developed.
- For this item, OCTA seeks authority from the Board to engage in discussions with the CHSRA related to investments that OCTA participates in through Metrolink and Amtrak services.
- If beyond the Anaheim and Los Angeles components of Prop 1A, Metrolink would need to take further action.
- OCTA has Board representatives serving on the Boards of Metrolink and Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency.
- Going forward, if there are legislative changes to the HSR investments, OCTA would seek specific input and approval from OCTA's Board.
- HSR is at least a generation away for the Central Valley segment and beyond for the Southern California segment.
- The Los Angeles Union Station is important to Metrolink service coming out of Orange County.
- Currently, the CHSRA is contemplating significant investments, a generation away for track configuration, assignment of capacity for Metrolink, Amtrak, and future HSR services.
- OCTA has Measure M2 Metrolink investments between Orange and Los Angeles counties, and OCTA wants to ensure funds invested by other agencies is consistent with OCTA's planned Metrolink investments.

A motion was made by Director Wagner, seconded by Director Sidhu, and declared passed by those present, to authorize staff to engage in discussions related to use and timing of funding for the High-Speed Rail project and seek opportunities to allow for investment in Southern California rail improvements.

**9. Federal Legislative Status Report**

A motion was made by Director M. Murphy, seconded by Director R. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to receive and file as an information item.

**10. Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2019-20 Procurement Status Report**

A motion was made by Director M. Murphy, seconded by Director R. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to receive and file as an information item.

**11. Fourth Quarter 2019 Investment and Debt Report**

A motion was made by Director M. Murphy, seconded by Director R. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to receive and file the Quarterly Debt and Investment Report prepared by the Treasurer as an information item.

**12. 91 Express Lanes Property Insurance Renewal**

A motion was made by Director M. Murphy, seconded by Director R. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. A44160, in the amount of \$500,000, to Marsh USA, Inc., to purchase the 91 Express Lanes' property, flood, and earthquake insurance on behalf of the Orange County Transportation Authority, for the policy period of March 1, 2020 to March 1, 2021.

**Orange County Local Transportation Authority Consent Calendar Matters**

**13. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Traffic and Intelligent Transportation Systems Engineering Services**

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

- A. Approve the use of \$991,421 of Measure M2 funds to leverage \$4,957,107 of Solutions for Congested Corridors Program funds for the Edinger Avenue Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Project.
- B. Approve the use of \$590,154 of Measure M2 funds to leverage \$2,950,770 of Solutions for Congested Corridors Program funds for the MacArthur Boulevard/Talbert Avenue Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Project.

**13. (Continued)**

- C. Approve the use of \$818,425 of Measure M2 funds to leverage \$4,092,124 of Solutions for Congested Corridors Program funds for the Warner Avenue Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Project.
- D. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 0-2018, 0-2019, and 0-2020 for the selection of consultants to provide traffic and intelligent transportation systems engineering services for the Edinger Avenue, MacArthur Boulevard/Talbert Avenue, and Warner Avenue Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Projects.
- E. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 0-2018 on January 27, 2020, for the selection of a consultant to provide traffic and intelligent transportation systems engineering services for the Edinger Avenue Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Project.
- F. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 0-2019 on March 23, 2020, for the selection of a consultant to provide traffic and intelligent transportation systems engineering services for the MacArthur Boulevard/Talbert Avenue Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Project.
- G. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 0-2020 on May 11, 2020, for the selection of a consultant to provide traffic and intelligent transportation systems engineering services for the Warner Avenue Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Project.

**Regular Calendar**

**Orange County Transit District Regular Calendar Matters**

**14. OC Flex Microtransit Pilot Project: 12-Month Update**

Johnny Dunning, Jr., Manager of Scheduling and Bus Operations Support, provided a PowerPoint presentation for this item as follows:

- Boardings;
- Performance Criteria;
- Productivity (boarding/per revenue vehicle hour);
- Subsidy Per Boarding;
- Subsidy Per Boarding – All Modes (Quarter 1 Fiscal Year 2019-20);
- Shared Rides;
- Connected Trips;
- Staff Recommendations;

**14. (Continued)**

- Expanded Service Areas;
- Huntington Beach/Westminster Zone;
- Aliso Viejo/Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Zone;
- Streamlined Operations;
- Pass Considerations; and
- Targeted Marketing.

A discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Vice Chairman and Transit Committee Chairman Do highlighted the Transit Committee discussions and recommendation to continue the pilot program.
- The “50 Percent Off” promotion encourages group rides to pick-up and drop-off at the same location.
- OC Flex Orange Zone is popular in the cities of Aliso Viejo, Laguna Niguel, and Mission Viejo, and there are requests to expand the service to the San Juan Capistrano Train Station.
- With the Saddleback College bus pass program coming online and the proposed OC Bus 30-day pass usage on the OC Flex, the intent is to increase ridership in the Orange Zone.
- In order to bridge the gap until the Saddleback College bus pass program comes online, Director Bartlett requested to be advised if the Orange Zone is not meeting its performance standards.
- Director Bartlett requested the OC Flex marketing materials.
- Referenced was the subsidy per boarding costs on Page 6 in Attachment A of the Staff Report.
- The operating cost to expand the pilot program is approximately \$1.2 million for both zones.
- If the OC Flex program is not continued beyond October 2020, the OC Flex vehicles could be repurposed for the OC ACCESS (Paratransit) service.
- Director Chaffee would like to see the OC Flex service expanded to north Orange County and supports the service.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Do, seconded by Director R. Murphy, and declared passed by those present, to direct staff to extend the Board of Directors-approved one-year pilot of the OC Flex pilot project to October 2020.

## **Discussion Items**

### **15. Public Comments**

There were no public comments received.

### **16. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

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

Budget Award:

- The California Society of Municipal Finance Officers awarded OCTA with its Operating Budget Excellence Award for fiscal year 2019-20 budget.
- The Finance and Administration Committee was thanked for its hard work related to the budget.
- Victor Velasquez, Manager of Financial Planning and Analysis, and his team were acknowledged for receiving the award.

Hydrogen Event:

- On Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m., OCTA will host an event at the Santa Ana Base to celebrate OCTA's zero-emission bus fleet and the completion of OCTA's hydrogen fueling station.
- The station will serve 10 hydrogen fuel cell, battery-electric, zero-emission buses recently added to the fleet.

Lunar New Year Event:

- On Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m., OCTA will host its annual Lunar New Year event at the Irvine Metrolink Station.
- The event encourages people to take the Metrolink train to Los Angeles for the 121<sup>st</sup> Golden Dragon Parade.
- The Metrolink trains will depart from the Irvine Metrolink Station for the Los Angeles Union Station at 9:28 a.m. and 9:48 a.m.

### **17. Directors' Reports**

Chairman Jones reported that today there was an Association of California Cities – Orange County Annual Sacramento Advocacy Trip, and that is the reason why some of the Board Members were absent from today's Board meeting.



**18. Closed Session**

A Closed Session was held as follows:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators – APN No. 095-020-19 – Authority Negotiator is Joe Gallardo. Negotiator for the Department of the Navy will be appointed by the Department of the Navy.
- B. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Conference with General Counsel – Existing Litigation; Orange County Transportation Authority v. G.B. Enterprises, et al. – OCSC Case No. 30-2018-01006472.
- C. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Conference with General Counsel – Existing Litigation; Orange County Transportation Authority v. G.B. Enterprises, et al. – OCSC Case No. 30-2018- 00978538.
- D. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 to discuss collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the Transportation Communications International Union (TCU) regarding the parts/stock room clerks and facilities maintenance employee unit. The lead negotiator for the Orange County Transportation Authority is Maggie McJilton, Executive Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development, and TCU representative.

There was no report out for Closed Session items letters A, B, C, and D.

**19. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 10, 2020**, at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room – Conference Room 07-08, Orange, California.

ATTEST:

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Laurena Weinert  
Clerk of the Board

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Steve Jones  
Chairman