



Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Laurie Davies, Chair
Lisa A. Bartlett, Vice Chairwoman
Barbara Delgleize
Michael Hennessey
Gene Hernandez
Donald P. Wagner
Gregory T. Winterbottom

Staff Present

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board
Sara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board
James Donich, General Counsel (teleconference)

Committee Members Absent

None

Call to Order

The April 16, 2020 regular meeting of the Legislative and Communications (L&C) Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Davies at 9:05 a.m.

Roll Call

The Deputy Clerk of the Board conducted an attendance Roll Call and announced that there was a quorum of the L&C Committee.

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chair Davies led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Special Calendar

2. Conference Call with Sacramento Advocate, Moira Topp

Moira Topp, Sacramento Advocate, reported on the following:

- The Governor has daily press conferences on health care issues, unemployment insurance, and childcare centers.
- In the first week of the novel coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), the Legislature passed two pieces of legislation which allocated a billion dollars for the pandemic. The Governor has spent \$700 million of that billion dollars.
- There has been a great deal of spending going on.

2. (Continued)

- The Governor issued a letter to the Legislature stating the pandemic crisis would cost \$7 billion and a lot of those dollars will be reimbursed from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- The one expenditure that received a lot of attention was the Governor negotiated a purchase agreement worth a billion dollars for personal protective equipment (PPE).
- The Legislature has been working remotely and are not in session; they will be back in session on May 4, 2020.
- While the Legislature is not officially back in session until May 4, 2020, there will be three informational meetings to go over COVID-19 related expenditures.
- There is uncertainty on what is going to happen with upcoming bills and if the Legislature can legislate remotely, when they must have a physical quorum in Sacramento.
- OCTA staff and Ms. Topp, Sacramento Advocate, have been communicating as much as possible with the Orange County delegation about the impacts of transportation and sales tax implications due to COVID-19.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The Governor's exit strategy and how historically, he has deferred decisions to be made by the locals (and at a county level). It should be assumed that the Governor will give guidance and flexibility.
- The private sector prefers more direction from the Governor on how to open for the economy.
- In the next two weeks, the Governor will give everyone more guidance.

Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 5)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to approve the minutes from the Legislative and Communications meeting of February 20, 2020.



4. Amendment to Agreement for Public Outreach Services for the Interstate 5 Central County Improvements Project Between State Route 55 and State Route 57

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-5-3207 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Hill International, Inc., in the amount of \$100,340, to exercise the option term of the agreement to provide continued community outreach services, from August 1, 2020, to July 31, 2021, increasing the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$501,702.

5. Amendment to Agreement for Bus Advertising Revenue Program

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-5-3076 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Outfront Media Group, LLC, to eliminate the annual minimum guarantee and adopt a payment term based solely on a revenue-sharing arrangement for the remainder of the first option term beginning April 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

Regular Calendar

6. State Legislative Status Report

Lance Larson, Executive Director of Government Relations, gave opening comments and introduced Kristin Jacinto, Manager of State and Federal Relations, who reported on the following:

- Overview of what is included in the Staff Report and the Recommendations.
- Referenced the following attachments:
 - Attachment A outlines state actions and every executive order signed by the Governor up to the point of signing the Staff Report.
 - Attachment B is a letter sent from the Orange County Transportation Authority to the Governor.
 - Attachment C includes a list of shovel-ready projects.
- Reasons why OCTA is taking an OPPOSE position as stated in Recommendation A of the Staff Report.



6. (Continued)

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The reasons for an “OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED” position instead of an OPPOSE position on Senate Bill (SB) 1363.
- The differences between SB 1363 and previous legislation by the author on a similar subject that would have directly amended how dollars are allocated to transportation projects and reprioritize how the funds were used.
- SB 1363 additional discussion included:
 - OCTA and California Association of Councils of Government have worked with the author on amending previous legislation.
 - No other transportation agency in the state has opposed these bills and OCTA may be one of the few that adopts position.
 - It will be challenging but OCTA wants to be at the table for discussions.
 - OCTA would not support the bill even if all the amendments were obtained.
- An example of SB 150, which required additional reporting on SB 375, and how OCTA initially opposed this bill due to the ties with transportation funding.
- OCTA had good conversations with the author’s office and was able to change to a neutral position on SB 1363.

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Adopt an OPPOSE position on AB 2011 (Holden, D-Pasadena) and on SB 1390 (Portantino, D-Glendale), which would each create a new construction authority to extend the Gold Line from the City of Montclair to the Ontario International Airport.
- B. Adopt an OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED position on SB 1363 (Allen, D-Santa Monica), which would require metropolitan planning organizations to meet vehicle miles traveled reduction targets as part of the regional transportation plan.

Committee Vice Chairwoman Bartlett was not present to vote on this item.

7. Federal Legislative Status Report

Lance Larson, Executive Director of Government Relations, gave opening comments and introduced Kristin Jacinto, Manager of State and Federal Relations, who reported on the following:

- Highlighted Attachment A of the Staff Report and the signing of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).
- At the drafting of this Staff Report, OCTA was expected to receive \$154 million of the CARES Act funds, but now that estimate has increased to \$157 million.
- The CARES Act is subject to guidance from the Federal Transit Administration and subject to various programming requirements.
- There continues to be discussions about future stimulus efforts when Congress returns from recess.
- Referenced Attachments B, C, and D of the Staff Report.
- A two-part rulemaking process led by the Environmental Protection Agency, could impact air quality models which are used for the adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan and could create further complications in the adoption of planning documents.

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

Discussion Items

8. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the following:

- OCTA is still trying to be as fluid and flexible as possible during COVID-19.
- On March 30th, the OCTA store reduced its store hours from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and since then, there have been fewer customers, so starting next week the OCTA store will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays until further notice. The OCTA store will remain open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Even though most of the OCTA's administrative staff is working remotely, they are continuing the work to keep Orange County moving.
- Over the last several years, even though this crisis was not envisioned, the emergency operations planning was prepared and provided OCTA staff with the ability to work remotely.
- OCTA is using remote-work technology in several ways and on Tuesday, Mr. Johnson, CEO, hosted a second virtual CEO Connection using Microsoft Teams to communicate with staff and answer questions. More than 300 employees participated in this virtual all hands meeting.



9. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' Reports.

10. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room - Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

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Laurie Davies
Committee Chair

Sahara Meisenheimer
Deputy Clerk of the Board