



# **MINUTES**

## ***Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting***

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### **Committee Members Present Via Teleconference**

Mark A. Murphy, Chairman  
Barbara Delgleize, Vice Chair  
Lisa A. Bartlett  
Doug Chaffee  
Joe Muller  
Richard Murphy  
Miguel Pulido

### **Staff Present**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board  
Martha M. Ochoa, Assistant Clerk of the Board  
James M. Donich, General Counsel (Via Teleconference)

### **Committee Members Absent**

None

### **Call to Order**

The June 1, 2020 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman M. Murphy at 10:35 a.m.

### **Roll Call**

The Assistant Clerk of the Board conducted an attendance Roll Call and announced that there was a quorum of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Committee Chairman M. Murphy led 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 5)**

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Director Chaffee, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of May 4, 2020.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.



**3. Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project Between Avenida Pico and San Diego County Line**

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Director Chaffee, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-0-2334 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, at no cost, for preparation of the project report and environmental document for the Interstate 5 improvement project between Avenida Pico and the San Diego County Line.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

**4. Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Interstate 5 Widening Project Between Interstate 405 and State Route 55**

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Director Chaffee, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-0-2317 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$1,200,000, to provide oversight of the plans, specifications, and estimates, and to advertise and award the construction contract for the Interstate 5 widening project between Interstate 405 and State Route 55, Segments 1 and 2.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

**5. Measure M2 Eligibility Review Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2018-19 Expenditure Reports**

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Director Chaffee, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Find all 35 Orange County local agencies eligible to receive net Measure M2 revenues.
- B. Direct staff to solicit from the City of Anaheim a restated fiscal year 2018-19 expenditure report to address miscategorized maintenance of effort expenditures identified in M2 Agreed Procedures Reports, Fiscal Year Ended 2019.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.



## **Regular Calendar**

### **6. Consultant Selection for On-Call Right-of-Way Support Services for Capital Improvement Projects**

James Beil, Executive Director, Capital Programs, reported on the following:

- On-call right-of-way support services overview.
- Procurement approach.

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of Epic Land Solutions, Inc., as the firm to provide on-call right-of-way support services for capital improvement projects.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-9-1613 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Epic Land Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$3,500,000, for an initial term of three years, with two, one-year option terms to provide on-call right-of-way support services for capital improvement projects.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

### **7. Amendment to Agreement for Additional Program Management Consultant Services for the Highway Program**

Rose Casey, Director of Highways Programs, reported the following:

- Program management consulting services.
- Staffing support for the Highway Programs Department.
- Freeway projects in the environmental, final design, right-of-way, utility relocation, and construction phases.
- Procurement approach.

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Director Bartlett, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to; authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 10 to Agreement No. C-5-3767 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Mott MacDonald, LLC, in the amount of \$5,329,618, to provide additional program management consultant services for the Highway Programs Department. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$24,780,661.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.



**8. Active Transportation Update**

Peter Sotherland, Active Transportation Coordinator, presented a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Education and Encouragement;
- Safety;
- Safe Routes to School Plan;
- Safe Travels Education Program;
- System Evaluation;
- Grant Application; and
- Next Steps.

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

**Discussion Items**

**9. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Workshop Follow-up**

Andrew Oftelie, Chief Financial Officer, referenced the handout that was provided to the Committee Members in advance of today's Committee meeting and highlighted the three pie charts located on the first page of the handout.

Mr. Oftelie noted the four changes to the Orange County Transportation Authorities (OCTA) proposed fiscal year 2020-21 budget since the May 11th Board or Directors budget workshop.

Committee Chairman Murphy referenced the "Reduced Bus Service Levels" pie chart and asked if the service levels continue to operate at that level today, is there a \$70 million savings against proposed budget.

Mr. Oftelie responded that there is a \$70 million savings based on the June 2020 bus service change.

No action was taken on this information item.

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

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

#### **Protest Update -**

- OCTA is monitoring protests throughout the county to ensure the safety of coach operators and passengers.
- Yesterday, OCTA implemented several detours on the bus system to avoid the most impacted areas.
- OCTA also modified three routes that provide service to the City of Long Beach due to Long Beach Transit shutting down its system.
- OCTA will continue to monitor any ongoing protests through the course of the day and week, and implement detours as needed.
- The Federal Transit Administration asked for an update on route modifications.

#### **Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC) Public Hearing**

- The Taxpayer Oversight Committee will hold its 29th Annual Measure M Public Hearing to review OCTA's implementation of Measure M2.
- At the hearing, the TOC will review major committee actions taken, financial audit results and expenditure reports, annual eligibility review, and listen to public comments.
- The hearing will take place on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.

#### **"Return to the Workplace" Update -**

- OCTA continues to identify and implement additional safety measures at all OCTA locations in response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- Throughout the pandemic, OCTA's priority has been at the bus bases where employees have continued reporting to work in order to provide essential bus service.
- Starting today, OCTA is conducting temperature and symptom screenings at the maintenance bases.
- These screenings will also be rolled out in phases over the next few weeks for coach operators and at all OCTA work locations.
- As the County of Orange starts to reopen, OCTA's cross-divisional "Return to the Workplace" team is also preparing for administrative employees to return to the office.
- Administrative employees will continue to work remotely at least through June 12.
- When administrative employees do start returning, it will be done in waves with employees who are not able to work remotely being the first group to return.



**11. Committee Members' Reports**

Director Muller inquired when in-person meetings will begin at OCTA.

Mr. Johnson stated that a meeting with Chairman Jones and OCTA's General Counsel is scheduled to review in-person meetings, and as they have that discussion, he will begin to communicate that to the Board of Directors.

Director Pulido stated that the City of Santa Ana will reopen public meetings the second meeting in June. He also thanked OCTA, Orange County Fire Authority, and fellow Council Members and Mayors from other cities for their support with the deployment of 450 officers during the protest.

Committee Chairman Murphy commented that all cities in Orange County showed remarkable resolve and teamwork for the protest.

**12. Closed Session**

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

**13. Adjournment**

The Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

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Mark A. Murphy  
Committee Chairman

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Martha M. Ochoa  
Assistant Clerk of the Board