



MINUTES

Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

Joe Muller

Via Teleconference

Mark A. Murphy, Chairman
Barbara Delgleize, Vice Chair
Doug Chaffee
Richard Murphy
Miguel Pulido

Staff Present

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Martha M. Ochoa, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Sahara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board
James M. Donich, General Counsel (Via Teleconference)

Committee Members Absent

Lisa A. Bartlett

Call to Order

The September 3, 2020 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman M. Murphy at 10:32 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 Vice Chair Delgleize led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 4)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Muller, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of August 3, 2020.



3. Cooperative Agreement with the City of Mission Viejo for the Chrisanta Drive Community Soundwall

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Muller, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-0-2543 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Mission Viejo, in the amount of \$215,700, for the City of Mission Viejo to prepare the plans, specifications, and estimates for the Chrisanta Drive community soundwall.

4. Active Transportation Program Regional Project Selection Process - Orange County Project Prioritization Methodology

A motion was made by Director Pulido, seconded by Director Muller, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to approve the Orange County project prioritization methodology for the 2021 Active Transportation Program regional project selection process and future Active Transportation Program cycles.

Regular Calendar

5. Interstate 405 Improvement Project Update

Jeff Mills, Senior Program Manager, Capital Programs, and Chris Boucly, Section Manager II, External Affairs, co-presented a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Project Location and Key Features;
- Background;
- Project Update;
- Construction Update;
- Look Ahead for Bridge Construction;
- Bridge Construction Map;
- Project Challenges;
- Schedule Mitigations Implemented;
- Community Engagement; and
- Upcoming Outreach.

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



Discussion Items

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

- Interstate 5 (I-5) Central Project -
 - Reported that last week the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) opened the northbound High-Occupancy Vehicle lanes on the Interstate 5 Central County Improvements Project several months ahead of schedule.
 - The southbound lanes were opened previously in July.
 - Partnered with California Department of Transportation on this project that adds a second carpool lane in each direction on the I-5 between the State Route 55 and the State Route 57.
 - Reduced traffic has been one of the silver linings of the pandemic and has allowed crews to work night and day, and ultimately finish the construction work a lot sooner than planned.
 - Thanked OCTA staff who have worked on this project.
- Transit App -
 - OCTA recently launched an innovative real-time occupancy data feature on OCTA's Transit app.
 - This feature allows riders to check in real-time on how full a bus is and decide if they want to board or wait for a less full bus.
 - Riders can use the app to get information if a bus has "many seats" (which is less than one-third full), "some seats" (less than two-thirds full), or "very limited seats" (more than two-thirds full).
 - This is the latest safety measure OCTA has implemented in its ongoing response to the pandemic.
 - OCTA is one of only 38 agencies worldwide offering bus capacity information through the Transit app.



7. Committee Members' Reports

Director Muller inquired how the Transit App works. Mr. Johnson, CEO, stated the technology is based on the fare box recording boardings and the automated passenger counters located at the doors, which feeds the data into the system, and links with the Transit App in real-time.

8. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

9. Adjournment

The Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 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

Martha M. Ochoa
Assistant Clerk of the Board