



MINUTES

Transit Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference:

Andrew Do, Chairman
Laurie Davies
Steve Jones
Tim Shaw
Harry S. Sidhu

Staff Present

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board
Sara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Via Teleconference:

James Donich, General Counsel

Committee Members Absent

Miguel Pulido

Call to Order

The September 10, 2020, regular meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Do at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

The Deputy Clerk of the Board conducted an attendance Roll Call and announced that there was quorum of the Transit Committee.

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chairman Do led in 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 6)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Sidhu, seconded by Director Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 4-0, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of August 13, 2020.

Director Davies was not present to vote on this item.

3. Agreement for Metrolink Train Stations Platform Detectable Tiles Replacement and Painted Guideline Restriping Project

A motion was made by Director Sidhu, seconded by Director Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 4-0, to:

- A. Find AP Construction, Inc., the apparent low bidder, as non-responsive for failure to complete and submit the List of Subcontractors form with the bid as required by the California Public Contract Code and for failure to sign the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form as required by the bid instructions and the Federal Transit Administration.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2413 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Two Brothers Construction Corp., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,098,000, for the Metrolink train stations platform detectable tiles replacement and painted guidelines restriping project.

Director Davies was not present to vote on this item.

4. Amendment to Agreement for Janitorial Services

A motion was made by Director Sidhu, seconded by Director Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 4-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-7-1723, between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Gamboa Services, Inc., doing business as Corporate Image Maintenance, in the amount of \$2,485,575, to exercise the option term of the agreement from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2022, for continued janitorial services. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$5,787,111.

Director Davies was not present to vote on this item.

5. October 2020 Bus Service Change

Committee Chairman Do pulled this item and inquired about the following:

- The reasoning for increasing the bus capacity on a 60-foot bus compared to a 40-foot bus.
- If there is a process for passengers to provide concerns about social distancing.

5. (Continued)

Gary Hewitt, Manager of Transit Planning, responded as follows:

- Distancing on the bus prevents people from sitting right next to each another. A 60-foot bus is 50 percent longer and there are more seats.
- There are several ways that passengers can express their concerns about social distancing through customer feedback (i.e. through the call center and emails) and customer round tables.
- As the economy continues to reopen, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) will adjust to the level of service to match the level of ridership by continuing to track ridership and pass-bys, being in contact with school districts and large employers, and working on the contingency plan.

Committee Chairman Do requested that OCTA staff monitor the customer feedback closely to address the public's concerns, as well as, provided other comments. He asked to bring the bus service changes to the Board of Directors (Board) sooner than the four to six weeks' time frame.

An additional discussion ensued regarding service levels, the amount of pass-bys, OCTA doing well for the safety of public and employee health, ridership demand, and fiscal responsibility. There is a contingency plan to project service needed and staff understands Committee Chairman Do's directive to report the service change sooner.

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

6. Hydrogen Fuel-Cell Electric Bus Pilot Update

A motion was made by Director Sidhu, seconded by Director Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 4-0, to receive and file this information item.

Director Davies was not present to vote on this item.

Regular Calendar

7. OC Streetcar Project Quarterly Update

Jim Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, Cleve Cleveland, Department Manager of OC Streetcar Operations, and Tresa Oliveri, Community Relations Specialist, co-presented a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Construction – Segment 1;
- Westminster Bridge;
- Santa Ana River Bridge;
- Maintenance and Storage Facility;
- Construction – Segments 2 Through 5;
- Project Challenges;
- Upcoming Construction Milestones;
- Vehicles; and
- Outreach – Support.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- OCTA took advantage of the shutdown periods in downtown Santa Ana on Fourth Street, which allowed the contractor to complete some work.
- The contingency budget on the projects is \$37.9 million, \$21.7 million has been used, and the remaining is \$16.2 million if Board-approved.

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

8. Contract Change Order for Vapor Barrier Installation for the Construction of the OC Streetcar Project

James G. Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, highlighted the reasons for the vapor barrier that is required by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and was not a part of the original design. Mr. Beil also described the purpose of the vapor barrier and summarized the recommendation in the Staff Report.

A motion was made by Committee Chairman Do, seconded by Director Davies, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 9 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$395,717, for installation of a vapor barrier under the maintenance and storage facility.

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

James G. Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, summarized the agreement with design consultant, HNTB Corporation, and highlighted the reasons for the amendment to increase the design support services during construction of the OC Streetcar project.

A discussion ensued regarding the technology changes that would require an upgrade such as: traffic signal controllers, anything related to servers, computers and software, and reader boards at the platform stations.

A motion was made by Committee Chairman Do, seconded by Director Davies, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0 to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 10 to Agreement No. C-5-3337 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and HNTB Corporation, in the amount of \$2,900,000, 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 \$23,583,841.

10. Measure M2 Project W Safe Transit Stops - 2020 Programming Recommendations

Joe Alcock, Project Manager of M2 Local Programs, reported on the following:

- Overview of what the Measure M2, Project W program funds and provides and the background on the two calls for projects.
- Due to high demand, a third round of Project W funding consideration was conducted, and the City of Santa Ana (Santa Ana) submitted a funding request to improve 35 bus stops.
- Highlighted the recommendation in the Staff Report.
- During this call for projects, two rounds of outreach were conducted to eligible cities and the only response was from Santa Ana.

Committee Chairman Do thanked the Committee members and OCTA staff for their support especially when Santa Ana was ineligible to apply for funding. He stated that Santa Ana continues to be the core of OCTA's transit services and this funding will add a comfort level to riders. Committee Chairman Do also complimented staff for identifying improvements to the bus system.

Director Shaw stated that during the first call for projects, Santa Ana was considered the hundred busiest bus stops.

10. (Continued)

A motion was made by Committee Chairman Do, seconded by Director Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to approve the award of \$1.03 million in 2020 Project W Safe Transit Stops Program funds to the City of Santa Ana for 35 bus stop improvements.

Discussion Items

11. OC Bus Service Update

Johnny Dunning, Jr., Department Manager of Scheduling and Bus Operations Support, presented a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- OC Bus Trends During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic;
- OC Bus Ridership and Productivity;
- OC Bus Trends: Trippers Vs. Pass-Bys;
- OC Bus Trends: On-Time Performance;
- Customer Communication and Feedback; and
- Next Steps.

No action was taken on this information item.

12. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

- The six-month update on the hydrogen fuel-cell electric bus pilot program that was just approved on today's consent calendar is going well. OCTA is learning a lot and just received approval on the zero emissions bus roll out plan from the Air Resources Board. The plug-in battery electric buses pilot program is also moving along.
- The pandemic has significantly affected transit ridership, but at the same time OCTA needs to continue to plan for the future. OCTA initiated a Freeway Bus Rapid Transit Concept Study to develop a conceptual plan for two freeway routes: the Interstate 5 from Fullerton to Laguna Niguel and the State Route 55 from Santa Ana to Newport Beach. OCTA is starting to collect feedback and in October, there will be a virtual public webinar and a stakeholder working group meeting.

13. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' Reports.

14. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.



15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

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Andrew Do
Committee Chairman Do

Sahara Meisenheimer
Deputy Clerk of the Board