



Committee Members Present

Via Teleconference:

Laurie Davies, Chair
Lisa A. Bartlett, Vice Chairwoman
Barbara Delgleize
Michael Hennessey
Gene Hernandez

Staff Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Donald P. Wagner

Via Teleconference:

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
James Donich, General Counsel

Call to Order

The August 20, 2020, regular meeting of the Legislative and Communications (L&C) Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Davies at 9:11 a.m.

Roll Call

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

There were no Special Calendar matters.

Consent Calendar (Item 2)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Committee Vice Chairwoman Bartlett, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to approve the minutes of the Legislative and Communications Committee meeting of July 16, 2020.



Regular Calendar

3. State Legislative Status Report

Kristin Jacinto, Manager of State and Federal Relations, reported on the following:

- August 25th is the last day that any bill can be amended in the state legislature.
- Today, marks the day that all bills are going to be dispensed within the appropriations committee.
- There have been several ideas proposed, related to economic stimulus, and a continued discussion on trailer bills that have not been seen in print.
- Overview of the economic stimulus plan, Senate Bill (SB) 288 and SB 1351.
- The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) staff recommends to not take a position on SB 288 and SB 1351.

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

4. Federal Legislative Status Report

Dustin J. Sifford, Senior Government Relations Representative, reported on the following:

- In May, the House of Representatives passed \$3.5 trillion in economic stimulus measures and there has not been an agreement on how to move forward on a potential next stimulus bill.
- In July, the Senate released legislative language that would provide approximately \$1 trillion in economic recovery incentives.
- The biggest difference between the House and Senate economic stimulus proposals are on how much to spend and how the resources are distributed.
- The House passed a package of annual appropriations bills that included the transportation funding bill.
- Since the writing of this staff report, the Senate has introduced pairing a slimmed down economic recovery package with a continuing resolution.
- The House is coming back this weekend to discuss funding for the United States Postal Service.
- Referenced Attachment A of the Staff Report.

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



Discussion Items

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

- Michele Martinez was appointed last week by Governor Newsom to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Ms. Martinez worked regularly with OCTA when she served on the Santa Ana City Council and the Southern California Association of Governments. She replaced Lucy Dunn, whose term expired earlier this year.
- Mr. Johnson, CEO, acknowledged Ms. Dunn's more than 10 years of service on the CTC and looks forward to working with her in her new role as President and CEO of the Orange County Business Council.
- OCTA continues to hold virtual construction outreach events to keep the community informed about projects throughout Orange County. There is more flexibility and convenience to reach people since it is easier for people to log-in from home.
- Last night, more than 50 people registered to participate in a virtual open house that provided updates on the OC Streetcar project.

6. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' Reports.

7. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

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Laurie Davies
Committee Chair

Sahara Meisenheimer
Deputy Clerk of the Board