

# **MINUTES**

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

#### **Committee Members Present**

Steve Jones, Chairman

#### Via teleconference:

Andrew Do, Vice Chairman Laurie Davies Michael Hennessey Mark A. Murphy Tim Shaw

## **Committee Members Absent**

None

#### **Staff Present**

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

### Call to Order

The October 5, 2020 regular meeting of the Executive Committee (Committee) was called to order by Chairman Jones at 9:00 a.m.

### Roll Call

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

# **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Shaw led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

# **Special Calendar**

There were no Special Calendar matters.

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# **Consent Calendar (Items 2 and 3)**

## 2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director M. Murphy, seconded by Director Davies, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of August 3, 2020.

Director Hennessey was not present to vote on this item.

## 3. Agreement for Security System Service and Maintenance

A motion was made by Director M. Murphy, seconded by Director Davies, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of Climatec LLC as the firm to provide service and maintenance of the Orange County Transportation Authority's security system.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2341 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Climatec LLC, in the amount of \$537,600, for a five-year term, to provide service and maintenance of the Orange County Transportation Authority's security system.

Director Hennessey was not present to vote on this item.

# **Regular Calendar**

## 4. Measure M2 Senior Mobility Program Temporary Guideline Exceptions

Kia Mortazavi, Executive Director of Planning, introduced Francesca Ching, Section Manager, Measure M2 (M2) Program Management Office, who participated via teleconference. Mr. Mortazavi provided background and highlighted the reasons for the temporary guideline exceptions to the M2 Senior Mobility Program (SMP).

A discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Director Hennessey noted there needs to be flexibility with the M2 SMP.
- Director Shaw asked James Donich, OCTA's General Counsel, about the legalities and does the Board of Directors (Board) have authority to grant the temporary exception to the M2 SMP guidelines.
- Mr. Donich responded that the Board has full authority for the recommended actions, as well as provided other comments.

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## 4. (Continued)

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

- A. Approve a temporary exception of the Senior Mobility Program guideline requirements related to service guidelines and service plan amendments, allowing agencies to use funds to provide the delivery of meals to seniors who had previously used city-provided transportation to travel to nutrition programs, from March 4, 2020 until Governor Newsom lifts the State of Emergency.
- B. Approve a temporary exception to the Senior Mobility Program guideline requirement related to funding distribution to suspend and hold allocations in reserve for agencies with suspended services until the State of Emergency is lifted or transportation services resume, whichever happens first.

#### **Discussion Items**

## 5. Orange County Coronavirus Travel Trends

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided opening comments and introduced Kurt Brotcke, Director of Planning, who presented the PowerPoint as follows:

- Orange County (OC) Coronavirus Travel Impacts;
- Unemployment: A Key Driver of Travel Changes;
- Job Losses: Not Evenly Distributed;
- Google Maps: Most Activities Down in OC With Some Exceptions;
- Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Survey: Some Activities Up, Others Down;
- Results: Total Travel is Down (Person-Trips; All Modes);
- OC Freeways: Demand/Delay Down But Trending Upward;
- OC Freeways: Delay Shifting In Time (Delay In Hours);
- OC Freeways: Delay Increases Exponentially As Traffic Grows;
- OC Work-From-Home: Five-Fold+ Increase:
- Work-From-Home: Likely To Continue But Lessen;
- Summary; and
- Next Steps.

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## 5. (Continued)

A discussion ensued as follows:

- Director Shaw referenced Slide 12 of the PowerPoint and inquired if people will continue to work-from-home, what is projected, what is the usage of arterials and freeway system, and usage of apps.
- OCTA polled only employees working from home and the managers or decision makers were not polled. OCTA cannot speculate on the future of work-from-home and will continue to monitor.
- Due to the uncertainty with the data, OCTA does not know how people shifted from arterials to the freeway system and vice versa, and how in the future, work-from-home, might impact the arterials, freeway system, and overall travel.
- OCTA believes that people will optimize their travel between the arterials and freeway system by using an app.
- Director M. Murphy referenced Slide 9 of the PowerPoint and inquired about the significant difference between June and July "delay shifting in time"
- The delay shifting in time difference between June and July is because weekend travel was excluded, and people took vacations and traveled on the weekend. In addition, including the months of August and September would provide OCTA more data.
- Mr. Johnson, CEO, stated that OCTA is capturing the data that could be used to make decisions going forward.

No action was taken on this information item.

## 6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported the following:

- South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study:
  - OCTA is conducting this study that will consider transportation needs in south OC.
  - This study will identify improvements for all modes of transportation through 2045.
  - OCTA will host a virtual public webinar for this study tomorrow from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
  - To learn more, take the online survey, or attend the webinar visit octa.net/SouthOCStudy.

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## 6. (Continued)

- Freeway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study:
  - Earlier this year, in partnership with the California Department of Transportation, OCTA initiated a Freeway BRT – Concept Study to develop a conceptual plan for two freeway BRT routes:
    - One on the Interstate 5 from the Fullerton Park and Ride to the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station.
    - One on the State Route 55 from the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center to Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach.
  - Freeway BRT service leverages existing and planned high-occupancy vehicle lanes on freeways and is designed to augment transit service along major arterials.
  - OCTA will host a virtual public webinar on Wednesday, October 14th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
  - People can register for this webinar, take the online survey, and get more information at octa.net/freewayBRT.

## 7. Committee Members' Report

There were no Committee Members' reports.

#### 8. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

## 9. Adjournment

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 2, 2020**, at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Conference Room 07, Orange, California.

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	Clerk of the Board
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