



## COMMITTEE TRANSMITTAL

**November 9, 2020**

**To:** Members of the Board of Directors

**From:** Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board

**Subject:** Amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways

Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting of November 2, 2020

**Present:** Directors Bartlett, Chaffee, Delgleize, Muller, M. Murphy, R. Murphy, and Pulido

**Absent:** None

### **Committee Vote**

Following the roll call vote, this item was declared passed 7-0 by the Members present.

### **Committee Recommendations** *(reflects a recommended change from staff's recommendation)*

*\*\* The Committee approved an amended Recommendation B, to exclude action on Item 1, viii. pertaining to Hazard Avenue between Euclid Street and Harbor Boulevard. (see Committee Discussion below for details).*

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a final memorandum of understanding specifying roles and responsibilities for implementation of proposed actions related to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment request. Participating agencies include the cities of Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, Tustin, and the Orange County Transportation Authority.
- B. Conditionally approve the following amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways to:
  - 1. Reclassify the following streets from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane divided):
    - i. Cambridge Street between Fairhaven Avenue and State Route 22.
    - ii. Santa Clara Avenue between Grand Avenue and Tustin Avenue.



**Committee Recommendations (Continued)**

- iii. Broadway Street between 1st Street and 17th Street.
- iv. Penn Way between Interstate 5 southbound on/off-ramps and Washington Avenue.
- v. Santiago Avenue between Washington Avenue and 6th Street.
- vi. Standard Avenue between 6th Street and Warner Avenue.
- vii. Civic Center Drive between Fairview Street and Bristol Street.
- \*\* viii. **Hazard Avenue between Euclid Street and Harbor Boulevard (This item was excluded from Committee action, see discussion below).**
- ix. Raitt Street between Segerstrom Avenue and Santa Ana Boulevard.
- x. McFadden Avenue between Harbor Boulevard and Grand Avenue.
- xi. Flower Street between Warner Avenue and First Street.
- xii. Halladay Avenue between Warner Avenue and Dyer Road.
- xiii. Chestnut Avenue between Standard Avenue and Grand Avenue.
- 2. Reclassify Civic Center Drive between French Street and Santiago Street, from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial to a collector (two-lane, undivided) arterial.
- 3. Reclassify 1st Street between Bristol Street and Tustin Avenue, from a major (six-lane, divided) to a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial.
- 4. Reclassify Chestnut Avenue between Grand Avenue the eastern city limit, from a primary (four-lane, divided) to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial.
- 5. Remove the following facilities from the Master Plan of Arterial Highways:
  - i. Flower Street between 17th Street and its northern terminus.
  - ii. Logan Street between Stafford Street and Santa Ana Boulevard.
  - iii. Stafford Street between proposed Logan Street and Santiago Street.

The proposed amendment will become final contingent upon the Orange County Transportation Authority (1) fully executing a final memorandum of understanding with the cities of Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, and Tustin, and (2) receiving documentation that the City of Santa Ana has complied with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and have amended their general plan.

If the original proposed Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment is modified as a result of the California Environmental Quality Act and/or general plan amendment process, the modified Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment shall be returned to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors for consideration and action.



### **Committee Recommendations (Continued)**

- C. Conditionally approve the amendment to the Master Plan for Arterial Highways for Fairhaven Avenue between Grand Avenue to Tustin Avenue from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial. The proposed amendment will become final contingent upon the Orange County Transportation Authority receiving documentation that the cities of Santa Ana and Orange have complied with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and have amended their respective general plans.

If the cities of Santa Ana and Orange do not update their respective general plans within three years to reflect the Master Plan of Arterial Highway amendment, the contingent amendment will expire, but can be returned to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors for reconsideration and action.

If the original proposed Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment is modified as a result of the California Environmental Quality Act and/or general plan amendment process, the modified Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment shall be returned to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors for consideration and action.

- D. Direct the Executive Director of Planning, or his designee, to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act in support of the Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment.
- E. Receive and file a status report on the active Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments.

### **Committee Discussion**

At the November 2, 2020 Regional Planning and Highways Committee (Committee) meeting, discussion ensued regarding the reduction of approximately 30 existing lane miles, the process to amend the Master Plan Arterial Highways, the technical analysis, and the City of Santa Ana's public outreach effort.

\*\* The Committee approved staff's recommended amendment to exclude Recommendation B, Item 1, viii pertaining to roadway classification on Hazard Avenue between Euclid Street and Harbor Boulevard. The intent was to provide the cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana (Cities) additional time to discuss the proposed reclassification on Hazard Avenue. If the Cities are able to reach consensus, the Board of Directors (Board) can consider the reclassification of Hazard Avenue at the November 9, 2020 Board meeting. Staff will provide a status in presenting the item at the Board meeting.