



**Committee Members Present**

**Via Teleconference:**

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

**Staff Present**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
Martha Ochoa, Assistant Clerk of the Board  
Sara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**Via Teleconference:**

Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
James Donich, General Counsel

**Committee Members Absent**

None

**Call to Order**

The October 8, 2020, regular meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Do at 9:00 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 7)**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Jones, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of September 10, 2020.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

**3. Agreement for Fullerton Transportation Center Stair Replacement Project**

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

- A. Find A2Z Construct, Inc., the apparent low bidder and Metro Building and Engineering Group, Ltd., the apparent third low bidder, as non-responsive for failure to meet the federal requirement for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation; and find AP Construction, Inc., the apparent second low bidder, as non-responsive 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-0-2267 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Golden Gate Construction, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$705,300, for the Fullerton Transportation Center Stair Replacement Project.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

**4. Agreement for Replacement of Light Poles and Luminaires at Golden West Transportation Center**

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

- A. Find KDC, Inc., dba Dynalectric, the apparent low bidder and Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc., the apparent second low bidder, as non-responsive for failure to meet the federal requirement for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2363 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$223,789, for the replacement of light poles and luminaires at the Golden West Transportation Center.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

**5. Agreement for Locker Room Expansion at Santa Ana Bus Base Maintenance Building**

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Jones, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2467 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Thomco Construction, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$339,123, for locker room expansion at the Santa Ana Bus Base maintenance building.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

**6. Metrolink Fiscal Year 2019-20 Performance Report**

A motion was made by Director Davies, seconded by Director Jones, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to receive and file as an information item.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

**7. Agreement for the Procurement of 40-Foot Compressed Natural Gas-Powered Buses**

Committee Chairman Do pulled this item.

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided opening comments, stated staff could provide a presentation on the procurement, and explained the original need of up to 299 buses; however, based on an analysis of the revenue vehicle hours, the purchase amount was adjusted to 165 buses with an option to purchase 134 buses in the future.

Committee Chairman Do stated the following:

- Complimented Mr. Johnson, CEO, and staff on maintaining the option year, considering the uncertainty with the economy, ridership, and the environmental regulations.
- The range for the new buses from GILLIG LLC is approximately 442 miles which is an increase from the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) 400-mile range buses.
- The new buses will also take electronic fares at the front and rear doors.

**7. (Continued)**

- The reason for pulling this item was due to the large procurement purchase and anything over \$100 million, should be placed on the Regular Calendar for discussion. Mr. Johnson, CEO, stated it was placed on the Consent Calendar due to the number of items on today's Regular Calendar.

A motion was made by Committee Chairman Do, seconded by Director Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of GILLIG LLC as the firm to provide up to 165, 40-foot compressed natural gas-powered buses, with an option to purchase up to 134 additional buses.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-9-1836 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and GILLIG LLC, in the amount of \$100,371,600, for the purchase of up to 165, 40-foot compressed natural gas-powered buses, with an option to purchase up to 134 additional buses.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

**Regular Calendar**

**8. Agreement for the Procurement of 40-Foot Plug-In Battery-Electric Buses**

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Dayle Withers, Department Manager of Maintenance, who presented a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Background;
- Procurement;
- Attributes; and
- Staff Recommendation.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The pros and cons on the operating range of battery-electric buses verses hydrogen fuel-cell electric buses. The operating range is less on battery-electric buses, but there are routes the buses could operate on.
- Considerations to do in-route charging with battery-electric buses and the downside of it being expensive. However, it is something to consider if OCTA deploys a larger fleet.

**8. (Continued)**

- Background on the California Air Resources Board's passing of the Innovative Clean Transit rule in 2018, zero-emission buses being a priority, learning more about the operation of battery-electric buses, and the decision-making process before making a large scale purchase and selecting the technology.

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 Agreement No. C-0-2165 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and New Flyer of America, Inc., in the amount of \$10,373,230, for the purchase of up to ten 40-foot plug-in battery-electric buses.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

**9. Contract Change Orders for the Construction of the OC Streetcar Project**

Jim Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, reported on the following:

- Overview of the recommendations and the reasons for increasing the allowance in the contract change orders (CCO).
- The amendments in the CCO do not increase the project cost of \$407.7 million, as defined in the grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration. The CCO will be funded from the project contingency.
- The contingency funds are running out faster than anticipated and with these changes in place, there will be \$11.6 million remaining.
- Staff plans to come back to the Board of Directors and give a full assessment of the financial condition of the project.
- Referenced a correction to Attachment A of the Staff Report. The summary numbers at the end of the table (on Page 2 of Attachment A) were corrected because the total for "CCOs" 12 and 13 were omitted from the final calculation.

A discussion ensued regarding the discovery of buried man-made objects and debris that dated back to the late 1800's where the Pacific Electric Railway tracks ran down the streets. There were no records to rely to know what was there ahead of time.

**9. (Continued)**

A motion was made by Director Shaw, seconded by Director Sidhu, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0 to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 18 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$300,000, to increase the allowance for removal of man-made objects.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 24.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$845,985, for overhead contact system sectionalization.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 30.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$320,164, to conduct electrical continuity testing.

Director Pulido abstained from voting on this item.

**10. Fullerton Park-and-Ride Joint Development Study**

Kurt Brotcke, Director of Planning, introduced Sam Sharvini, Transportation Analyst, and Bill Delo, IBI Group, who were available via teleconference. Mr. Brotcke provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- OCTA's Joint Development Policy;
- FTA Guidance/Limitations
- Joint Development Process Overview;
- Site History: Fullerton Park-and-Ride;
- Current Conditions;
- Phase 1 Study;
- Phase 1 Assumptions;
- City of Fullerton;
- Future Phase 2 Study; and
- Joint Development Process Overview.

Committee Chairman Do expressed his appreciation for the new approach to work with the City of Fullerton, referenced Page 12 of the Fullerton Park-and-Ride Joint Development Study Report (Attachment E of the Staff Report) originally presented to the Transit Committee meeting, and highlighted his concerns with charging people for parking.

**10. (Continued)**

A motion was made by Committee Chairman Do, seconded by Director Pulido, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to direct staff to work with the City of Fullerton and stakeholders to further explore joint development opportunities at the Fullerton Park-and-Ride facility.

**11. Bus Operations Performance Measurements Report for the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019-20**

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Johnny Dunning, Jr., Department Manager of Scheduling and Bus Operations Support, who provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Performance Measurements;
- Safety;
- Preventable Accidents – Last 25 Months;
- Courtesy;
- Reliability-On Time Performance;
- On Time Performance – Last 25 Months;
- Reliability – Miles Between Road Calls;
- Fixed-Route-Ridership and Productivity;
- Ridership/Productivity – Last 25 Months;
- OC ACCESS – Ridership and Productivity;
- Farebox Recovery Ratio;
- Cost Per Revenue Vehicle Hour;
- Performance: Local Routes;
- Performance: Community Routes;
- Performance: Express/Stationlink Routes;
- Highlights for Fiscal Year 2020-21; and
- Future Reports.

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

**Discussion Items****12. OC Bus Service Update**

Johnny Dunning, Jr., Department Manager of Scheduling and Bus Operations Support, provided 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;

### **12. (Continued)**

- OC Bus Trends: On-Time Performance;
- Customer Communication and Feedback; and
- Next Steps.

Committee Chairman Do complimented staff for making adjustments to the bus ridership increase in mid-September and for addressing the complaints on pass-bys.

### **13. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

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

- The following studies are underway and seeking public feedback:
  - South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study – a study that will consider future transportation needs in south Orange County for all modes of transportation through 2045. Last Tuesday evening at the virtual public webinar, there was a good turnout and a lot of feedback was collected. The study will continue to be online to obtain more public participation.
  - Freeway Bus Rapid Transit Study – in partnership with the California Department of Transportation, OCTA initiated a concept study to develop a conceptual plan for two freeway bus routes: one on the Interstate 5 from the Fullerton Park-and-Ride to the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink station and one on the California State Route 55 from the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center to Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach. OCTA will be hosting a virtual public webinar for this study on Wednesday, October 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### **14. Committee Members' Reports**

There were no Committee Members' Reports.

### **15. Closed Session**

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.





**16. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 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

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Sahara Meisenheimer  
Deputy Clerk of the Board