



COMMITTEE TRANSMITTAL

November 23, 2020

To: Members of the Board of Directors
From: *RW*
Laurena Weinert, Clerk of the Board
Subject: 2020 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services
Transportation Plan for Orange County

Transit Committee Meeting of November 12, 2020

Present: Directors Do, Jones, Pulido, Shaw, and Sidhu
Absent: Director Davies

Committee Vote

Following the roll call vote, this item was declared passed 4-0 by the Members present.

Director Pulido was not present to vote on this item.

Committee Recommendation

Direct staff to finalize the 2020 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan incorporating feedback provided by the Board of Directors.

Committee Discussion

Transit Committee Chairman Do asked several questions regarding the outreach activities used as input for the needs reflected in the plan. The consultant noted that the coronavirus impacted the availability of human service agencies, specialized transportation providers, and target populations to respond in a timely-manner and follow-up requests. The outreach process relied on the input of the larger human service agencies and specialized transportation providers to reflect the needs of their users.

Transit Committee Chairman Do requested that the future “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program” call-for-projects include additional outreach to target populations and potential applicants. Transit Committee Chairman Do also requested to include equity as a project selection criterion for the grant program.

**Committee Discussion (Continued)**

Transit Committee Chairman Do noted that input from human service agencies highlighted lengthy fixed-route headways as an impediment for some potential users. He asked staff to analyze peer agencies' bus headways and return with this information in the future. In response, staff indicated that historically, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has been on par with suburban transit systems in the south Orange County (County) area and comparable with urban systems in the central areas of the County with respect to bus transit frequencies. Staff noted that OCTA does not offer the density of transit services by systems such as Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. An updated comparison will be provided to the Board of Directors as part of future service planning reports.