



# **MINUTES**

## ***Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting***

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### **Committee Members Present**

Mark A. Murphy, Chairman  
Barbara Delgleize, Vice Chair  
Lisa A. Bartlett  
Doug Chaffee  
Joe Muller  
Richard Murphy

### **Staff Present**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Sara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Gina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
James Donich, General Counsel (Via Teleconference)

### **Committee Members Absent**

None

## **Call to Order**

The December 7, 2020 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways (RP&H) Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman M. Murphy at 10:34 a.m.

## **Roll Call**

The Deputy Clerk of the Board conducted an attendance Roll Call and announced that there was quorum of the RP&H Committee.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Committee Chairman M. Murphy led 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 8)**

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Director Muller, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to approve the minutes of the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of November 2, 2020.



**3. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Semi-Annual Review - September 2020**

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

- A. Approve adjustments to Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs projects, Local Fair Share and Senior Mobility Program funds.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute cooperative agreement amendments for all active Project V services in order to incorporate proposed coronavirus-related grant term adjustments, up to 24 months.

**4. Measure M2 Annual Eligibility Review**

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

- A. Approve all Orange County local agencies as eligible to continue to receive Measure M2 net revenues.
- B. Approve adjustments to Measure M2 maintenance of effort benchmarks for the City of Buena Park from \$4,206,464 and 5.99 percent to \$4,184,754 and 5.96 percent, and the City of Villa Park from \$360,429 and 9.68 percent to \$373,104 and 10.02 percent.

**5. 2021 Technical Steering Committee Membership**

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Director Muller, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to approve the proposed 2021 Technical Steering Committee membership.

**6. Active Transportation Program Local Project Prioritization**

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

- A. Approve the Orange County 2021 Active Transportation Program Local Project Prioritization point assignments for submittal to the Southern California Association of Governments.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to approve future project scope changes and substitutions as needed for the 2021 Active Transportation Program Projects.



**6. (Continued)**

- C. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program to facilitate the above actions.

**7. Award of Agreement for Property Patrol Services**

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

- A. Approve the selection of High Level Security Solutions, Inc., as the firm to conduct property patrol services for the seven Orange County Transportation Authority properties.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2492 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and High Level Security Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$400,000, for a five-year initial term, with two, one-year option terms, to provide property patrol services for the seven Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program properties.

**8. Agreement for Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program Interim Preserve Maintenance**

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

- A. Approve the selection of RECON Environmental, Inc., as the firm to provide maintenance services on the seven Orange County Transportation Authority Preserves.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2477 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and RECON Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$1,200,000, for a five-year initial term, with two, one-year option terms, to provide maintenance services for the Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program Interim Preserve maintenance.



## **Regular Calendar**

### **9. Consultant Selection for 2022 Long-Range Transportation Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report**

Gregory Nord, Section Manager of Planning and Analysis, introduced Pia Veesapen, Director of Contracts Administration and Materials Management, and reported on the following:

- Background on the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), overview of the recommendations, and with the Board of Directors' approval, a plan to complete the documents by late 2022.
- The program environmental impact report is included in the LRTP as a proactive step to address the new transportation impact analysis requirements set in place by Senate Bill (SB) 743. A focus will be evaluating vehicle miles traveled.
- The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) will evaluate post Measure M2 conditions in the LRTP for the first time.
- Summary of the procurement process and the selection of LSA Associates, Inc. as the firm to prepare the LRTP and Program Environmental Impact Report.

A motion was made by Director R. Murphy, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of LSA Associates, Inc., as the firm to prepare the 2022 Long-Range Transportation Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2523 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and LSA Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$983,500, to prepare the 2022 Long-Range Transportation Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report.

### **10. Interstate 405 Improvement Project Funding Update**

Jeff Mills, Senior Program Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Project Location and Key Features;
- Current Project Status;
- Project Bridge Map;
- Risks Materialized to Date;
- Estimate at Completion;

### **10. (Continued)**

- Potential Funding/Financial Plan; and
- Recommendations.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Referenced Slide Five of the PowerPoint presentation and noted that the safety related enhancements were in the range of \$40-\$50 million. 25 percent over budget would be increased due to safety items.
- The archaeological discoveries continue to be a risk and continue to be worked on.
- An update on the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovative Act and how a formal application has been sent to the Build America Bureau (Bureau) on resetting the rate. OCTA is waiting to hear back from the Bureau.
- Discussions with the Bureau have been very positive, and staff is optimistic that they will reset the rate.

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, seconded by Director Bartlett, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Authorize the use of an additional \$180,234,000 in Measure M2 funds for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project to increase the overall project budget from \$1,900,000,000 to \$ 2,080,234,000.
- B. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute or amend all necessary agreements to facilitate the above action.
- C. Pursuant to the Public Contract Code, find that satisfactory progress is being made on the project and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a contract change order to reduce retention withholding from five percent to three percent on future invoices from OC 405 Partners, and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to release retention to OC 405 Partners, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, at 75 percent of substantial completion of the project, and to release retention to OC 405 Partners, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, at 90 percent of substantial completion of the project.



## **Discussion Items**

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

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

- OCTA received a \$140 million award for the State Route 55 Improvement Project from the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The project will add much-needed general-purpose, HOV and auxiliary lanes in both directions between the Interstate 405 and the 5 (I-5) freeways. Project funding was awarded from two SB 1 competitive programs:
  - \$115 million from the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program; and
  - \$25 million from the Local Partnership Competitive Program.Mr. Johnson, CEO, thanked the CTC for their support and the assistance received from California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12.
- The I-5 Central County Improvements Project has received an Honor Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). This also puts the project in the running for the Golden State Award (ACEC's highest-level award). Mr. Johnson, CEO, congratulated OCTA, Caltrans, contractors, and the City of Santa Ana staff who worked on this project.

### **12. Committee Members' Reports**

Director R. Murphy stated this is his last committee meeting and that it has been a pleasure for him to serve on this Committee.

Committee Chairman Murphy wished Director R. Murphy the best in his future endeavors and thanked him for a job well done.

Committee Vice Chair Delgleize acknowledged Director R. Murphy and stated he would be a definite contribution to wherever he goes. Director Bartlett thanked Director R. Murphy for his service and hopes he will stay engaged to get his insight on things.

On behalf of the staff, Mr. Johnson, CEO, acknowledged Director R. Murphy and stated they will miss his thoughtful questions and professionalism. Mr. Johnson, CEO, would be happy to answer any questions on transportation if he has any in the future.



**13. Closed Session**

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

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Mark A. Murphy  
Committee Chairman

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Sahara Meisenheimer  
Deputy Clerk of the Board