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Executive Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

Steve Jones, Chairman

Via Teleconference:

Andrew Do, Vice Chairman

Michael Hennessey

Mark A. Murphy

Tim Shaw

Committee Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Gina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Allison Cheshire, Interim Deputy Clerk of the Board

OCTA Staff

Via Teleconference

James Donich, General Counsel

Call to Order

The December 7, 2020 regular meeting of the Executive Committee (Committee) was called to order by Chairman Jones at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Murphy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Special Calendar

There were no Special Calendar matters.



Consent Calendar (Items 2 and 3)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Murphy, seconded by Vice Chairman Do, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 2, 2020.

3. Proposed 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

A motion was made by Director Murphy, seconded by Vice Chairman Do, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to approve the Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies 2021 Board of Directors meeting calendar.

Regular Calendar

4. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Comprehensive Business Plan – Bus Program Assumptions

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided opening comments and noted that staff has been closely monitoring the impacts of the coronavirus on all areas of the agency. The items presented will provide updates on the current financial situation and provide information needed to make decisions going forward. Mr. Johnson, CEO, introduced Sean Murdock, Director of Finance and Administration, who presented a PowerPoint presentation on the following:

- Background;
- Bus Program Operating Revenue;
- Projected Fixed-Route Service Levels;
- Projected Paratransit Trips;
- Revenue and Cost Pressures;
- Revenue Pressures;
- Fiscal Year 2020-21 Bus Program Operating Budget;
- Paratransit Cost – Percentage of Total Operating Cost;
- Future Capital Cost for Bus Replacement;
- Primary Revenue Assumptions;
- Primary Cost Assumptions;
- Future Considerations; and
- Next Steps.



4. (Continued)

A discussion ensued among the Committee Members and staff regarding the challenges of the current pandemic, what will be needed in the future from bus and paratransit service, the impact of the costs of providing paratransit service and aligning with service provided by other agencies, and assessing how fixed-route service could be provided.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Do, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to direct staff to incorporate Board of Directors' feedback on the bus program assumptions for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Comprehensive Business Plan.

5. Measure M2 Next 10 Delivery Plan: Context and Options

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, introduced Kia Mortazavi, Director of Planning, who presented a PowerPoint presentation of the following:

- M2 Delivery Plan Goals;
- M2 Delivery Plan Timeline;
- M2 Transportation Investment Plan;
- M2 Sales Tax Revenue Forecast;
- Maintain Schedules Option;
- Lower Debt Option;
- Balanced Option; and
- Next Steps.

The Committee suggested staff pursue a financially prudent course of action with a proactive stance on project delivery while remaining flexible given the fluidity of current events. There was also desire to leverage external funding to offset some of the Measure M2 financial impacts. The Committee was interested in keeping projects moving to lower the risk of future project delivery requirements. Staff agreed to revise the "balanced" option according to the discussion. Staff also offered to review the fiscal year 2020-21 second quarter financial information prior to presenting a revised Measure M2 Next 10 Delivery Plan to the Committee and Board in early 2021.



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5. (Continued)

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

- A. Direct staff to incorporate feedback provided by the Board of Directors for the pending Next 10 Delivery Plan.
- B. Extend the Next 10 Delivery Plan timeframe from 2026 to 2030.

Discussion Items

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

- The Orange County Transportation (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 and high occupancy vehicle and auxiliary lanes in both directions between the Interstate 405 and the 5 freeways. Project funding was awarded from the following Senate Bill 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 and California Department of Transportation, District 12 for their support.

- Interstate 5 Central County Improvements project has received an honor award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACE) which also puts the project in the running for the Golden State Award (ACE's highest level award). Mr. Johnson, CEO, offered congratulations to staff at OCTA and Caltrans, the contractors, and the City of Santa Ana for their hard work on the project.
- CEO Johnson remarked that today is December 7, the 79th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

7. Committee Members' Report

There were no Committee Members' reports.



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8. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

9. Adjournment

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 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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Steve Jones
Chairman

Gina Ramirez
Deputy Clerk of the Board