

# **MINUTES**Transit Committee Meeting

**Committee Members Present** 

Via Teleconference: Andrew Do, Chairman

Steve Jones Tim Shaw Harry S. Sidhu **Staff Present** 

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer Sara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board Allison Cheshire, Interim Deputy Clerk of the Board

**Committee Members Absent** 

None

Via Teleconference

Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

James Donich, General Counsel

## Call to Order

The January 14, 2021, regular meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Do at 9:02 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 5)**

## 2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Sidhu, seconded by Director Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 4-0, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of December 10, 2020.

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## 3. Measure M2 Community-Based Transit Circulators Program Project V Ridership Report and Proposed Program Revisions

Director Shaw pulled this item and asked for clarification on the proposed changes to performance metrics for the Project V Program.

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), commented that prior to the pandemic, staff had been struggling to properly measure this program. Mr. Johnson, CEO, introduced Kurt Brotcke, Director of Planning, who reported on the following:

- Three major elements: update on Project V ridership, staff is recommending revision to change the structure of the Project V program, and audit findings.
- Major uncertainty on the future of ridership services.
- Overview of the current boarding per revenue vehicle hour metric and moving it to a total operating cost per boarding metric.
- Built-in agreements with the cities and they all have expiration dates

Director Shaw expressed appreciation for the new metric that requires notification and action by the applicable agency. He also asked about the overall funding status of the program and whether the proposed changes could be accommodated based upon current revenue projections. Staff responded that the proposed changes can be accommodated within projected cash flows while still maintaining future financial capacity.

Committee Chairman Do stated that the presentation addressed his concerns with the recommendations in a positive manner.

A motion was made by Director Shaw, seconded by Director Sidhu, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 4-0, to:

- A. Receive and file the Project V Ridership Report as an information item.
- B. Approve Project V Program revisions related to the impacts of the coronavirus and recent internal audit recommendations.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute, and amend as necessary all existing cooperative agreements for Project V services, in order to implement the recommendation above.

## 4. Award of Agreement for the Purchase of Electric Vehicle Chargers and Energy Management System

A motion was made by Director Sidhu, seconded by Director Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 4-0, to:



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- Approve the selection of ChargePoint, Inc., as the firm to provide up to Α. 72 electric vehicle charging stations with an energy management system.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2692 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and ChargePoint, Inc., in the amount of \$484,331, to provide up to 72 electric vehicle charging stations with an energy management system, for a five-year initial term effective February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2026, with one, three-year option term.

#### 5. Sole Source Agreement for the Operations and Maintenance of Fluid **Management System**

A motion was made by Director Sidhu, seconded by Director Shaw, and a following a roll call vote, declared passed 4-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C-0-2615 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and S&A Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$644,296, for a four-year initial term with one, three-year option term, for the operations and maintenance of the current fluid management system.

## **Regular Calendar**

#### 6. **OC Streetcar Project Quarterly Update**

Jim Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, provided opening comments and introduced Cleve Cleveland, Department Manager of OC Streetcar Operations, and Tresa Oliveri, Principal Community Relations Specialist, who co-presented a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Agenda;
- OC Streetcar Features;
- Construction Segment 1;
- Westminster Bridge;
- Santa Ana River Bridge;
- Maintenance and Storage Facility;
- Construction Segments 2 Through 5;
- Track Installation at Bristol Integration;
- Upcoming Construction Milestones;
- **Project Challenges:**
- Vehicles; and
- Outreach.



## 6. (Continued)

A discussion ensued regarding the new Administration and if there could be any delays. The new Administration will review all Capital Investment Grant projects and Full Funding Grant Agreements, and staff will work with the new Administration to make sure a proper briefing is required.

Following the discussion, no action was taken on this receive and file information item.

## 7. Contract Change Orders for the Construction of the OC Streetcar Project

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

- Overview of the recommendations, background on equipment that needs to be replaced due to updated technology, and the conflicts staff has encountered.
- The three contract change orders will be funded from the existing Project contingency. After these are approved, there will be \$8 million remaining.
- The Project contingency is being used more rapidly and staff will return to the Board of Directors with recommendations on what they will need to do in the next few months.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Part of the discussion with the Federal Transit Administration will be to determine what amount is needed out of the Project contingency fund.
- The Full Funding Grant Agreement is a contract so it would require an amendment. There are a couple of choices: review the contingency amount and determine what would be needed going forward or look at other risks that may be unknown going forward.
- Explanation of the unanticipated pavement issues and how the streets are not all uniform.

A motion was made by Director Shaw, seconded by Director Sidhu, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 4-0, to:

A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 43 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$372,136, for the acquisition of updated communications equipment.



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#### 7. (Continued)

- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 48 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II. LLC, in the amount of \$1,177,362, for removal of thicker asphalt concrete pavement from City of Santa Ana streets.
- Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute C. Contract Change Order No. 16.2 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$1,400,000, for additional hand digging of overhead contact system, traffic signal, and streetlight pole foundations.

#### 8. **February 2021 Bus Service Change**

Kurt Brotcke, Director of Planning, reported on the following:

- Background on the three-bus service changes a year.
- A recommendation that the October service levels from 2020 roll forward to the February 2021 service change due to the bus ridership levels staying the same.
- A contingency plan will be put in place should ridership increase and have to be implemented between February and June of this year.

Following the discussion, no action was taken on this receive and file information item.

## **Discussion Items**

#### 9. **OC Bus Service Update**

Johnny Dunning, Jr., Department Manager of Scheduling and Bus Operations Support, introduced Ryan Maloney, Section Manager of Marketing and Customer Engagement, and provided a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- OC Bus Trends During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic;
- OC Bus Ridership and Productivity;
- OC Bus Trends: Trippers and Pass-Bys;
- OC Bus Trends: On-Time Performance:
- Customer Communication and Feedback; and
- Next Steps.

No action was taken on this information item.



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## 10. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

Vaccine Update –

- The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has been closely monitoring Orange County's (County) rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine including yesterday's press conference at the Disneyland Resort which has been designated as one of the County's vaccination sites.
- The County is currently vaccinating all tier levels in Phase 1A. The transportation industry has been classified as Tier 2 in the next phase, which is1B and it is anticipated supplies to be available in February.
- To prepare for the vaccine for public transportation employees, OCTA is conducting an anonymous survey to determine how many employees would be willing to receive the vaccine. The results will be available after the survey closes on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

## 12. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' Reports.

### 13. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

## 14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

ATTEST	
	Sahara Meisenheimer
Andrew Do Committee Chairman	Deputy Clerk of the Board