

# MINUTES

## *Board of Directors' Meeting*

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### **Call to Order**

The Monday, March 8, 2021, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and affiliated agencies was called to order by Chairman Do at 9:00 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Board Room – Conference Room 07-08, Orange, California.

### **Roll Call**

The Deputy Clerk of the Board (DCOB) conducted an attendance Roll Call and announced there was quorum of the Board of Directors (Board) as follows:

**Via Teleconference:** Andrew Do, Chairman  
Mark A. Murphy, Vice Chairman  
Lisa A. Bartlett  
Doug Chaffee  
Barbara Delgleize  
Brian Goodell  
Patrick Harper  
Michael Hennessey  
Gene Hernandez  
Joseph Muller  
Vicente Sarmiento  
Tim Shaw  
Harry S. Sidhu  
Donald P. Wagner  
Ryan Chamberlain, District Director – Caltrans District 12

**Directors Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Gina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Sahara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**Via Teleconference:** Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
James Donich, General Counsel

## **Invocation**

Director Bartlett gave the invocation.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Hernandez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Special Calendar**

There were no Special Calendar matters.

## **Consent Calendar (Items 1 through 14)**

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to approve the Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2021.

### **2. OC Streetcar Project Management Consultant: Oversight Controls and Contract Compliance, Internal Audit Report No. 21-503**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to direct staff to implement two recommendations provided in OC Streetcar Project Management Consultant: Oversight Controls and Contract Compliance, Internal Audit Report No. 21-503.

### **3. Coronavirus Update**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to receive and file as an information item.

### **4. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to receive and file as an information item.

**5. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - January 2021**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to receive and file as an information item.

**6. Consultant Selection for the Development of Orange County Mobility Hubs Strategy**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of Steer Davies & Gleave, Inc., as the firm to develop the Orange County Mobility Hubs Strategy.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2646 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Steer Davies & Gleave, Inc., in the amount of \$297,371, to develop the Orange County Mobility Hubs Strategy.

**7. Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the State Route 57 Northbound Improvement Project Between Orangewood Avenue and Katella Avenue**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3300 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$450,000, to provide oversight of the plans, specifications, and estimates, and to advertise and award the construction contract for the State Route 57 Northbound Improvement Project between Orangewood Avenue and Katella Avenue.

**8. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the State Route 57 Northbound Improvement Project Between Orangewood Avenue and Katella Avenue**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to:

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 1-3298 for consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 57 Northbound Improvement Project between Orangewood Avenue and Katella Avenue.

**8. (Continued)**

- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 1-3298 for consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 57 Northbound Improvement Project between Orangewood Avenue and Katella Avenue.

**9. Cooperative Agreement with Southern California Regional Rail Authority for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 14-1, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3290 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, in the amount of \$542,850, to provide construction support services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5.

Director Wagner voted in opposition.

**10. Environmental Mitigation Program Endowment Fund Investment Report for December 31, 2020**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to receive and file as an information item.

**11. Measure M2 Quarterly Progress Report for the Period of October 2020 Through December 2020**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to receive and file as an information only item.

**12. Agreement for Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program Regulatory Support Services**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of Glenn Lukos Associates, Inc., as the firm to provide regulatory support of the Orange County Transportation Authority's Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program.

**12. (Continued)**

- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2701 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Glenn Lukos Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$500,000, for a five-year term to provide regulatory permitting services associated with the Orange County Transportation Authority's Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program.

**13. Agreements for Freeway Service Patrol Services**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of Veterans Towing, LLC, to provide freeway service patrol services for service area 1.
- B. Approve the selection of California Coach Orange, Inc., to provide freeway service patrol services for service areas 3, 5, and 10.
- C. Approve the selection of California Roadside Service, LLC, to provide freeway service patrol services for service area 6.
- D. Approve the selection of Beach Town Towing, LLC, doing business as Orange County Motor Club, to provide freeway service patrol services for service area 8.
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2721 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Veterans Towing, LLC, in the amount of \$3,984,992, to provide freeway service patrol services for service area 1 from October 2, 2021 through October 2, 2027.
- F. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-1-3311 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and California Coach Orange, Inc., in the amount of \$16,170,275, to provide freeway service patrol services for service areas 3 and 10 from October 2, 2021 through October 2, 2027, and service area 5 from December 4, 2021 through October 2, 2027.
- G. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-1-3312 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and California Roadside Service, LLC, in the amount of \$4,868,234, to provide freeway service patrol services for service area 6 from October 2, 2021 through October 2, 2027.

**13. (Continued)**

- H. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-1-3313 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Beach Town Towing, LLC, doing business as Orange County Motor Club, in the amount of \$5,431,156, to provide freeway service patrol services for service area 8 from December 4, 2021 through October 2, 2027.

**14. Agreement for Call Box Maintenance Services**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Hennessey, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 15-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of CASE Emergency Systems, as the firm to provide call box maintenance services to maintain call boxes operated under the Orange County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies program.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2632 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and CASE Emergency Systems, in the amount of \$2,432,315, to provide call box maintenance services for a six-year initial term, with one, two-year option term.

**Regular Calendar**

There were no Regular Calendar matters.

**Discussion Items**

**15. Update on Interstate 5 Widening Project Between State Route 73 and El Toro Road**

Niall Barrett, Program Manager, and Fernando Chavarria, Principal Community Relations Specialist, co-presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Chairman Do thanked Mr. Barrett and Mr. Chavarria for the presentation and requested Director Bartlett, as the Supervisor for the Fifth District and partner for this project, address the Board.

Director Bartlett thanked the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) staff for an outstanding presentation and the excellent outreach program.

Director Bartlett stated that there had been a good response from the public. She noted this is a significant project for south county. Fixing this pinch point increases regional mobility and enhances public safety for all south county residents.

**15. (Continued)**

Director Bartlett requested Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, (CEO), to discuss the outreach on the new mall project.

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, responded that nothing on the freeway project today will preclude any options considered for the El Toro Road Interchange. He noted OCTA has been working with the cities of Laguna Hills, Lake Forest, and Laguna Woods to find an acceptable and agreeable solution among all parties. Mr. Johnson, CEO, noted in the late spring or early summer, staff anticipates making a presentation to the Board about the El Toro Road Interchange status.

Director Muller echoed Director Bartlett's comments and stated this is an important project for south county. He thanked staff for all the hard work they have done on this project.

Director Shaw inquired about the benefit to the traveling public and whether staff measured the throughput or travel time, and how it's quantified.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, stated the information is available in the project approval documents. Staff will provide specific information in terms of travel time, and vehicle hours of delay in a written format to the Board.

Director Goodell inquired about Caltrans providing the right of way for additional bike lanes across the Oso Parkway Bridge.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, stated that Caltrans, the City of Mission Viejo, and OCTA, have discussed the bike issue and he will discuss it further with Director Chamberlain.

**16. Sales Tax Update**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, provided opening comments and introduced Sean Murdock, Director of Finance and Administration, who presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Chairman Do inquired about how OCTA tracks ridership and makes adjustments to the level of services as the state opens up the economy and gets over the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Mr. Johnson, CEO, stated since OCTA reduced the bus service quite deep last April in response to COVID-19. Since then, OCTA has added service back and is currently operating at roughly 1.3 million revenue vehicle hours. OCTA is working towards a June service change, which will be similar to what OCTA has today. He noted that staff is keeping a very close eye on economic activities such as the opening of major sports stadiums, theme parks, and community colleges on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**17. Public Comments**

The DCOB stated that the COB Department received a public comment on March 7, 2021 from Craig A. Durfey. The Board was emailed the comment on March 8, 2021 and the comment would be retained as part of the record for today's Board meeting.

**18. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

American Rescue Plan Act-

- The Senate passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 on Saturday, March 6th. This is the President's \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package to facilitate a federal response to the ongoing pandemic.
- The bill contains more than \$30 billion in relief funding to transit agencies nationwide and \$1.5 billion to Amtrak.
- California's transit agencies are expected to receive approximately \$4 billion.
- The bill is expected to be passed by the House as early as today and signed into law in short order.
- Staff will analyze the legislative language and provide detailed analysis at the March 18th Legislative and Communications Committee meeting.

Transit Planning Public Meetings-

- On March 9<sup>th</sup>, OCTA hosted three public meetings to get feedback from bus customers on the June service change and future transit planning efforts. The meeting will be in English at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Staff will host two additional sessions in Vietnamese and Spanish on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**19. Directors' Reports**

Director Delgleize thanked Jeff Mills and Chris Boucly for attending the Huntington Beach city council meeting and providing a presentation. She noted the information was noteworthy and appreciated the local outreach on Interstate 405 freeway.

Director Shaw provided an update of the State Route 91 (SR-91) Advisory Committee meeting. He noted Gene Hernandez is the new Committee Chairman.

Director Hernandez stated he was honored to be leading the SR-91 Committee and requested that everyone become aware of the fantastic work done in that area.



**19. (Continued)**

Director Goodell attended the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) Board meeting. He reported that three vacancies were filled by Dan Kalmick, from the City of Huntington Beach, Connor Traut from the City Buena Park, and Scott Voigts from the City Lake Forest.

**20. Closed Session**

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

**21. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Board Room - Conference Room 07-08, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

ATTEST:

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Gina Ramirez  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Andrew Do  
Chairman