



**Committee Members Present
Via Teleconference**

Tim Shaw, Chairman
Harry S. Sidhu, Vice Chairman
Andrew Do
Steve Jones
Vicente Sarmiento

Staff Present

Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Sara Meisenheimer, Deputy Clerk of the Board
Allison Cheshire, Interim Deputy Clerk of the Board

Committee Members Absent

Doug Chaffee

Via Teleconference

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
James Donich, General Counsel

Call to Order

The March 11, 2021 regular meeting of the Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Shaw at 9:00 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 Vice Chairman Sidhu 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 and 3)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Sidhu, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of February 11, 2021.

3. Agreement for Construction of the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station Improvement Project

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

- A. Find Environmental Construction, Inc., the apparent low bidder, as non-responsive for failure to meet the federal program requirement for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2193 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$13,480,000, for the construction of the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station Improvement Project.
- C. Authorize the use of up to \$4,300,000, in additional federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds to provide full funding for construction of the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station Improvement Project.
- D. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program to facilitate programming of the Project.

Regular Calendar

4. OC Streetcar Project Supplemental Contingency

Jim Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Certain projects under the Capital Investment Grants Program have additional funding made available under the \$1.9 trillion stimulus funding package and it will take staff some time to figure out how that additional funding will be set up.
- A detailed report will be provided at the next Legislative and Communications Committee meeting on March 18, 2021.
- Clarification on increasing the budget for the OC Streetcar Project and seeking additional supplemental allotment on contingency, until there is further analysis finalized by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
- Director Sarmiento suggested H.R. 1319 being a possible way to increase the contingency amount.

4. (Continued)

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

- A. Authorize the use of up to an additional \$7.32 million in Measure M2 funds and up to \$8.29 million in additional Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds to supplement the contingency for the OC Streetcar project. Along with other previously-approved funding adjustments of \$70,000, this will increase the Federal Transit Administration Full Funding Grant Agreement funding from \$407.76 million to \$423.44 million, with use of federal funds contingent on Federal Transit Administration approval.
- 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.

5. Amendment to Agreement for Construction Management Services for the OC Streetcar Project

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

- Overview of PGH Wong Engineering, Inc., (PGH Wong) and their duties to manage the construction of the OC Streetcar Project.
- Numerous challenges in the initial stages of construction and design clarifications and deficiencies have extended the overall construction duration.
- PGH Wong's time and material burn rates have been higher than what was anticipated and have resulted in a contract amendment to increase funding.
- The overall assessment is not being finalized until the FTA completes its own detailed cost and schedule risk analysis.
- Staff will return at a later date to request an additional amendment after the FTA has completed its risk analysis.

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll vote, declared passed 5-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 11 to Agreement No. C-6-0926 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and PGH Wong Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$6,829,862, and extend the agreement term through November 30, 2021, for continued OC Streetcar project construction management services. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$17,983,474.

6. Bus Operations Performance Measurements Report for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2020-21

Johnny Dunning, Jr., Department Manager of Scheduling and Bus Operations Support, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- How on-time performance has improved due to less congestion, lower ridership volumes, and shorter dwell times.
- How Contracted Fixed-Route service has performed above the safety standard which has not been seen before.
- The areas of Orange County where bus service operates is different based on traffic patterns.
- Customer complaints have been decreasing for both directly-operated and contracted-fixed route services.
- Determining how ridership will change once the travel restrictions are lifted and staff is preparing as best as they can.
- “Systematic change” versus “temporary change,” in regards to ridership.
- The differences in tracking ridership with employment prior to the coronavirus pandemic.

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

Discussion Items

7. OC Bus Service Update

Johnny Dunning, Jr., Department Manager of Scheduling and Bus Operations Support, and Ryan Maloney, Section Manager of Marketing and Customer Service, co-presented a PowerPoint presentation.

No action was taken on this information item.

8. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

- This week the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) hosted three public meetings via Zoom to gain feedback from customers on the June service change and future transit planning efforts. Meetings were held in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese and more than 160 people participated. Staff will continue to collect feedback by using a customer questionnaire and multilingual channels, and will update the Board of Directors on all June service change feedback next month prior to the Public Hearing.
- Tonight, OCTA will be presenting an update on the recently completed Rail Infrastructure Study to the San Clemente Coastal Advisory Committee. The study was conducted in partnership with the California Department of Transportation, completed in January 2021, and focused on a 25-mile section of railway from Jeffery Road in Irvine to the Orange/San Diego county border – looking at how severe storms and weather events affect this rail corridor. The final report established a plan for OCTA to respond to and prepare for future climate-related risk.

9. Committee Members' Reports

Committee Chairman Shaw asked about the Public Member being assigned to the Transit Committee and Mr. Johnson, CEO, confirmed that the committee assignments, which were approved in January, outlined the Public Member on the Transit Committee.

10. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.



11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

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Tim Shaw
Committee Chairman

Sahara Meisenheimer
Deputy Clerk of the Board