



MINUTES

Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present via Teleconference

Mark A. Murphy, Chairman
Barbara Delgleize, Vice Chair
Lisa A. Bartlett
Doug Chaffee
Patrick Harper
Gene Hernandez
Vicente Sarmiento

Staff Present

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

Via Teleconference:

Darrel E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Cassie Trapesonian, Assistant General Counsel

Committee Members Absent

Joe Muller

Call to Order

The April 5, 2021 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Murphy at 10:31 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Bartlett 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 through 4)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Sarmiento, seconded by Director Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of March 1, 2021.



3. Consultant Selection for the Interstate 405 TransModeler Simulation Model Development

This item was pulled by Director Harper who requested clarification on what the software would be used for and when simulation modeling is generally completed for a project.

Kia Mortazavi, Executive Director of Planning, commented that simulation modeling is needed to provide insight into freeway conditions and access points.

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), commented that traffic studies are completed prior to project development.

A motion was made by Director Harper, seconded by Director Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of Fehr and Peers as the firm to develop a traffic simulation model for the Interstate 405 using the TransModeler software platform.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2558 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Fehr and Peers, in the amount of \$399,887, to develop a traffic simulation model for Interstate 405 using the TransModeler software platform

4. Revisions to the Measure M2 Eligibility Guidelines

A motion was made by Director Sarmiento, seconded by Director Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to approve proposed revisions to the Measure M2 Eligibility Guidelines.

Regular Calendar

5. Interstate 405 Improvement Project Update

Jeff Mills, Senior Program Manager and Chris Boucly, Public Outreach Section Manager III, provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Director Harper commended staff on outreach efforts as the information keeps the community aware of project impacts.

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

6. Consultant Selection for Construction Management Support Services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5

Ross Lew, Program Manager, Highway Programs, reported that construction management support services are required for the improvement project of the four-mile section of State Route 55 between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5. An overview of the procurement process was provided, indicating three proposals were received and two firms were short-listed.

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Bartlett, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of AECOM Technical Services, Inc., as the firm to provide construction management support services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2582 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., as the firm to provide construction management support services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5.

Discussion Items

7. State Plans and Policies Related to Climate Change

Kurt Brotcke, Director of Strategic Planning, provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Discussion ensued among the Committee Members and staff regarding the following:

- Conversion of freeways to arterials and shifting jurisdiction.
- Funding guidelines for projects.
- Conservative assumptions related to state funds regarding freeway projects.
- Possible effect on mobility/accessibility to transit.



8. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, reported that on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., staff will be hosting a virtual meeting with the community to provide an update on the Interstate 405 Improvement Project and upcoming work on the Ward Street bridge. The bridge will be closed for reconstruction once the Talbert Avenue bridge opens to traffic later in the month.

9. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' Reports.

10. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 3, 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

Allison Cheshire
Interim Deputy Clerk of the Board