



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
Joe Muller
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

None

Call to Order

The May 3, 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 a quorum of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Chaffee led 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)

A motion was made by Director Bartlett, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of April 5, 2021.

Director Hernandez was not present to vote on this item.

3. Contract Change Orders for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project from State Route 73 to Interstate 605

Director Bartlett pulled this item to inquire about the bulk of the Contract Change Orders (CCOs) and asked if the project would go over budget.

Jeff Mills, Project Manager, reported that the CCOs presented today were anticipated and that the most significant issues have been completed. Staff is confident that the contingency is adequate moving forward.

A motion was made by Director Bartlett, seconded by Director Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 68.2 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of \$75,000, to provide additional environmental monitoring services.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 89 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of \$578,348, to incorporate lighting management system specifications.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 90 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of \$867,349, to construct the Bolsa Chica Road community wall.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 91 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of \$418,620, to provide additional traffic signal equipment at multiple intersections.
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 92 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of \$995,000, to mitigate a right-of-way encroachment.



4. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs - 2021 Call for Projects Programming Recommendations

Director Bartlett pulled this item to thank the staff for getting the call for projects moving forward, which is essential for regional mobility planning.

A motion was made by Director Bartlett, seconded by Director Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to:

- A. Approve the award of \$20.2 million in 2021 Measure M2 Regional Capacity Program (Project O) funds to nine projects.
- B. Approve the award of \$8.5 million in 2021 Measure M2 Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (Project P) funds to three projects.

Regular Calendar

5. Regional Planning Update

Warren Whitaker, Principal Transportation Analyst, provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

A discussion ensued among the Committee Members and staff regarding the following:

- Factors affecting the delay in widening the existing toll lanes;
- Collaborative efforts between the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the Transportation Corridor Agencies on projects; and
- Signal synchronization projects.

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

6. Cooperative Agreement with the City of San Juan Capistrano for the Ortega Highway Widening Improvements from Calle Entradero to Reata Road

Adrian Cardoso, Department Manager, Capital Programming, provided an overview of the project and explained why the staff is seeking to cancel the original letter agreement and enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of San Juan Capistrano.

Director Bartlett noted that this is the second major project on Ortega Highway, which has been ongoing for six years, and the project costs have escalated. The project will allow for better traffic flow and safety along the highway.



6. (Continued)

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), commented that Ortega Highway is a state highway but functions as a local arterial. Local cities and the county are eligible for Measure M2 funds, but the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is not. A cooperative agreement between OCTA and San Juan Capistrano (City) will allow the City to sponsor the project and receive funds and enable the City to pass the funds through to Caltrans to complete the project.

Kia Mortazavi, Executive Director of Planning, confirmed that Caltrans would complete the work. It is most efficient for the agency to do so because Caltrans is the owner/operator of the highway.

Ms. Cardoso commented that the City must provide the match, and then OCTA will provide funds.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, commented that the project has been environmentally cleared and approved by the state and that the construction plan has not yet been finalized.

A motion was made by Director Bartlett, seconded by Director Muller, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3410 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of San Juan Capistrano, in the amount of \$5,250,000, in Measure M2 Project O funds for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the Ortega Highways Widening Improvement Projects from Calle Entradero to Reata Road.
- B. Approve cancelling Letter Agreement No. 5 to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Master Agreement No. C-1-2782 with the City of San Juan Capistrano.

7. Consultant Selection for the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the Interstate 5 Widening Project Between Interstate 405 and Yale Avenue

Josue Vaglienty, Senior Project Manager, provided an overview of the project's procurement process and scope.

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, commented that price is not a factor in architectural and design procurements.

A motion was made by Director Bartlett, seconded by Director Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of AECOM Technical Services, Inc., as the firm to prepare the plans, specifications, and estimates for the Interstate 5 Widening Project between Interstate 405 and Yale Avenue.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2637 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., to prepare the plans, specifications, and estimates for the Interstate 5 Widening Project between Interstate 405 and Yale Avenue.

Discussion Items

8. South Orange County Projects Update

Kurt Brotcke, Director of Strategic Planning, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the TCA and Caltrans study of toll road expansion options in South Orange County in March 2020.

Mr. Brotcke discussed the technical work, public input, and policy direction for the three alternatives identified to move forward in the project development process. He noted that these included a non-tolled extension of Los Patrones Parkway from Cow Camp Road to Avenida La Pata. Also, the widening Ortega Highway between Calle Entradero to Reata Road and extension of the Interstate 5 carpool lane from Avenida Pico to the San Diego County line area.

Mr. Brotcke also discussed future projects that will be considered part of OCTA's comprehensive South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study.

Director Bartlett commented that South County has room for growth and that planning for future growth will increase public safety and mobility.

Director Muller commented that the projects are essential to alleviate traffic and congestion on Interstate 5

9. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Coronavirus Update / Wave 2 Return

- Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported Orange County has been in the Orange Tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy for a little more than a month. Based on the Return to the Workplace plan staff developed from state guidelines, he stated that this allows for up to 25% capacity to return to the OCTA administrative offices.
- Starting May 3rd, OCTA's Wave 2 group of employees have voluntarily returned to the administrative offices.
- OCTA now has approximately 90 employees currently in the office, which is slightly less than the 25% capacity limit.
- The Executive Staff will monitor any transition to the Yellow Tier to determine when additional employees can safely and strategically return other employees to the office.

EMSD Workshops

- Last week, approximately 60 people participated in two workshops OCTA hosted for the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled grant program.
- This grant program will offer non-profits and local public agencies opportunities to help meet the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities and augment ACCESS service.
- Pending approval of the Board in July, OCTA will release the Call for Projects of potentially up to \$4 million in local funds.
- OCTA's last call for projects under this program in 2018 awarded \$1.25 million to six agencies to provide some perspective.

10. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' Reports.

11. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.



12. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 7, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

ATTEST

Mark A. Murphy
Committee Chairman

Allison Cheshire
Interim Deputy Clerk of the Board