



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
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist
Gina Ramirez, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior

Via Teleconference:

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

Committee Members Absent

None

Call to Order

The July 1, 2021 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Vice Chairman Murphy at 10:31 a.m.

Roll Call

The Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior conducted an attendance roll call and announced a quorum of the Committee.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Hernandez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments 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 Hernandez, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of June 7, 2021.



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

Director Harper pulled this item to inquire about the improvements and the scope of work.

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), requested James G. Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, provide a brief overview.

Mr. Beil referenced the Supplemental Information map shown on the screen.

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

- The supplemental information map was discussed, focusing on the green highlighted mapped areas and the sidewalk improvements added to the changes.
- The contracts were designed and constructed across the State Route 22 (SR-22) ramp and filling in gaps to put in a new crosswalk in Garden Grove Boulevard.
- The necessity to do this, and if there is no adequate pedestrian access, is the contingency fund being used for this.
- The funding needed is \$470,000. Currently, no sidewalks are existing between the SR-22 ramp and the nearby dealership. It is a necessary improvement.
- The contingency funds are paying for the \$470,000 for the design and construction.
- The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) produced the general scope, and the City of Garden Grove requested the additional changes.
- There is \$48 million remaining in the contingency fund.

Vice Chair Delgleize stated that she favored the need for a crosswalk in the discussed area and thanked staff for finding a location.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, stated that the project is an excellent solution to improving local access for pedestrians.



3. (Continued)

A motion was made by Director Harper, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Delgleize, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 8-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 99 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of \$470,000, to design and construct intersection and sidewalk improvements at the intersection of Garden Grove Boulevard and the Interstate 405 northbound off-ramp.

4. Orange County Transportation Authority State and Federal Grant Programs - Update and Recommendations

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

- A. Approve schedule delay requests from the cities of Irvine, La Habra, Santa Ana, and the County of Orange.
- B. Approve amendment requests from the City of Brea contingent upon partial funding award through Cycle 5 of the Active Transportation Program or any subsequent program augmentations.
- C. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute any required agreements or amendments to facilitate the recommendations above.

5. Amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways

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

- A. Conditionally approve the following amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways:

City of Brea and County of Orange

- 1. Delete Tonner Canyon Road between Brea Canyon Road and the future extension of Valencia Avenue; and
- 2. Delete Valencia Avenue between Carbon Canyon Road and the future extension of Tonner Canyon Road.



5. (Continued)

Cities of Yorba Linda and Anaheim

3. Reclassify Yorba Linda Boulevard between La Palma Avenue and the State Route 91 westbound off-ramp from a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial to an asymmetric major (seven-lane, divided) arterial;
4. Reclassify Yorba Linda Boulevard/Weir Canyon Road between the State Route 91 westbound off-ramp and the State Route 91 eastbound on-ramp from a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial to a major (six-lane, divided) arterial;
5. Add Savi Ranch Parkway between Pullman Street and Old Canal Road as a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial; and
6. Add Old Canal Road/Pullman Street as a divided collector (two-lane, divided).

Each of the proposed amendments will become final, contingent upon the Orange County Transportation Authority receiving documentation confirming that the respective agency or agencies have amended their general plans accordingly and have complied with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

If a general plan is not updated within three years to reflect the proposed Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment, the contingent amendment will expire, but can be returned to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors for reconsideration and action.

If the proposed Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment is modified as a result of the California Environmental Quality Act and/or general plan amendment processes, the modified Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment shall be returned to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors for consideration and action.

- B. Approve the amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways to reclassify Santa Ana Canyon Road between Roosevelt Avenue and Weir Canyon Road from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to an asymmetric primary (five-lane, divided) arterial.
- C. Direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act in support of the Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment.



Regular Calendar

6. Consultant Selection for the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the State Route 57 Northbound Improvement Project Between Orangewood Avenue and Katella Avenue

Niall Barrett, Program Manager, reported on the following:

- Overview of the project, the purpose, and how the project would be funded;
- Discussed the procurement process and the selection of Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. as the firm to perform the work, and;
- Reviewed the work plan layout along with a summary of recommendations.

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

- A. Approve the selection of Parsons Transportation Group Inc., as the firm to prepare the plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 57 Northbound Improvement Project between Orangewood Avenue and Katella Avenue.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-1-3298 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Parsons Transportation Group Inc., for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 57 Northbound Improvement Project between Orangewood Avenue and Katella Avenue.

Discussion Items

7. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported the following:

Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Staff is developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan to support emergency and crisis management plans and strengthen preparedness for natural hazards such as flooding, earthquakes, and wildfires.
- On June 30, a virtual Open House was hosted for public input on the draft plan.



7. (Continued)

- The 30-day public comment period remains open through July 21.
- Any feedback received will assist in developing a plan that ensures the running of transportation services, even in the event of a natural disaster.
- To submit a comment or to get more information, the public is encouraged to visit octa.net/HMP.

Independence Day

- The OCTA Administrative Offices will be closed on July 5, in observance of Independence Day.
- Mr. Johnson, CEO, wished everyone a happy and safe holiday weekend in celebration of freedom, with gratitude to the brave heroes who have helped make America such a great nation.

8. Committee Members' Reports

Director Muller reminded everyone to come out to the City of Dana Point for the fireworks display.

Director Hernandez reminded everyone that the City of Yorba Linda has fireworks for display as well.

Committee Chairman Murphy announced a firework show on the evening of July 3, at Grijalva Park in the City of Orange. He also wished everyone a Happy July 4 and to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

9. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.



10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 2, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

ATTEST

Mark A. Murphy
Committee Chairman

Sahara Meisenheimer
Clerk of the Board Specialist