



# **MINUTES**

## ***Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting***

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### **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**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Allison Cheshire, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior  
Gina Ramirez, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior

### **Via Teleconference:**

Cassie Trapesonian, Assistant General Counsel  
OCTA Staff Members

### **Committee Members Absent**

Joe Muller

### **Call to Order**

The August 2, 2021 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Murphy at 10:32 a.m.

### **Roll Call**

The Clerk of the Board 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 7-0, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of July 1, 2021.



**3. Measure M2 Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs – 2022 Annual Calls for Projects**

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

- A. Approve proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines.
- B. Authorize staff to issue the 2022 annual call for projects for the Regional Capacity Program.
- C. Authorize staff to issue the 2022 annual call for projects for the Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program.

**4. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs - Project X, Tier 1 Fiscal Year 2021-22 Call for Projects Programming Recommendations**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to approve ten projects in the amount of \$2,697,424 for the 2021 Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 call for projects.

**5. Cooperative Agreements for Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Projects**

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3597 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the cities of Irvine and Lake Forest for the Alton Parkway Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Project, with local agency in-kind services and cash matching funds totaling \$759,558.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3598 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the cities of Huntington Beach, Santa Ana, Tustin, Westminster, and the County of Orange for the First Street/Bolsa Avenue Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Project, with local agency in-kind services and cash matching funds totaling \$774,378.



**5. (Continued)**

- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3599 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the cities of Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, and Rancho Santa Margarita for the Portola Parkway/Santa Margarita Parkway Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Project with local agency in kind services and cash matching funds totaling \$575,550.

**Regular Calendar**

**6. 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program Overview**

Adriann Cardoso, Department Manager, Planning, provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

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

**7. Interstate 405 Improvement Project Update**

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

Director Harper inquired about the longer schedule for the Brookhurst and Warner bridges and asked how residents could sign up for project notifications.

Mr. Mills responded that the Brookhurst bridge is moving forward in two phases and will take longer to complete but will accommodate the larger traffic volume that utilizes the bridge. The Warener bridge was moved to a single phase build but the size of the bridge is driving the longer schedule. Additionally both bridge locations have undergone soil replacement which required about two months to allow for soil settlement.

Mr. Boucly suggested that interested parties sign up for project information at [405Project@octa.net](mailto:405Project@octa.net).

Committee Vice Chair Delgleize suggested signage for on-ramp lane access in the area of the Warner bridge area be updated.

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



## **Discussion Items**

### **8. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, reported the following:

#### **Procurement Award**

- The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) was awarded the prestigious 2021 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Procurement Institute.
- This is the eleventh consecutive year that OCTA has received this award for demonstrating best practices in procuring public contracts.
- Mr. Johnson, CEO, congratulated the procurement staff for their continued hard work.

#### **College Pass Program**

- Mr. Johnson, CEO, stated that Irvine Valley College asked to join the College Pass program starting this fall last week.
- When on-campus instruction resumes later this month, more than 12,000 Irvine Valley College students will be able to use the OC Bus system to get to school or wherever they need to go.
- With nearly all Orange County community colleges now participating in the College Pass program, staff is continuing to work with the remaining schools to join the program in the future. This program dovetails nicely with the Youth Ride Free campaign launching soon, and as part of our ongoing effort to attract new bus riders.

### **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 11:08 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 2, 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

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Allison Cheshire  
Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior