



MINUTES

Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present via Teleconference

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

Staff Present

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:

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

Committee Members Absent

Lisa A. Bartlett

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 Sarmiento 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 11)

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 August 2, 2021.



3. Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 5 and State Route 91

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3642 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$500,000, to provide oversight of the plans, specifications, and estimate, and to advertise and award the construction contract for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91.

4. Amendment to Agreement for Additional Design Services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to Agreement No. C-7-1719 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and WKE, Inc., in the amount of \$563,183, for additional design services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$19,867,709.

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

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 Contract Change Order No. 101 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of \$230,838, to remove an encroaching building overhang adjacent to the Magnolia Street northbound on-ramp.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 106 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of \$925,000, to provide bridge lighting on seven overcrossing bridges.



5. (Continued)

- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 107 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of \$420,000, to provide conduit extensions and pull boxes for future bridge lighting on nine overcrossing bridges.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 109 to Agreement No. C-5-3843 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OC 405 Partners, a joint venture, in the amount of 410,000, to provide full pavement reconstruction to part of the Harbor Boulevard northbound on-ramp.

6. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the City of Westminster for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-3615 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Westminster, in the amount of \$998,652, for additional city services for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project. This will increase the maximum obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total value of \$3,661,331.

7. South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study Update

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to receive and file as an information item.

8. Grant Awards for the Garden Grove-Santa Ana Rails-to-Trails Gap Closure and Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study

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

- A. Adopt Orange County Transportation Authority Resolution No. 2021-071 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the Active Transportation Program \$3,000,000 grant award and execute required grant-related agreements with the California Department of Transportation and California Transportation Commission.



8. (Continued)

- B. Adopt Orange County Transportation Authority Resolution No. 2021-072 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the Sustainable Communities Program \$300,000 grant award and execute grant-related agreements with the Southern California Association of Governments.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to amend the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and process all necessary amendments to facilitate the recommendations above.

9. Capital Programming Update

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

- A. Consistent with right-of-way phase estimates for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Yale Avenue to State Route 55 (Segment 2), authorize the use of \$23.926 million from the following fund sources:
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (\$17.5 million),
 - Measure M2 freeway funds (\$5.575 million),
 - Repurposed earmarks (up to \$0.851 million), contingent on Federal Highway Administration approval, and
 - Additional Measure M2 freeway funds in lieu of \$0.851 million of repurposed earmarks, in the event the federal funds are not available.
- B. Consistent with updated design phase estimates for the State Route 55 Improvement Project from Interstate 5 to State Route 91, authorize the use of the funding below, increasing total funding for the phase from \$8.921 million to \$11 million, and reducing Measure M2 funds by \$3.921 million:
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (\$3.359 million), and
 - Highway Infrastructure Program (\$2.641 million).
- C. Authorize the use of \$1.720 million in Measure M2 for the State Route 55 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to Interstate 5 to support anticipated increased costs for the design phase, changing the total project estimated cost from \$504 million to \$505.720 million.

9. (Continued)

- D. Consistent with the forecasted cost for the environmental phase for the Interstate 5 Managed Lanes Project from the Orange County/ San Diego County line to Avenida Pico, authorize the use of \$0.907 million in additional Surface Transportation Block Grant funds to fund this change in the project cost estimate from \$5.5 million to \$6.407 million.
- E. Authorize the use of up to \$3.207 million in additional Measure M2 Regional Capacity Program funds for the OC Bridges Railroad Grade Separation Program in lieu of federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality improvement funding.
- F. Authorize the use of \$12.526 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds for 173 bus engine repowers.
- G. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute or amend all necessary agreements to facilitate the above actions.

10. Amendments to On-Call Traffic Engineering and Intelligent Transportation Systems Services Agreements

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute amendments between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the following consultants for on-call traffic engineering and intelligent transportation systems services agreements: Agreement No. C-9-1513 with DKS Associates, Inc.; Agreement No. C-9-1810 with AGA Engineers, Inc.; Agreement No. C-9-1811 with KOA Corporation; Agreement No. C-9-1812 with Iteris, Inc., in a shared amount of \$10,547,425. This will increase the maximum obligation for all the on-call firms for a total combined aggregate contract value of \$15,875,425.

11. Draft 2021 Orange County Congestion Management Program Report Release for Public Review

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to Direct staff to release the draft 2021 Orange County Congestion Management Program Report for public review and set November 22, 2021, as a public hearing date for adoption of the final 2021 Orange County Congestion Management Program.



Regular Calendar

12. 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program

Adriann Cardoso provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Director Harper inquired about the amount of funding and if it is fixed or variable.

Adriann Cardoso provided that it is \$154 million unfixed and \$11 million in future cycle, contingent on other agencies not fully programming.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, added that the 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is formula funding and that OCTA receives a formula based amount, but will attempt to go above what is estimated.

Director Sarmiento inquired about active transportation programs.

Adriann Cardoso responded that larger active transportation programs that connect with Orange County are not viable at this time in these regards and not available until 2025-2026, which makes this a good time to seek funding through different opportunities and deliver results sooner.

Director Sarmiento further inquired about the pursuit of other funding and requested a report back on further findings.

Adriann Cardoso responded that OCTA is always in search of opportunities for funding.

Mr. Johnson, CEO, added that local agencies, cities, and counties can be applicants for Active Transportation Programs, but OCTA is only eligible for STIP, and that it can support cities.

Chairman Murphy commented that they are impressed with OCTA's cash flow opportunities and agrees with using what is available.

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

- A. Approve the 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program submittal to program \$164.647 million to seven projects, from fiscal year 2022-23 through fiscal year 2026-27.
- B. Authorize the use of \$11.396 million in Measure M2 funds for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to Yale Avenue (Segment 1).



12. (Continued)

- C. Consistent with construction phase estimates for the Transit Security and Operations Center, authorize the use of \$27.234 million from the following fund sources:
- \$19.650 million in Local Partnership Program Formula funds,
 - \$3.924 million in additional State of Good Repair, and
 - \$3.660 million Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021.
- D. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the State Transportation Improvement Program and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute and necessary agreements to facilitate the recommendations above.

13. Long-Range Transportation Plan Challenges and Goals

Greg Nord, Manager of Planning and Analysis, and Marisa Espino, Community Relations Specialist for Public Outreach, provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

No action was taken on this receive and file as an information item.

Discussion Items

14. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, reported the following:

Youth Ride Free Pass

- The Youth Ride Free pilot program starts this month for a six-month promotional period.
- The pilot program allows all youth 18 and under to ride the OC Bus system for free.
- OCTA is continuing to work on getting all the passes out to the schools and districts throughout the county who have been great partners in helping distribute these passes.
- OCTA is very excited to launch this program that will go a long way toward introducing new riders to public transit and providing another transportation option for the youth of Orange County.



14. (Continued)

Labor Day

- Wished everyone a very safe, happy, and healthy Labor Day.
- Labor Day provides a special occasion to honor all workers.
- Thank you to coach operators, mechanics, and all operations staff who will be working to keep buses running on Monday – and throughout the year.

15. Committee Members' Reports

Committee Chairman Murphy reported that the City of Orange is holding the annual International Street Fair this weekend in the Orange Circle and invited all to come down and join in the festivities.

16. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 4, 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
Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior