



MINUTES

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference:

Michael Hennessey, Chairman
Steve Jones, Vice Chairman
Katrina Foley
Brian Goodell
Gene Hernandez

Committee Members Absent

Patrick Harper
Joe Muller

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
OCTA Staff Members

Call to Order

The September 22, 2021, regular meeting of the Finance and Administration (F&A) Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Hennessey at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist, conducted an attendance roll call and announced a quorum of the F&A 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 and 3)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Goodell, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to approve the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of September 8, 2021.



3. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - August 2021

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Goodell, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0, to receive and file as an information item.

Regular Calendar

4. 2021 Measure M2 Sales Tax Forecast

Sean Murdock, Director of Finance and Administration, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Committee Chairman Hennessey commented on the significant savings in Fiscal Year 2019-20 with MuniServices, LLC at 2.5 percent, when the actuals would have been at 6.5 percent.
- The assumptions that the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) can make is that this will improve the ability to increase the economic uncertainty in the freeway program.
- This is the revenue side of a two-sided equation and is underway per Board of Directors' (Board) direction, to update the cost forecast with the Orange County Business Council and the University of Southern California.
- OCTA does expect to see a reasonably significant inflation in the short-term around things that are purchased. It will come together in the Next 10 Delivery Plan.
- Other state and federal grants fit into two areas: the comprehensive business plan and the coronavirus (COVID-19) relief and American Rescue Plan Act funds.
- Summary of the cash flows and incorporating the revenues into the Comprehensive Business Plan and the Next 10 Delivery Plan.
- The current level of bus service runs today because of the three COVID-19 relief funds related to the bus transit system.
- Next month, an item will be brought to the Board to consider making specific dollars available to cities for road rehab.
- The Comprehensive Business Plan is updated once a year and brought to the Board every two years.

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



Discussion Items

5. Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Loan Update

Sean Murdock, Director of Finance and Administration, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- Two draws were made on the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan.
- The net present value is \$158 billion, and Mr. Murdock will investigate the nominal dollars.
- At the next F&A Committee meeting, staff will come back to talk about the entire debt service savings for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project based on 2017 TIFIA loan and the 2021 Bond Anticipation Notes.

No action was taken on this information item.

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the following:

- OCTA launched a reduced-cost '*Welcome Back*' pass that has recorded more than 182,000 boardings so far. This was a reduction in price by 40 percent. The '*Youth Ride Free*' pilot program was launched at the beginning of the month and has recorded more than 32,000 boardings to date.
- The hikes and equestrian rides have been restored from OCTA's permanently protected wilderness preserves. Last Saturday, OCTA hosted a hike at the Pacific Horizon Preserve in Laguna Beach. On Sunday, September 26th at 10:00 a.m., OCTA will host a first equestrian ride at the Trabuco Rose Preserve in Trabuco Canyon.

7. Committee Members' Reports

Director Foley thanked Mr. Johnson, CEO, for the Youth Ride Free Program and shared the positive feedback she received from the Orange County Department of Education and a couple of teachers.

8. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.



9. Adjournment

Committee Chairman Hennessey closed the meeting with the following remarks:

- OCTA has saved the taxpayers \$182 million, and it is testament to the Committee Members being so well-informed along the way.
- Believing in the ability of the Finance and Administration staff and how they have performed at a high level.

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

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Michael Hennessey
Committee Chairman

Sahara Meisenheimer
Clerk of the Board Specialist