



Committee Members Present

Tim Shaw, Chairman
Harry S. Sidhu, Vice Chairman

**Committee Members Present
Via Teleconference**

Doug Chaffee
Andrew Do
Steve Jones
Tam Nguyen
Vicente Sarmiento

Staff Present

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

Via Teleconference

James Donich, General Counsel
OCTA Staff

Committee Members Absent

None

Call to Order

The September 9, 2021, regular meeting of the Transit Committee (Committee) was called to order by Committee Chairman Shaw at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Chaffee 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 6)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Sidhu, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of August 12, 2021.

3. Grant Award Acceptance for the 2022 Orange County Fair Express Bus Service

Committee Chairman Shaw commented that this will help fund service to OC Fair in 2022 and thanked the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee for the funding work and honored Director Winterbottom.

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Sidhu, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee Major Event Center Transportation Program award for \$289,054, and to negotiate and execute grant-related agreements and documents with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee.

4. October 2021 Bus Service Change

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

5. Metrolink Fiscal Year 2020-21 Performance Report

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

6. Agreement for Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Facility Operation and Maintenance

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

- A. Approve the selection of Trillium USA Company, LLC, doing business as Trillium, as the firm to provide compressed natural gas fueling facility operation and maintenance.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-1-3317 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Trillium USA Company, LLC, doing business as Trillium, in the amount of \$1,845,540, to provide compressed natural gas fueling facility operation and maintenance for a three-year initial term beginning December 1, 2021, with two, one-year option terms.

Regular Calendar

7. Agreement for OC ACCESS Paratransit and OC Flex Microtransit Services

Committee Chairman Shaw recused himself from participating in this item due to the Levine Act.

The Clerk of the Board reported that a public comment was received from Roz Esposito via email on September 7, 2021 at 12:12 p.m. and was emailed to the Committee Members on September 9, 2021 at 8:24 a.m. prior to the meeting. The comment will be retained as part of the record of today's meeting.

Jack Garate, Department Manager, Paratransit Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Committee Vice Chairman Sidhu inquired about the staff oversight that First Transit, Inc. (First Transit) would provide to improve on-time performance.

Mr. Garate responded that the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) expects there to be greater oversight due to the service serving OCTA's most vulnerable population of riders.

Andrew Oftelie, Chief Financial Officer, stated that this contract provides the contractor and a subcontractor on services.

Committee Vice Chairman Sidhu commented that First Transit proposed new technology at a lower price and inquired about the results and pricing.

Mr. Oftelie commented that in terms of technology related to a cost center, one vendor proposed an outsourced cost center while the other proposed an in-house cost center. There were also differences in insurance costs.

Director Do summarized the following concerns raised during discussion at the previous Committee meeting:

- Staffing, oversight, and technology.
- Cost differential between MV Transportation, Inc. (MV) and First Transit.
- How First Transit would accommodate for changes to the current service post coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Maintaining the current level versus improving the service level.

7. (Continued)

Committee Vice Chairman Sidhu stated both MV and First Transit can do the job. However, First Transit prosed utilizing new technology tools to increase real-time reporting and obtain a higher customer satisfaction.

Director Sarmiento expressed his concerns on the following:

- Ability of firm selected to be able to meet the needs of the population served.
- Staffing, project organization, and related increased costs.
- Direct relationship between the delivery of service and the actual cost of the contract.

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Jones, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-1, to:

- A. Approve the selection of First Transit, Inc., as the firm to provide the management, operations, and maintenance of the OC ACCESS paratransit and OC Flex microtransit services.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-0-2150 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and First Transit, Inc., in the amount of \$242,579,221, to provide the management, operations, and maintenance of the OC ACCESS paratransit and OC Flex microtransit services for an initial four-year term commencing on January 1, 2022, with two, two-year option terms.

Director Sarmiento voted in opposition.

Due to the Levine Act, Director Shaw did not vote or participate on this item.

Discussion Items

8. OC Bus and OC ACCESS Services Update

Johnny Dunning, Jr., Department Manager, Scheduling and Bus Operations Support, and Ryan Maloney, Section Manager, Marketing and Customer Service, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

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

9. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

OC Streetcar Open House

- Last night, approximately 15 people attended a virtual open house to provide construction updates and keep the community informed about the OC Streetcar project.
- A recording of the open house will be posted to the OCTA website for the public to view.

Youth Ride Free Pass

- Earlier this month the Youth Ride Free pilot program was launched for a six-month promotional period.
- This program allows all youth 18 and under to ride the OC Bus system for free.
- So far more than 200,000 passes have been provided for distribution to approximately 550 schools throughout the county who continue to be great partners in helping with this program.
- More than 2,300 boardings have been recorded with this pass which introduces new riders to public transit and provides another transportation option for the youth of Orange County.

10. Committee Members' Reports

Committee Chairman Shaw shared two videos from his trip to Denver, Colorado showing the Regional Transportation District's bus rapid transit service to Denver International Airport.

11. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.



12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

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Tim Shaw
Committee Chairman

Sahara Meisenheimer
Clerk of the Board Specialist