



# **MINUTES**

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

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### **Committee Members Present**

Mark A. Murphy, Chairman  
Lisa A. Bartlett  
Doug Chaffee  
Patrick Harper  
Gene Hernandez

### **Staff Present**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Allison Cheshire, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior  
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist  
James Donich, General Counsel  
OCTA Staff Members

### **Committee Members Absent**

Barbara Delgleize, Vice Chair  
Joe Muller  
Vicente Sarmiento

## **Call to Order**

The October 4, 2021 regular meeting of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Murphy at 10:31 a.m.

## **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 Bartlett, and declared passed 5-0, to approve the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of September 2, 2021.

### **3. 2021 Pavement Management Relief Funding Program for Local Agencies**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), commented that due to the pandemic, funds are available under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act which will be allocated by formula to all cities in the county for pavement management.



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A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Bartlett, and declared passed 5-0, to:

- A. Approve the 2021 Pavement Management Relief Funding program guidelines and distribution of \$10.931 million federal funding.
- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, as well as execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the recommendations above.

#### **4. Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Project**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Bartlett, and declared passed 5-0, to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2809 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$2,520,200, for right-of-way support services, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocations for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue interchange project.
- B. Authorize the use of up to \$2,520,200 in Measure M2 Freeway funds for right-of-way capital and right-of-way support services for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue interchange project.
- C. 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.

#### **5. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the City of Seal Beach for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project**

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Bartlett, and declared passed 5-0, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-6-1126 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Seal Beach, in the amount of \$370,000, for additional services for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project. This will increase the maximum obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total value of \$740,600.



## **Regular Calendar**

There were no Regular Calendar matters.

## **Discussion Items**

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

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported the following:

#### **Federal Update**

- Last Thursday, the President signed a short-term continuing resolution to fund government operations through December 3.
- Congress approved this 9-week stopgap funding bill to continue negotiations on a year-long appropriations package to fund most government programs.
- On Friday, the House passed a 30-day extension of Highway Trust Fund authority that had expired October 1, which the Senate then approved, and the President signed on Saturday.
- This action restored funding for Department of Transportation affected programs, as well as for employees who had been furloughed on Friday to return to work today.
- Both temporary extensions were approved after negotiations stalled surrounding the broader Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the infrastructure bill.
- Staff continues to closely monitor the situation and will provide updates to the Board as they become available.
- Staff will also present an in-depth analysis to the Legislative and Communications Committee on Oct. 21.

#### **Metrolink Update**

- Starting today both Metrolink and Pacific Surfliner have resumed service in south county.
- The work went well with approximately 12,000 tons of riprap put in place over the last few weeks.
- Riders have been notified about service resuming and also about potential delays this week due to trains traveling at reduced speeds to ensure safety and to monitor the tracks.

#### **Welcome Pass Update**

- The discounted Welcome Pass launched about a month and a half ago to encourage riders to return to public transportation.
- More than a quarter-million boardings have been recorded with these passes which provide a 40 percent savings off the regular bus fare.
- The Welcome Pass will continue to be on sale through November 15.



**7. Committee Members' Reports**

There were no Committee Members' reports.

**8. Closed Session**

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 1, 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