



MINUTES

Legislative and Communications Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

Lisa A. Bartlett, Chairwoman
Gene Hernandez, Vice Chairman
Barbara Delgleize
Michael Hennessey
Mark A. Murphy
Harry S. Sidhu
Donald P. Wagner

Staff Present

Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Gina Ramirez, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist
OCTA Staff

Committee Members Absent

None

Via Teleconference

James Donich, General Counsel

Call to Order

The October 21, 2021, regular meeting of the Legislative and Communications (L&C) Committee was called to order by Committee Chairwoman Bartlett at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Gina Ramirez, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior, conducted an attendance Roll Call and announced a quorum of the L&C Committee.

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments received.

Special Calendar

2. Conference Call with State Legislative Advocate Moira Topp

Moira Topp, State Legislative Advocate, provided a verbal report on this item.

Consent Calendar (Item 3)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Hernandez, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to approve the minutes of the Legislative and Communications Committee meeting of September 16, 2021.



Regular Calendar

4. Draft Revisions to the Orange County Transportation Authority's 2021-22 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

Lance Larson, Executive Director of Government Relations, provided opening comments and introduced Alexis Leicht, Associate Government Relations Representative, who provided a verbal report on this item.

A motion was made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Wagner, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 7-0, to direct staff to incorporate the recommended revisions to the 2021-22 Orange County Transportation Authority State and Federal Legislative Platforms and seek further feedback from the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors, with subsequent drafts being brought forward for final consideration and adoption later this year.

5. Federal Legislative Status Report

Lance Larson, Executive Director of Government Relations, provided opening comments and introduced Dustin J. Sifford, Senior Government Relations Representative, who provided a verbal report on this item.

Chairwoman Bartlett inquired about any long-term funding for the highway trust fund.

Mr. Sifford responded that other than funding pilot programs to examine options, there is no long-term funding solution being discussed in connection with these bills. There may be some general fund transfers, and one of the bills left the highway trust fund unresolved.

Chairwoman Bartlett stated that it was unfortunate because pulling from the general fund is taking money out of reserves or the piggy bank and transferring it over to where it is needed. That number will increase over time if something is not done to replace the gas tax revenue stream.

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

6. Update on Diversity Outreach and Inclusion Efforts

Ted P. Nguyen, Senior Section Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Chairwoman Bartlett thanked Mr. Nguyen for the update. She also stated that this was a very thorough campaign on the diversity outreach and inclusion efforts.

Director Delgleize acknowledged Mr. Nguyen for his enthusiasm during the presentation.

Chairwoman Bartlett stated that Mr. Nguyen's personal story is critical to the process relative to outreach.

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

Discussion Items

7. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO), reported on the following:

- Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, is on vacation today and tomorrow.

Fifth District Mayors' Forum -

- Ms. Bergener, DCEO, thanked Directors Bartlett and Goodell for participating in the Fifth District Mayors' Forum that the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) staff hosted this past Monday.
- These forums are intended to provide the mayors, council members, and city staff with an update on OCTA's projects and programs and get input from the cities. The forum was well attended, and staff has received a lot of good feedback. OCTA staff is looking forward to hosting the Second District Mayors' Forum next week on October 27th.

LRTP & Mobility Hubs Roundtable -

- OCTA will host the second of two roundtables with community-based organizations to get feedback on OCTA's Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Mobility Hubs Study. The roundtable will be held via Zoom at 10:30 a.m.



8. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' Reports

9. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

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Lisa Bartlett
Committee Chairwoman

Gina Ramirez
Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior