



Committee Members Present

Fred Jung, Chair
Vicente Sarmiento, Vice Chair
Valerie Amezcua
Lauren Kleiman
Stephanie Klopfenstein
Carlos Leon
Janet Nguyen
Tam T. Nguyen

Staff Present

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Erin Galang, Clerk of the Board Specialist Assistant
Angel Garfio, Employee Rotation Program
Cassie Trapesonian, Assistant General Counsel
OCTA Staff

Committee Members Absent

None

Call to Order

The June 16, 2026, meeting of the Special Transit Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Jung at 9:01 a.m.

Chair Jung requested that Staff address Regular Calendar Item 7, followed by Discussion Item 10, then Regular Calendar Items 8 and 9, and finally, the Consent Calendar.

Consent Calendar (Items 1 through 5)

A motion was made by Chair Jung, seconded by Director Klopfenstein, and declared passed by those present to approve the Consent Calendar (Items 1 through 5).

Director Leon was not present to vote on these items.

1. Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the May 14, 2026, Transit Committee meeting.

2. Amendments to Cooperative Agreements with Agencies Participating in the Senior Mobility Program

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute amendments to cooperative agreements with 32 cities participating in the Senior Mobility Program to exercise the five-year option term of the agreements, through June 30, 2031.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute amendments to cooperative agreements with the three nonprofit agencies participating in the Senior Mobility Program to exercise the five-year option term of the agreements, through June 30, 2031.



- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3259 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Abrazar, Inc., in the amount of \$99,431, to provide funding through June 30, 2027.

- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 6 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3260 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Korean American Senior Association of Orange County, in the amount of \$122,243, to provide funding through June 30, 2027.

- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3261 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Southland Integrated Services, Inc., in the amount of \$107,485, to provide funding through June 30, 2027.

3. Amendments to Cooperative Transit Agreements for the Provision of Special Transit Services

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2287 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and North County Senior Services, LLC, doing business as Acacia Adult Day Services to continue transportation services in the amount of \$114,169.20 and to adjust the per-trip rate to \$26.70, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. There is no increase to the maximum obligation of the agreement.

- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2288 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Alzheimer's Family Center to continue transportation services in the amount of \$123,327.30 and to adjust the per-trip rate to \$26.70, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. There is no increase to the maximum obligation of the agreement.

- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2289 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Community SeniorServ, doing business as Meals on Wheels Orange County, to continue transportation services in the amount of \$294,794.70, and to adjust the per-trip rate to \$26.70, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$1,043,763.70.



- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2290 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and SoCal Senior Services, LLC, to continue transportation services in the amount of \$340,478.40, and to adjust the per-trip rate to \$26.70, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$1,219,570.40.
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2291 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Orange County Adult Achievement Center, doing business as My Day Counts, to continue transportation services in the amount of \$1,770,904.20, to adjust the per-trip rate to \$26.70, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$5,107,518.20

4. August 2026 OC Bus Service Change

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

5. 2026 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and Call for Projects

- A. Approve the guidelines for the 2026 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.
- B. Authorize staff to issue the 2026 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program call for projects.

Regular Calendar

6. Award for the Purchase of Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Tank Kits

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Kleiman and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C250095 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Hexagon Agility FleetCare, LLC, in the amount of \$2,723,165, for the purchase of up to 48 compressed natural gas fuel tank kits for 40-foot buses.

Director Leon was not present to vote on this item.

7. Amendment to Agreements for the OC Streetcar Project

Jeff Mills, Director of Capital Project Delivery, provided a verbal report on this item.



A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by those present, to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 37 to Agreement No. C-4-1854 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$4,203,298, and extend the agreement term through June 30, 2027, for continued program management consultant services. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$53,503,298.

- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 27 to Agreement No. C-6-0926 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and PGH Wong Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$4,911,485, and extend the agreement term through June 30, 2027, for continued construction management consultant services. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$54,099,089.

- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-8-2039 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Herzog Transit Services, Inc., in the amount of \$3,622,696, to align the start-up and pre-revenue service contract terms with the revised project schedule for operations and maintenance services. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$63,112,418.

- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 11 to Agreement No. C-6-1445 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Siemens Mobility, Inc., in the amount of \$3,051,300, and extend the agreement term through July 14, 2028, for storage of vehicles and spare parts, special tools and test equipment, project extension, and additional design and integration services for a computer-aided dispatch and automatic vehicle location system. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$57,945,077.

Director Janet Nguyen abstained from this item.



8. Term Sheet Agreement with the City of Newport Beach for the Potential Relocation of the Newport Transportation Center

Rose Casey, Executive Director of Planning, and Katie Persons, Department Manager of Transit Planning, provided a presentation on this item.

The committee discussed a non-binding term sheet with the City of Newport Beach to evaluate the potential relocation of the Newport Transit Center (NTC). Key points include:

- The city would fund 100% of the costs for a comparable replacement transit center.
- There would be multiple decision points and "off-ramps" throughout the process.
- Relocation could occur no earlier than 2031, pending all approvals.
- Necessary steps include an environmental review, FTA approvals, funding plans, and establishing operational readiness.

Members discussed whether the term sheet should be binding and whether there is justification for relocating a well-functioning transit center.

The significance of rider outreach and compliance with federal requirements.

A motion was made by Director Kleiman, seconded by Director Janet Nguyen, and declared passed by the members present to:

- A. Direct staff to enter into an agreement with Newport Beach within 30 days to relocate the Newport Transit Center, with the understanding that the City of Newport Beach will be responsible for relocation costs for a functionally equivalent transit center, and take all reasonable actions necessary to advance toward the goal of relocation with a target completion date of 2031, with the key inclusion of being subject to environmental regulatory Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors and Newport Beach City Council approval.
- B. Direct staff to bring the completed study back with the site relocation recommendation by November 30, 2026, while keeping all actions subject to environmental review and future approvals.

Director Sarmiento opposed this item.

Director Tam Nguyen abstained on this item.

Director Leon was not present to vote on this item.



9. Amendment to the Agreement for the Newport Transportation Center Relocation Feasibility Study

Rose Casey, Executive Director of Planning, and Katie Persons, Department Manager of Transit Planning, provided a verbal report on this item.

The Committee explored expanding the feasibility study to include up to five additional sites in southwest Orange County: Costa Mesa, Irvine, Santa Ana, and Newport Beach.

Key discussion points included:

Balancing a broader search area with the need to maintain an accelerated schedule.

Concerns about extending the study's timeline.

Identifying a site that meets Federal Transit Administration requirements by demonstrating a transit benefit over the current location.

A motion was made by Director Lauren Kleiman, seconded by Director Janet Nguyen, and declared passed by those present, to approve the study scope amendment with the direction to remove the current Avocado Avenue site from consideration, in addition to any sites that the project development team has deemed potentially infeasible, if any, and new sites to be studied may be within southwest Orange County but outside of the City of Newport Beach.

Director Sarmiento opposed this item.

Director Tam Nguyen abstained on this item.

Director Leon was not present to vote on this item.

Discussion Items

10. Newport Transportation Center Relocation Feasibility Study Update

Dan Phu, Director of Planning, and Katie Persons, Department Manager of Transit Planning, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

11. Marketing and Communications Update

Amelia Hsu, Section Manager of Marketing and Customer Engagement, provided a presentation on this item.



No action was taken on this item.

12. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments received.

13. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

- Special World Cup bus service
- Temporary shutdown and service delays on rail service in San Clemente due to king tides
- Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee deemed OCTA in compliance for the 35th year in a row

14. Committee Members' Reports

Director Amezcua announced a Coffee with the Mayor event to be held in Santa Ana on June 20, 2026.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held:

9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2026

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550 South Main Street
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