



**Committee Members Present**

Katrina Foley, Vice Chair  
Doug Chaffee  
Fred Jung  
Kathy Tavoularis  
Mark Tetteimer

**Staff Present**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior  
Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board  
Andrea West, Clerk of the Board  
James Donich, General Counsel  
OCTA Staff

**Committee Members Absent**

Donald P. Wagner, Chair  
Janet Nguyen

**Call to Order**

The April 16, 2026 Legislative Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Vice Chair Foley at 9:30 a.m.

**Special Calendar**

**1. Conference Call with State Legislative Advocate Moira Topp**

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

No action was taken on this item.

**Consent Calendar (Item 2)**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Tetteimer, and declared passed by those present to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2026 Legislative and Communications Committee meeting.

**Regular Calendar**

**3. State Legislative Status Report**

Kristin Jacinto, Executive Director of Government Relations, and Clara Brotcke, Government Relations Representative, provided a report on this item.

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

- A. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 1855 (Gonzalez, R-Indio), which would expand California Environmental Quality Act exemptions for passenger rail projects.



- B. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 1944 (Lee, D-Milpitas), which would establish a phased extension of axle weight allowances for zero-emission transit buses to support fleet transition requirements.
- C. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 2513 (Petrie-Norris, D-Irvine), which would expand eligibility for regional wildfire resilience funds.
- D. Adopt an OPPOSE position on AB 2560 (Schultz, D-Burbank), which would codify the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure goals and apply them to major state transportation funding programs.
- E. Adopt a SUPPORT position on AB 2576 (Harabedian, D-Pasadena), which would delay implementation timelines associated with SB 79 (Chapter 512, Statutes of 2025).
- F. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 935 (Choi, R-Irvine), which would indefinitely extend design-build authority for local agencies.
- G. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 1167 (Blakespear, D-Encinitas), which would clarify the definition of electric bicycles and establish enhanced labeling, disclosure, and safety requirements.
- H. Adopt an OPPOSE position on SB 1423 (Stern, D-Sherman Oaks), which would require a minimum allocation of State Transportation Improvement Program funds to “safe streets” projects and modify the Active Transportation Program.

#### **4. Federal Legislative Status Report**

Kristin Jacinto, Executive Director of Government Relations, provided a report on this item.

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

#### **Discussion Items**

##### **5. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

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

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the Mayor's Forums and Bus Commute Calculator for Earth Day.



**7. Committee Members' Reports**

Director Chaffee thanked staff for the excellent information at the District Four Mayors Forum.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

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

**9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2026**

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California

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Sahara Meisenheimer  
Clerk of the Board Specialist