



Call to Order

The November 24, 2025, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and its affiliated agencies was called to order by Chair Chaffee at 9:30 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, located at 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Directors Present: Doug Chaffee, Chair
Jamey M. Federico, Vice Chair
Valerie Amezcua
William Go
Patrick Harper
Michael Hennessey
Fred Jung
Stephanie Klopfenstein
Carlos A. Leon
Janet Nguyen
Tam T. Nguyen
Vicente Sarmiento
Kathy Tavoularis
Mark Tetteimer
Donald P. Wagner
Lan Zhou

Directors Absent: Katrina Foley
John Stephens

Staff Present: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior
Martin Browne, Employee Rotation Program
James Donich, General Counsel

1. Closed Session

A closed session was held as follows:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, to discuss negotiations with Teamsters Local 952 regarding the maintenance unit. The lead negotiator for the Orange County Transportation Authority is Maggie McJilton, Executive Director of People and Community Engagement and Teamsters Local 952 representative.

James Donich, General Counsel, reported that the Board met in closed session, as detailed earlier in the meeting, to discuss the negotiations with Teamsters Local 952 regarding the maintenance unit.

Mr. Donich reported that a motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Jung, and was declared passed by all those present to approve a contract extension.

The specifics of the contract are as follows:

Employees will receive an immediate \$6,100 lump-sum payment. Their wages will then increase by 3.75 percent in October 2026, 4.5 percent in October 2027, and 6 percent in October 2028. They will also see a 6.5 percent increase in their healthcare plan costs.

All members were present except Directors Foley and Stephens.

Special Calendar

2. Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation for Employees of the Month

Resolutions of Appreciation were presented to Todd Duvall, Coach Operator, Leonardo Villanueva, Maintenance, and Wallace Talbert, Administration, as Employees of the Month for November 2025.

3. Public Hearing for the 2025 Orange County Congestion Management Program Report

(A transcript of this public hearing item is on file in the Clerk of the Board's office.)

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Transportation Analyst Angel Garfio, who presented the item.

The Clerk of the Board read the public hearing notice into the record. Chair Chaffee then opened the public hearing for comments, during which Don Hammonds spoke.

After comments, Chair Chaffee closed the public hearing.

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

- A. Consider comments received during the public hearing on the 2025 Orange County Congestion Management Program Report.
- B. Adopt the 2025 Orange County Congestion Management Program Report.
- C. Direct staff to forward the 2025 Orange County Congestion Management Program Report to the Southern California Association of Governments for a finding of regional consistency.

4. Adopt Resolution of Necessity for the State Route 91 Improvement Project Between State Route 57 and State Route 55

Mr. Johnson, CEO, and James Donich, General Counsel, provided opening comments.

Jeff Mills, Director of Capital Project Delivery, presented this item.

A comment was received via email from Michael Kehoe. In addition, a public comment was heard from Don Hammonds.

A motion was made by Director Jung, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by all those present to adopt Resolution of Necessity No. 2025-083 to authorize and direct General Counsel to prepare, commence, and prosecute a proceeding in eminent domain for the purpose of acquiring necessary right-of-way and real property interests for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between State Route 57 and State Route 55.

Director Janet Nguyen abstained from voting on this item.

Directors Hennessey and Sarmiento were not present to vote on this item.

5. Update on Emergency Need for Railroad Track Stabilization in the Vicinity of Mile Post 203.83 to 204.40 and 206.00 to 206.70 on the Orange Subdivision

James G. Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, provided an update on this item.

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Vice Chair Federico, and declared passed by all those present to reaffirm Resolution No. 2025-068 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take all necessary actions to address the emergency need for railroad track stabilization in the vicinity of Mile Post 203.80 to 204.40 and 206.00 to 206.70 on the Orange Subdivision, and to return to the Board of Directors, as required, to report on the status thereof.

Consent Calendar (Items 6 through 24)

6. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2025, Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

7. Amendment to Agreement for Security Officer Services

A public comment was heard from Don Hammonds.

A motion was made by Director Wagner, seconded by Vice Chair Federico, and declared passed by all those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-2-2886 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Inter-Con Security Systems, Inc., to extend the agreement for the remaining six months of the option term, in the amount of \$1,111,370, for continued security officer services at Orange County Transportation Authority facilities. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$2,867,686.

8. Adopt Resolution 2025-074 Designating the Orange County Transportation Authority's Applicant for Federal and State Disaster Assistance

A public comment was heard from Don Hammonds.

A motion was made by Director Wagner, seconded by Vice Chair Federico, and declared passed by all those present to adopt Resolution No. 2025-074 designating the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, and the Chief Financial Officer as Orange County Transportation Authority's agents for executing applications for federal and/or state disaster assistance on behalf of the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Director Leon recused himself from voting on this item.

9. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - September 2025

A public comment was heard from Don Hammonds.

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

10. Orange County Employees Retirement System Early Payment for Fiscal Year 2026-27

A public comment was heard from Don Hammonds.

A motion was made by Director Wagner, seconded by Vice Chair Federico, and declared passed by all those present to authorize the early payment of approximately \$38.1 million by January 15, 2026, to the Orange County Employees Retirement System, for employer contributions for fiscal year 2026-27.

11. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A public comment was heard from Don Hammonds.

No action was taken on this receive and file the fiscal year 2024-25 audited financial statements and independent auditor's report on internal control over financial reporting as information items.

12. Orange County Transportation Authority's 2025-26 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to:

- A. Adopt the revised final draft of the 2025-26 State and Federal Legislative Platforms.
- B. Direct staff to distribute the adopted platforms to elected officials, advisory committees, local governments, affected agencies, the business community, and other interested parties.

Director Leon recused himself from voting on this item.

13. Status Report of State Legislation Enacted in 2025

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to receive and file as an information item.

14. Performance Evaluation of Federal Legislative Advocate, Potomac Partners, DC

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to receive and file the staff evaluation of the federal advocacy services of Potomac Partners, DC as an information item and provide any additional comments.

15. Performance Evaluation of State Legislative Advocate, Topp Strategies

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to receive and file the staff evaluation of the state advocacy services of Topp Strategies as an information item and provide any additional comments.

16. Regional Planning Update

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to receive and file as an information item.

17. Radio Communications Equipment Replacement for OC ACCESS Fleet

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute sole source Agreement No. C255013 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Conduent Transport Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$2,876,847, for the purchase of hardware and services necessary to replace 242 Integrated Vehicle Unit 2100s with the advanced Integrated Vehicle Unit 4000P for the Orange County Transportation Authority's paratransit fleet.

18. First Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Action Plan and Performance Metrics

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to receive and file as an information item.

19. Agreement for the Construction of the Trabuco Rose Gully Repair Project

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-5-4213 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Prestige Prime Engineering, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$344,800, for construction of the Trabuco Rose Gully Repair Project.

20. Consultant Selection for Construction Management Support Services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project Between La Palma Avenue and State Route 55

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to:

- A. Approve the selection of Jacobs Project Management Co. as the firm to provide construction management support services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between La Palma Avenue and State Route 55.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-5-4158 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Jacobs Project Management Co. to provide construction management support services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between La Palma Avenue and State Route 55.

21. Consultant Selection for Construction Management Services for the Inland Slope Rehabilitation Phase II Project

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to:

- A. Approve the recommended selection of Fulcrum Consultants, Inc. as the firm to provide construction management services for the Inland Slope Rehabilitation Phase II Project.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2582 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Fulcrum Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$624,802, to provide construction management services for the Inland Slope Rehabilitation Phase II Project.

22. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for the San Juan Creek Bridge Replacement Project

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-0-2540 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, to reallocate \$2,760,000 in contingency funds and \$1,194,039 in new funding, for construction support services related to the San Juan Creek Bridge Replacement Project.
- B. Authorize the use of up to \$1,194,039 in SB 125 Transit Program accrued interest funds for the San Juan Creek Bridge Replacement 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.

23. Contract Change Orders for Construction of the OC Streetcar Project

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 77.5 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$250,000, for pavement modifications and restoration.

- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 189.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$50,000, for maintenance and storage facility electrical grounding modifications.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 238 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$600,000, for special trackwork bonding.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 296.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$800,000, for emergency walkway modifications.
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 302 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$1,603,812, for earthwork inefficiencies caused by differing site conditions.

Directors Janet Nguyen and Wagner voted in opposition to this item.

24. OC Streetcar Project Quarterly Update

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

Regular Calendar

25. Policy and Framework for the Use of 405 Express Lanes Excess Toll Revenue

Jeff Mills, Director of Capital Project Delivery, presented this item.

A public comment was heard from Don Hammonds.

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to:

- A. Approve the policy and framework for the use of 405 Express Lanes excess toll revenue.
- B. Direct staff to return with a draft 405 Express Lanes Excess Toll Revenue Expenditure Plan.

26. Amendment to the Agreement for Program Management Consultant Services for Capital Programs

A motion was made by Vice Chair Federico, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by all those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 15 to Agreement No. C-2-2855 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Mott MacDonald Group, Inc., in the amount of \$38,774,000, for additional program management consultant services for the Capital Programs Division. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the contract to a total contract value of \$79,299,384.

Director Amezcua voted in opposition to this item.

Director Janet Nguyen abstained from voting on this item.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

Discussion Items**27. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

28. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- OC Bus service will operate on a Sunday/holiday schedule this Thursday, and the OCTA administrative offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Pete Fielding, the Orange County Transit District's first General Manager in 1972, passed away over the weekend. Pete was a transit pioneer whose work greatly shaped our industry.

29. Directors' Reports

There were no Directors' Reports.



30. Adjournment

Chair Chaffee adjourned the meeting in honor of Pete Fielding at 10:46 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m., Monday, December 8, 2025

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California