

**Committee Members Present**

Jamey Federico, Vice Chair  
Jon Dumitru  
Katrina Foley  
John Stephens

**Staff Present**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Allison Cheshire, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior  
Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board  
James Donich, General Counsel

**Committee Members Absent**

Andrew Do, Chair  
Patrick Harper  
Farrah N. Khan

OCTA Staff

**Call to Order**

The August 29, 2024, Regional Transportation Planning Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Vice Chair Federico at 10:33 a.m.

**Consent Calendar (Items 1 through 6)****1. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chair Federico, seconded by Director Dumitru, and declared passed by those present to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024, Regional Transportation Planning Committee meeting.

**2. Consultant Selection for Preparation of the State Route 73 (Bison Avenue to Interstate 405) Multimodal Corridor Feasibility Study**

This item was pulled by staff and Gred Nord, Section Manager, Planning and Analysis, provided a report.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Dumitru, and declared passed by those present to:

- A. Approve the selection of T.Y. Lin International as the firm to prepare the State Route 73 (Bison Avenue to Interstate 405) Multimodal Corridor Feasibility Study.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2171 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and T.Y. Lin International to prepare the State Route 73 (Bison Avenue to Interstate 405) Multimodal Corridor Feasibility Study.



**3. Amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways**

This item was pulled by Director Foley who asked staff to follow up on the continued inclusion of Gisler Street and the 19<sup>th</sup> Street bridge in the plan.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Federico, and declared passed by those present to:

**A. Approve the following Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments:**

County of Orange

1. Reclassify Villa Park Road/Santiago Canyon Road from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to an asymmetric primary (five-lane, divided) arterial between Hewes Street and Cannon Street.
2. Reclassify Santiago Canyon Road from a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between State Route 241 and Live Oak Canyon Road.
3. Reclassify El Toro Road from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial between Live Oak Canyon Road and Pheasant Creek.
4. Reclassify El Toro Road, from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to an asymmetric primary (five-lane, divided) arterial between Pheasant Creek and Portola Parkway.
5. Delete Black Star Canyon Road between Silverado Canyon Road and the Orange County/Riverside County Line.
6. Reclassify Bucker Way from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between Ranch Canyon Road and Coyotes Road.
7. Reclassify Ranch Canyon Road from a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between Bucker Way and Cow Camp Road.

City of Fullerton

8. Reclassify Harbor Boulevard, from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial between Bastanchury Road and Berkeley Avenue.

City of Laguna Hills

9. Reclassify Paseo De Valencia from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between Alicia Parkway and La Paz Road.
10. Reclassify Paseo De Valencia from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between La Paz Road and Cabot Road.



11. Reclassify Cabot Road from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between Paseo de Valencia and El Paseo.

The Master Plan of Arterial Highways will be amended to reflect each approved request contingent upon receipt of documentation confirming that all affected general plans are consistent with the proposed amendment and are compliant with the California Environmental Quality Act. Amendment requests will expire if the Orange County Transportation Authority does not receive such documentation within three years of granting approval.

Should the proposed Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment be modified for any reason after receiving approval, the modified Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment must be returned to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors for reconsideration and action.

- B. Direct the Executive Director of Planning, or his designee, to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for the Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments.
- C. Receive and file a status report on the active Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments.

**4. Active Transportation Program Regional Project Selection Process - Orange County Project Prioritization Methodology**

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chair Federico, seconded by Director Dumitru, and declared passed by those present to approve the Orange County project prioritization methodology for the 2025 Active Transportation Program regional project selection process and future Active Transportation Program cycles.

**5. Cooperative Agreement with the City of Santa Ana for the McFadden Avenue Transit Signal Priority Pilot**

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chair Federico, seconded by Director Dumitru, and declared passed by those present to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-3087 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Santa Ana, in an amount up to \$3,690,000, for the design, construction, and evaluation of the McFadden Avenue Transit Signal Priority Pilot.



- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the recommendations above.

### **6. Acceptance of Grant Awards from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Transportation**

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chair Federico, seconded by Director Dumitru, and declared passed by those present to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the award of \$1,000,000 in Brownfields Multipurpose Grant funding for the OC Connect Garden Grove - Santa Ana rails-to-trails project. Funds will be used for environmental assessment, investigation, planning, and site cleanup activities.
- B. Adopt Orange County Transportation Authority Resolution No. 2024-076 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the \$200,000 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program award for the Zero-Emission Bus Transition Plan, and to confirm the required \$200,000 local match.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute grant-related agreements and documents with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Transportation.
- D. 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.

### **Regular Calendar**

#### **7. Annual Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Update**

Alicia Yang, Senior Project Manager, Planning, provided a presentation on this item.

Director Foley requested that the greenhouse gas emissions data be reflected on Slide 4 of the presentation when the item is presented to the Board of Directors.

No action was taken on this receive and file item.



**8. Coastal Rail Resiliency Programs Update**

Dan Phu, Program Manager, Project Development, and Jim Beil, Executive Director, Capital Programs, provided a presentation on this item.

Public comment was received from Amanda Quintanilla.

A discussion ensued among the Committee Members and staff wherein the Members encouraged staff to continue to work collaboratively with external agencies that can assist in expediting permits for the project areas. In addition, directed staff to seek written letters of support from appropriate members of the Orange County State and Federal delegation.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Federico, and declared passed by those present to direct staff to continue to engage the regulatory agencies (as discussed herein) to identify opportunities to streamline processes and obtain regulatory permits to implement immediately needed solutions.

**Discussion Items**

**9. Public Comments**

Public comment was received from Amanda Quintanilla.

**10. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, reported bus service will operate on a holiday schedule during Labor Day.

**11. Committee Members' Reports**

No reports were offered by the Committee Members.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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

**10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 7, 2024**

OCTA Headquarters

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