



## Call to Order

The August 25, 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 9:31 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, located at 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

**Directors Present:** Doug Chaffee, Chair  
Jamey M. Federico, Vice Chair  
Katrina Foley  
William Go  
Patrick Harper  
Fred Jung  
Stephanie Klopfenstein  
Carlos A. Leon  
Janet Nguyen  
Tam T. Nguyen  
John Stephens  
Kathy Tavoularis  
Mark Tettemer  
Donald P. Wagner  
Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

**Directors Absent:** Valerie Amezcua  
Michael Hennessey  
Vicente Sarmiento

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

## 1. Closed Session

Closed Session was held as follows:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b), to evaluate the performance of the Chief Executive Officer, Darrell E. Johnson.
- B. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, to meet with the designated representative, Chair Doug Chaffee, regarding the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, Darrell E. Johnson.

James Donich, General Counsel, noted there was no report out on this item.

All Members were present except for Directors Amezcua, Hennessey, and Sarmiento.

## Special Calendar

**2. Annual Review and Compensation Adjustment for the Chief Executive Officer, Darrell E. Johnson**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Federico, seconded by Director Tam T. Nguyen, and declared passed by those present, to approve the Chief Executive Officer, Darrell E. Johnson the following:

- Three percent base salary increase
- One-time six percent bonus
- Contract extended by three years

Director Foley voted in favor of the salary increase but abstained from voting on the bonus.

**3. Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation for Employees of the Month**

Resolutions of Appreciation were presented to Cynthia Guardado, Coach Operator, Santos Reyes, Maintenance, and Ricardo Avila, Administration, as Employees of the Month for August 2025.

**4. Adopt 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**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Federico, seconded by Director Tam T. Nguyen, and declared passed by those present to:

- A. Adopt 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.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take any and all necessary actions in regard to agreements with partner public agencies 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.

**Consent Calendar (Items 5 through 14)****5. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2025, Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

**6. Budget Development, Monitoring, and Reporting, Internal Audit Report No. 25-514**

A motion was made by Director Tam T. Nguyen, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present to receive and file Budget Development, Monitoring, and Reporting Internal Audit Report No. 25-514, as an information item.

**7. Agreement for Oversight Services for the 405 Express Lanes Back-Office System/Customer Service Center Operations**

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

- A. Approve the selection of HNTB Corporation as the firm to provide oversight services for the 405 Express Lanes back-office system/ customer service center operations.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-53898 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and HNTB Corporation, in the amount of \$895,000, for a 15-month term, to provide oversight services for the 405 Express Lanes back-office system/customer service center operations.

**8. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - June 2025**

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

**9. 2025 Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer Initiatives and Action Plan - Mid-Year Report**

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

**10. SB 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) State of Good Repair Program and SB 125 (Chapter 54, Statutes of 2023) Transit Program Funding Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and 2026-27**

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

- A. Approve Resolution No. 2025-069 to authorize the use of fiscal year 2025-26 SB 1 State of Good Repair Program funding, which is estimated to provide approximately \$7.542 million, for the following proposed projects:
- Heating-ventilation replacement at the Santa Ana Bus Base (\$1.747 million)
  - Battery-electric chargers at the Santa Ana Bus Base (\$1.290 million)
  - Hydrogen fueling station at the Garden Grove Bus Base (\$4.505 million)
- B. Authorize the use of the following funds for a hydrogen fueling station at the Garden Grove Bus Base:
- Fiscal year 2026-27 SB 1 State of Good Repair (\$3.651 million)
  - SB 125 Transit Program accrued interest (\$0.424 million)
- C. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the above recommendation.

**11. Consultant Selection for Program Management and Construction Management Services for Improvements to Orange County Transportation Authority's Headquarters Property**

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

- A. Approve the selection of Griffin Structures, Inc., as the firm to provide program management and construction management services for improvements to the Orange County Transportation Authority's headquarters property.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C- 5-3977 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Griffin Structures, Inc., to provide program management and construction management services for improvements to the Orange County Transportation Authority's headquarters property.

**12. Oversight and Contract Compliance Related to Public Outreach Activities for the OC Streetcar Project**

This item was pulled by Director Janet Nguyen for questions, and Janet Sutter, Executive Director of Internal Audit, responded.

A motion was made by Chair Chaffee, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present to Direct staff to implement the three recommendations provided in Oversight and Contract Compliance Related to Public Outreach Activities for the OC Streetcar Project, Internal Audit Report No. 25-512.

**13. Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-25 and Planned Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Action Plan and Performance Metrics**

Director Tettemer pulled this item to inquire about the Project D delivery schedule, and requested a status update memo to the Board.

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), responded that a status update will be provided to the Board.

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

**14. Measure M2 Community-Based Transit Circulators Program Project V Ridership Report and Grant Confirmation for the 2024 Balboa Peninsula Trolley**

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

- A. Receive and file the Project V Ridership Report.
- B. Confirm Project V funding for the City of Newport Beach's 2024 Balboa Peninsula Trolley grant of \$3,274,720, consistent with prior Board of Directors' action.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to negotiate, amend, and enter into an agreement with the City of Newport Beach for the grant amount of \$3,274,720 for the Balboa Peninsula Trolley.



## **Regular Calendar**

### **15. OC Streetcar Project Quarterly Update**

Jeff Mills, Director of Capital Project Delivery, and Tresa Oliveri, Community Relations Specialist, Principal, presented this item.

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

## **Discussion Items**

### **16. Public Comments**

The Clerk of the Board's Department received public comments from Craig A. Durfey. The comments were emailed to the Board of Directors on August 24, 2025.

An in-person public comment was received from Paul Hyek.

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

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- 2025 OC Fair Express Service
- Labor Day Operations

### **18. Directors' Reports**

There were no Directors' Reports.

### **19. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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

**9:30 a.m., Monday, September 8, 2025**

OCTA Headquarters, Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California

ATTEST:

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Gina Ramirez  
Assistant Clerk of the Board