



Call to Order

The November 25, 2024, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and affiliated agencies was called to order by Chair Nguyen at 9:00 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Directors Present: Tam T. Nguyen, Chair
Doug Chaffee, Vice Chair
Jon Dumitru
Jamey Federico
Katrina Foley
Patrick Harper
Fred Jung
Farrah N. Khan
Stephanie Klopfenstein
Carlos A. Leon
John Stephens
Mark Tettemer
Donald P. Wagner
Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio, Caltrans, District 12

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
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board
James Donich, General Counsel

Special Calendar

1. Administration of the Oath of Office to New Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors

James Donich, General Counsel, administered the oath of office to new Board Member Carlos A. Leon.

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

Resolutions of Appreciation were presented to Alicia Gonzalez, Coach Operator; William Verduzco, Maintenance; and Sofia Perez, Administration, as Employees of the Month for November 2024.



Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 23)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

4. Conflict of Interest Code and 2024 Annual Statement of Economic Interests Filing

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

- A. Approve the list of designated positions and disclosure categories subject to the Orange County Transportation Authority's Conflict of Interest Code.
- B. Direct the Clerk of the Board to distribute and monitor the 2024 annual Statement of Economic Interests - Form 700 to Members of the Board of Directors and designated positions, to be filed by April 1, 2025.

5. Update on the Loan Agreements with the Cities of Anaheim, Placentia, and the West Orange County Water Board

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to receive and file as an information item.

6. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - September 2024

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to receive and file as an information item.

7. Orange County Employees Retirement System Early Payment for Fiscal Year 2025-26

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to authorize the early payment of approximately \$36.3 million by January 15, 2025, to the Orange County Employees Retirement System, for employer contributions for fiscal year 2025-26.

8. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to receive and file the fiscal year 2023-24 audited financial statements and independent auditor's report on internal controls over financial reporting as informational items.



9. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Renewal

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

- A. Approve the selection of Crayon Software Experts, LLC to provide the Microsoft Enterprise renewal license for all of the Orange County Transportation Authority's Microsoft software.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C42565 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Crayon Software Experts, LLC, in the amount of \$8,204,212, for the renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for a three-year term.

10. Agreement for Federal Legislative Advocacy and Consulting Services

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

- A. Approve the selection of Potomac Partners DC to provide federal legislative advocacy and consulting services.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2285 with Potomac Partners DC, in the amount of \$540,000, for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026, with two, two-year option terms, to perform federal legislative advocacy and consulting services.

11. Status Report of State Legislation Enacted in 2024

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to receive and file as an information item.

12. Final 2025-26 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

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

- A. Adopt the revised 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.



13. Acceptance of Grant Award from Department of the Homeland Security Transit Security Grant Program

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the award of \$116,600 in Federal Emergency Management Agency funding awarded by the Department of Homeland Security through the Transit Security Grant Program and execute grant-related agreements and documents with the Department of Homeland Security.
- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, as well as execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the recommendation above.

14. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Corrective Action Plans

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

- A. Approve Resolution 2024-084 to authorize the use of prior year Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds and interest earnings estimated at \$3,736,809 for the Youth Ride Free Program and for new or expanded OC Bus Rapid services (recognized as Bravo! 553 Bus Service Operating Subsidy in the funding program).
- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program as well as negotiate and execute any necessary agreements with regional, state, or federal agencies to facilitate the recommendation above.

15. Draft Orange County Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to direct staff to finalize the Draft Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan.

16. Funding Recommendations for the 2024 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

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

- A. Approve the award of \$8,623,864 million in local funding to 22 applications submitted for consideration of funding through the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.



- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute cooperative agreements with awarded applicants to receive funding through the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.
- C. Authorize staff to utilize the contingency list for capital applications if an awarded capital project is cancelled and direct unused program funding to support OC ACCESS service.

17. Approval to Release Invitation for Bids for Replacement of Mechanical Units at the Santa Ana Bus Base

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to approve the release of Invitation for Bids 4-2550 for the replacement of mechanical units at the Santa Ana Bus Base.

18. Integration of the Conduent OrbCAD Computer-Aided Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location System with the L3Harris Technologies, Inc. Symphony Dispatch Consoles

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute sole source Agreement No. C-4-2429 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and L3Harris Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$761,000 for the integration of the Conduent OrbCAD Computer-Aided Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location system with the L3Harris Symphony dispatch console.

19. Agreement for Payment Processing Services to Support the OC Bus Fare Collection Systems

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

- A. Approve the selection of Elavon Inc., as the firm to provide payment processing services for the fare collection system for the Orange County Transportation Authority's fixed-route bus system.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C42563 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Elavon, Inc., in the amount of \$617,728, for a two-and-a-half-year initial term with two, two-year option-terms to provide payment processing services for the fare collection system for the Orange County Transportation Authority's fixed-route bus system.



20. Agreement for the Replacement of Fareboxes and Related Fare Collection Equipment

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

- A. Approve the selection of LECIP Inc. as the firm to develop and implement replacement fareboxes and related fare collection equipment for the Orange County Transportation Authority's fixed-route bus system.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2110 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and LECIP Inc., in the amount of \$12,287,429, for a six-and-a-half-year initial term with one, five-year option-term for the development and implementation of replacement fareboxes and related fare collection equipment for the Orange County Transportation Authority's fixed-route bus system.

21. Amendment to the Agreement for Contracted Fixed-Route Bus Services

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement C-2-2578 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Keolis Transit Services, LLC, in the amount of \$2,217,968, to allow reimbursement of additional maintenance costs, a maintenance software system with support equipment and labor, and to revise certain performance standards within the agreement.

22. Award the Purchase of Battery-Electric Bus Chargers

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C-3-3067 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and OneSource Distributors, LLC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$2,194,794, for up to 11 battery chargers for 40-foot battery-electric buses.

23. Approval to Release Invitation for Bids for Lease and Full Service of Bus Tires

A motion was made by Director Dumitru, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present to approve the release of Invitation for Bids 4-2552, for the lease and full-service of bus tires.



Regular Calendar

24. Amendment to Fare Policy

Sean Murdock, Director of Finance and Administration, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

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

- A. Approve the implementation of daily and monthly fare caps at the current cost of passes, which is \$5 for the day pass and \$69 for the monthly pass.
- B. Approve the implementation of a free two-hour transfer period.
- C. Approve Orange County Transportation Authority's Schedule of Tariffs dated July 9, 2025.

Director Wagner voted in opposition to this item.;

25. Award the Purchase of Zero-Emission Buses

Cliff Thorne, Director of Maintenance, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

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

- A. Approve the selection of New Flyer of America Inc. as the firm to provide 40 fuel-cell electric buses intended to replace 40 compressed natural gas buses that have exceeded their useful life.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C-3-3021 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and New Flyer of America Inc., in the amount of \$63,594,512 for the purchase of up to 40, 40-foot fuel-cell electric buses.
- C. Approve the selection of New Flyer of America Inc. as the firm to provide ten battery-electric buses intended to replace ten compressed natural gas buses that have exceeded their useful life.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Purchase Order No. C-3-3022 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and New Flyer of America Inc., in the amount of \$13,870,388, for the purchase of up to ten, 40-foot battery-electric buses.



26. Excess Liability Insurance Renewal

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided opening comments and introduced Greg Bych, Department Manager, Risk Management, who presented this item.

A substitute motion was made by Director Stephens, seconded by Director Federico, and approved by those present with the following actions:

- Remain self-insured for six months and return to the Board of Directors with additional information, including self-insured retention (SIR).
- Explore and evaluate various scenarios, including SIR levels and the impact on market response.
- Develop a plan for a fully self-insured retention fund to ensure a sustainable self-insurance approach for the future.

Director Foley requested that staff include a chart outlining the pros and cons in the report when this item returns to the Board of Directors' meeting.

27. OC Bus Riders Safety Perception Survey

Ryan Maloney, Section Manager of Marketing and Customer Service, introduced Chris Tatham, CEO of ETC Institute, who co-presented a PowerPoint presentation.

28. Public Comments

The Clerk of the Board's Department received public comments from Craig Durfey, Amy Culligan, and Kimberly Godin. The comments were emailed to the Board of Directors on November 25, 2024 at 5:50 a.m. and will be retained as part of the record for today's Board meeting.

In-person comments were heard from Paul Hyek and Karen Nolta.

29. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO, provided a report on the following:

- OCTA received an unmodified opinion on Item #8, Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports on Internal Controls over Financial Reporting.
- OC Bus service will operate on a Sunday/Holiday schedule this Thursday, and OCTA's administrative offices will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



30. Directors' Reports

Director Stephens mentioned that OCTA now has cameras at the dais and looks forward to going live.

Director Leon thanked the Board members for the warm welcome and he looks forward to working with everyone.

31. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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

9:00 a.m., on Monday, December 9, 2024

OCTA Headquarters
Board Room
550 South Main Street
Orange, California

ATTEST:

Gina Ramirez
Assistant Clerk of the Board