



Call to Order

The January 27, 2025, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and affiliated agencies was called to order by Chair Chaffee at 9:30 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Directors Present:

Doug Chaffee, Chair
Jamey M. Federico, Vice Chair
Valerie Amezcua
Mike Carroll
Jon Dumitru
Katrina Foley
Patrick Harper
Michael Hennessey
Fred Jung
Stephanie Klopfenstein
Carlos A. Leon
Janet Nguyen
Tam T. Nguyen
Vicente Sarmiento
John Stephens
Mark Tettemer
Donald P. Wagner
Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Andrea West, Clerk of the Board
Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist

Closed Session

1. Closed Session

A Closed Session was held as follows:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Conference with General Counsel - Existing Litigation - Orange County Transportation Authority v. Omar Deen, et al. - OCSC Case No. 30-2021-01214128.

All Board Members were present.

There was no report out on this item.



Special Calendar

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

Resolutions of Appreciation were presented to Manuel Garcia, Coach Operator, Daniel Gonzales, Maintenance, and Ronald Wolf, Administration, as Employees of the Month for January 2025.

3. 2025 Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer Initiatives and Action Plan

Chair Chaffee and Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, provided a report on this item.

Director Foley requested to add the planning of FIFA to the first quarter milestones and to move the coastal rail objectives from the second quarter to the first quarter milestones. She also asked that the coastal rail objective be more specific on planning aspects.

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

4. Sacramento Advocate Presentation

Moira Topp of Topp Strategies provided an overview of anticipated transportation-related policy and funding discussions by the Administration and the California State Legislature during the first year of the 2025-26 Regular Session.

Consent Calendar (Items 5 through 13)

5. Approval of Minutes

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.
- B. Approve a correction to Item # 11 on the October 9, 2023, Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting minutes to reflect the amended recommendations as voted on by the Board.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

6. Approval of 2025 Orange County Transportation Authority Board Committees and External Agencies' Assignments

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



- A. Approve the Chair's assignments for the 2025 Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors' committees comprised of the Executive, Finance and Administration, Legislative and Communications, Regional Transportation Planning, State Route 91 Advisory, Transit, and Environmental Oversight committees.
- B. Receive the Chair's assignments for the 2025 external agencies comprised of the California Association of Councils of Governments, Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency, Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, Southern California Association of Governments' Regional Council, Orange County Council of Governments, and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

7. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Single Audit and Agreed-Upon Procedures Reports

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by those present to receive and file the fiscal year 2023-24 Single Audit and agreed-upon procedures reports as information items.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

8. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Internal Audit Plan, Second Quarter Update

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by those present to receive and file the second quarter update to the Orange County Transportation Authority Internal Audit Department Fiscal Year 2024-25 Internal Audit Plan as an information item.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

9. Employee Compensation, Internal Audit Report No. 25-507

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by those present to direct staff to implement two recommendations provided in Employee Compensation, Internal Audit Report No. 25-507.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

10. Fiscal Year 2024-25 First Quarter Budget Status Report

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by those present to approve a budget amendment to the fiscal year 2024-25 405 Express Lanes Budget, reducing it from \$57,230,430 to \$42,603,879.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.



11. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - November 2024

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

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

12. Measure M2 Community-Based Transit Circulators Program Project V Ridership Report

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Amezcua, and declared passed by those present to receive and file the Project V Ridership Report as an information item.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

13. Cooperative Agreement with the City of Santa Ana for the First Street Multimodal Boulevard Study

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-2053 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Santa Ana, in an amount up to \$4,300,000, for the First Street Multimodal Boulevard Study.

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

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

Regular Calendar

14. OC Streetcar Project Quarterly Update

Jeff Mills, Capital Programs, and Tresa Oliveri, Public Outreach, provided a presentation on this item.

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



Discussion Items

15. Proposed State Route 241/91 Express Connector Update

Kirk Avila, General Manager, Express Lanes, provided a presentation on this item.

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

16. Public Comments

Paul Hyek provided a public comment.

17. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO, provided a report on Fitch Ratings reaffirming OCTA's AA+ rating with Stable Outlook for the Measure M Sales Tax Revenue Bonds.

18. Directors' Reports

Director Tam Nguyen commented on the number of milestones this year.

19. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m., on Monday, February 10, 2025

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California