



Committee Members Present

Katrina Foley, Vice Chair
Jon Dumitru
Tam T. Nguyen
Mark Tettemer

Staff Present

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist
Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Andrea West, Clerk of the Board
James Donich, General Counsel
OCTA Staff

Committee Members Absent

Fred Jung
Donald P. Wagner, Chair

Call to Order

The October 17, 2024, regular meeting of the Legislative and Communications Committee was called to order by Committee Vice Chair Foley at 9:00 a.m.

Special Calendar

1. Conference Call with State Legislative Advocate Moira Topp

Moira Topp, State Legislative Advocate, provided an update on this item.

No action was taken on this item.

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 5)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Tettemer, seconded by Director Nguyen, and declared passed by those present to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 Legislative and Communications Committee Meeting.

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

A motion was made by Director Tettemer, seconded by Director Nguyen, and declared passed by 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.

4. Performance Evaluation of State Legislative Advocate, Topp Strategies

A motion was made by Director Tettemer, seconded by Director Nguyen, and declared passed by 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.



5. Agreement for 2026 Long-Range Transportation Plan Public Outreach Consultant

Director Dumitru pulled this item and asked for a presentation.

Chris Boucly, Senior Department Manager of External Affairs, gave an overview on this item and summarized the recommendations.

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

- A. Approve the selection of Arellano Associates, LLC, as the firm to provide public outreach services for the 2026 Long-Range Transportation Plan.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2295 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Arellano Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$350,000, for a two-year initial term with one, one-year option term, to provide public outreach services for the 2026 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Director Dumitru voted in opposition.

Regular Calendar

6. Draft 2025-26 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

Alexis Carter, Government Relations Representative, provided a report on this item.

Following a discussion, Committee Vice Chair Foley provided her feedback to be included in staff's recommendations (recommendations B and C were added).

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

- A. Direct staff to move forward with the recommended revisions to the draft 2025-26 Orange County Transportation Authority State and Federal Legislative Platforms and incorporate any feedback from the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors, returning to the Board of Directors for final adoption at a later date.
- B. Under the Federal Legislative Platform, include a principle to support for regulations to allow for joint procurement processes for federally funded projects.



- C. Under the State Legislative Platform, add language related to supporting separate and distinct sand nourishment permits.

7. Diversity Outreach Update

Ted Nguyen, Senior Section Manager of Public Outreach, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

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

Discussion Items

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments received.

9. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the following:

- Diversity Community Leaders' quarterly Meeting
- Award from Engineering News Record's for the 405 Improvement Project in the Best Highway/Bridge category.

10. Committee Members' Reports

There were no Committee Members' reports.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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

9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2024

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California

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Sahara Meisenheimer
Clerk of the Board Specialist