



June 15, 2023

To: Legislative and Communications Committee
From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Accessible Transit Advisory Committee Annual Update and Member Appointments

Overview

The Accessible Transit Advisory Committee was formed to advise the Orange County Transportation Authority on the transportation needs of seniors and persons with disabilities. The member appointment status and a summary of the committee's activities during the past year are provided with this report.

Recommendation

Receive and file the Accessible Transit Advisory Committee status report.

Background

On January 13, 1992, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board), concurrent with approving the OCTA 1992 Complementary Paratransit Plan as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, established a standing citizens' committee, the Accessible Transit Advisory Committee (ATAC), to advise OCTA on the transportation needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Discussion

The ATAC's mission is to advise OCTA on the promotion of integrated public transit services and to improve communication between OCTA and seniors as well as customers with disabilities. ATAC members also provide support for OC ACCESS service eligibility appeals. The ATAC is comprised of 34 members appointed by the OCTA Board. Members serve staggered three-year terms and meet quarterly.

Beginning in February 2023, Board Members were contacted with current recruitment information for their respective appointees, including existing ATAC

members interested in reappointment and member resignations. The recruitment is now complete. Board Members have reappointed existing members and/or appointed new members to begin service on July 1, 2023, or have appointments pending (Attachment A).

As a reflection of OCTA's appreciation to members who will be leaving the committee, resolutions of appreciation have been prepared to thank them for their contribution.

During the past year, the ATAC met four times to review and provide feedback on a variety of OCTA programs and topics. Key presentation and discussion topics for this past year included:

- OC ACCESS program update
- OC ACCESS eligibility/mobility management service
- Senior Mobility Program
- Making Better Connections Study
- Trapeze EZ Wallet
- OC ACCESS policy
- Transit training program
- OC ACCESS fleet mix
- OC ACCESS reservations process
- OC Streetcar
- New OC ACCESS Riders Guide
- Contracted fixed-route bus service

Summary

The ATAC continues to serve in an advisory and advocacy role on transit issues of importance for seniors and persons with disabilities throughout the year. ATAC members have contributed substantially to the work of OCTA in the past year. With the recruitment process for fiscal year 2023-24 now complete, OCTA Board Members have either reappointed existing ATAC members or appointed new members. Members who are not continuing on the committee will receive resolutions of appreciation to thank them for their time and efforts.

Attachment

- A. Orange County Transportation Authority Accessible Transit Advisory
Committee Roster Fiscal Year 2023-24

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