



MINUTES

Regional Transportation Planning Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present

Stephanie Klopfenstein, Chair
John Stephens, Vice Chair
Katrina Foley
William Go
Patrick Harper
Kathy Tavoularis

Staff Present

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Allison Cheshire, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior
Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Martin Browne, Employee Rotation Program
James Donich, General Counsel
OCTA Staff

Committee Members Absent

Jamey M. Federico

Call to Order

The October 6, 2025, Regional Transportation Planning Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Klopfenstein at 10:30 a.m.

Consent Calendar (Items 1 through 5)

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Harper, and declared passed by those present to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2025, Regional Transportation Planning meeting.

2. Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 5 and State Route 91

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Harper, and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-4264 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$139,597,000, for construction capital and construction management support services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91.

3. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs - Project X Tier 1 2025 Call for Projects Programming Recommendations

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Harper, and declared passed by those present to approve the award of \$3,088,766 in Tier 1 Environmental Cleanup Program funding for eight projects.



4. 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program

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

- A. Approve the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program submittal of eight projects for \$151.742 million, from fiscal year 2026-27 through fiscal year 2030-31.
- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the State Transportation Improvement Program and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the recommendations above.

5. Amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways

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

- A. Conditionally approve the following amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways:
 - City of Dana Point - Modify ten MPAH arterials within City of Dana Point city limits as discussed herein.
 - City of Laguna Niguel - Reclassify La Paz Road from a primary (four-lane, divided) to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between Aliso Creek Road and Crown Valley Parkway.
- B. Direct the Executive Director of Planning to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for the Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments in the City of Dana Point.
- C. Direct the Executive Director of Planning to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act in support of the Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment in the City of Laguna Niguel.
- D. Receive and file a status report on the active Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments.



Regular Calendar

6. Update on the Interstate 5/EI Toro Road Interchange Improvement Project and Direction to Complete the Environmental Documentation

Niall Barrett, Program Manager, Capital Projects Delivery and Chris Boucly, Senior Department Manager of Public Outreach, provided a presentation.

A motion was made by Director Go, seconded by Director Tavoularis, and declared passed by those present to direct staff to advance project development and the selection of the project preferred alternative, and to complete the environmental phase in late 2026.

7. Coastal Rail Resiliency Study Update

Dan Phu, Director, Strategic Planning and Rebekah Soto, Program Manager, Planning and Analysis provided a presentation.

A motion was made by Director Harper, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Stephens, and declared passed by those present, to direct staff to advance the study with the refined range of Alternative Concepts, continue collaborating with key stakeholders for further analysis, and actively engage the public to solicit input.

Director Foley abstained from voting on this 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:

- 2026 Long Range Transportation Plan
- OC WAVE card launch on October 15, 2025

10. Committee Members' Reports

Director Harper discussed the OCTA Rodeo on October 11, 2025.

Director Foley discussed the University of California, Irvine's (UCI) 'Vision for Future' and encouraged OCTA staff to meet with UCI staff to review transportation options for staff and students.



11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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

10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025

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550 South Main Street
Orange, California.