



## **Call to Order**

The February 12, 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  
Ashleigh Aitken  
Valerie Amezcua  
Andrew Do  
Jon Dumitru  
Jamey Federico  
Katrina Foley  
Patrick Harper  
Michael Hennessey  
Fred Jung  
Farrah N. Khan  
Stephanie Klopfenstein  
John Stephens  
Donald P. Wagner

**Directors Absent:** Vicente Sarmiento

**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  
James Donich, General Counsel

### **1. Closed Session**

A Closed Session was held pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 to discuss collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the Transportation Communications International Union regarding the parts/stock room clerks and facilities maintenance employee unit. The lead negotiator for the Orange County Transportation Authority is Maggie McJilton, Executive Director of People and Community Engagement and Transportation Communications International Union representative. James Donich, General Counsel, noted there was no report out on this item.

Chair Nguyen, Vice Chair Chaffee, Directors Aitken, Amezcua, Dumitru, Federico, Foley, Harper, Hennessey, Jung, Khan, Klopfenstein, Stephens, and Wagner were present.

There was no report out on this item.

**2. Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer Initiatives and Action Plan**

Chair Nguyen provided an overview of the 2024 Board of Directors Initiatives.

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), gave an overview of his efforts to support the Board Initiatives through the CEO's Initiatives and Action Plan, consisting of 107 specific milestones for which reports will be provided quarterly.

Public comments were heard from Lisa Grant, Joe Wilson, and Suzie Whitelaw

**Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 21)**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed, by those present, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024, Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

**4. Audit Responsibilities of the Finance and Administration Committee**

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed, by those present, to Approve the audit responsibilities of the Finance and Administration Committee.

**5. Accounts Payable Operations, Internal Audit Report No. 23-504**

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed, by those present, to direct staff to implement two recommendations provided in Accounts Payable Operations, Internal Audit Report No. 23-504.

**6. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Internal Audit Plan, Second Quarter Update**

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Foley, 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 2023-24 Internal Audit Plan as an information item.

**7. Amendment to Agreement for Service and Maintenance of Security Systems**

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed, by those present, to Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-2-2893 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Converjint Technologies, LLC, in the amount of \$468,333, for additional project support services. Amending this agreement will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$708,333.

**8. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - December 2023**

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

**9. Proposed Revisions to Orange County Transportation Authority's Procurement Policies and Procedures**

Director Foley pulled this item to state how pleased she is that staff added this to the policy.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed, by those present, to Adopt the proposed revisions to the Orange County Transportation Authority's Procurement Policies and Procedures and authorize staff to implement the recommended changes related to piggybacking.

**10. Orange County Transportation Authority State and Federal Grant Programs - Update and Recommendations**

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

- A. Approve one change request from the City of San Clemente for a Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program project, contingent on final approval by the Southern California Association of Governments.
- B. Approve one technical correction request from Access California Services for an Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program project.
- C. Authorize staff to request that the Southern California Association of Governments make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute any required agreements or amendments to facilitate the recommendations above.

**11. 2023 Orange County Complete Streets Program Project Prioritization**

Director Foley pulled this item to make comments.

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

- A. Approve the 2023 Orange County Complete Streets Program project prioritization recommendations.

- B. Authorize submittal of 2023 Orange County Complete Streets Program projects to the Southern California Association of Governments to be considered for final project selection, with four projects contingent on the approval of amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to provide concurrence on future project scope changes, extension requests, and substitutions to the Southern California Association of Governments as needed for the 2023 Orange County Complete Streets Program projects.
- D. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program to facilitate the above actions.

Director Jung was not present to vote on this item.

**12. 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Financial Plan**

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

- A. Authorize the submittal of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program project list and financial plan for the fiscal year 2024-25 through fiscal year 2029-30 to the Southern California Association of Governments.
- B. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program to facilitate the programming of projects.
- C. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-001 of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Transportation Authority.

**13. Amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways**

Director Foley pulled this item to inquire about the removal of bridges from the Master Plan.

Mr. Johnson, CEO stated that staff is happy to meet with the cities and provide traffic analysis. However, how the cities manage their own general plan and traffic elements.

Kia Mortazavi, Executive Director of Planning, responded that the bridge is in the right-of-way reserve status pending implementation of mitigations and staff will provide an update at a later date.

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

- A. Conditionally approve the proposed amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways for the facilities listed below within the City of Anaheim:
  - 1. Reclassify Disney Way, from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to a primary (four-lane divided) arterial, between Harbor Boulevard and Anaheim Boulevard.
  - 2. Remove Gene Autry Way, an unconstructed major (six-lane, divided) arterial, between Harbor Boulevard and Haster Street.
  - 3. Remove Clementine Street, an unconstructed secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial, between Katella Avenue and Orangewood Avenue.

Final approval of the proposed amendment is contingent upon the Orange County Transportation Authority receiving documentation that the City of Anaheim has amended its general plan and has complied with the California Environmental Quality Act requirements.

Should the proposed Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment not be reflected within an approved general plan within three years, the conditional approval will expire, and it must be returned to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors for reconsideration and action in order to proceed.

Should the proposed Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment be modified for any reason after receiving conditional approval, the modified Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment will be returned to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors for reconsideration and action.

- B. Direct the Executive Director of Planning, or his designee, to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for the Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments.
- C. Receive and file a status report on the active Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments.

#### **14. Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2023-24 Capital Action Plan Performance Metrics**

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

**15. Consultant Selection for Construction Management Support Services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project Between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue**

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

- A. Approve the selection of Arcadis U.S., Inc. as the firm to provide construction management support services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-3-2827 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Arcadis U.S., Inc., to provide construction management support services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue.

**16. Amendment to Agreement for Construction Management Support Services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project Between State Route 73 to Oso Parkway**

Director Foley pulled this item to get an update for the public.

Niall Barrett, Program Manager, provided an update on this item.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed, by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. C-8-1969 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Arcadis U.S., Incorporated, in the amount of \$2,230,587, for additional construction management support services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project between State Route 73 to Oso Parkway, and extend the agreement term through December 1, 2025. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$13,205,510.

**17. Contract Change Order for Construction of the OC Streetcar Project**

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed, by those present, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 28.3 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$1,425,000, for schedule impacts associated with time impact evaluation no. 07 for the OC Streetcar project.

Directors Dumitru and Wagner voted in opposition to this item.

**18. Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program (Project X) - 2024 Tier 1 and Tier 2 Grant Program Call for Projects**

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

- A. Approve the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs guidelines for the Environmental Cleanup Program.
- B. Authorize staff to issue the 2024 Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 call for projects.
- C. Authorize staff to issue the 2024 Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 2 call for projects.

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

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

**20. Measure M2 Annual Eligibility Review**

Director Hennessey pulled this item to discuss the audit functions on Measure M2.

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

- A. Approve 34 of Orange County's 35 local jurisdictions (excluding the City of Cypress) as eligible to continue receiving Measure M2 net revenues.
- B. Receive and file the Measure M2 eligibility verification documents submitted by the City of Cypress.

**21. Consultant Selection for Professional Services for the Countywide Signal Synchronization Baseline**

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

- A. Approve the selection of Iteris, Inc., as the firm to provide professional services for the Countywide Signal Synchronization Baseline.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-3-2821 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Iteris, Inc., in the amount of \$9,630,000, for a five-year term, to provide professional services for the Countywide Signal Synchronization Baseline.

## Regular Calendar

### 22. Zero-Emission Bus Pilot Update

Mr. Johnson, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Cliff Thorne, Director of Maintenance, who provided a presentation on this item.

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

## Discussion Items

### 23. Public Comments

There were no public comments received.

### 24. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson CEO, reported on the following:

- Rail Update on the LOSSAN rail corridor in San Clemente
- Lunar New Year event

### 25. Directors' Reports

Director Khan thanked Chair Nguyen for the wonderful event this held past weekend for the Lunar New Year.

Director Harper discussed his attendance at the California Association of Councils of Governments Regional Leadership Forum. In addition, he thanked OCTA staff who attended the Tet Festival in Fountain Valley to promote OCTA.

Vice Chair Chaffee thanked OCTA staff for attending the Black History Parade and the Lunar New Year Festival.

Chair Nguyen thanked the OCTA Board members and the OCTA staff for participating in the Lunar New Year events this past week.

### 26. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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

**9:00 a.m., on Monday, February 26, 2024**

OCTA Headquarters  
Board Room  
550 South Main Street  
Orange, California





ATTEST:

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Gina Ramirez  
Assistant Clerk of the Board