



## **Call to Order**

The September 8, 2025, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and its affiliated agencies was called to order by Chair Chaffee at 9:31 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, located at 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

**Directors Present:** Doug Chaffee, Chair  
Jamey M. Federico, Vice Chair  
Valerie Amezcua  
Katrina Foley  
William Go  
Patrick Harper  
Michael Hennessey  
Fred Jung  
Stephanie Klopfenstein  
Vicente Sarmiento  
John Stephens  
Kathy Tavoularis  
Mark Tettemer  
Donald P. Wagner  
Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

**Directors Absent:** Carlos A. Leon  
Janet Nguyen  
Tam T. Nguyen

**Staff Present:** Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
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 as follows:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) - Conference with General Counsel - Potential Litigation - One Item.

James Donich, General Counsel, noted there was no out report on this item.

All Members were present except for Directors Leon, J. Nguyen, and T. Nguyen.

## **Special Calendar**

**2. Update on Emergency Need for Railroad Track Stabilization in the Vicinity of Mile Post 203.83 to 204.40 and 206.00 to 206.70 on the Orange Subdivision**

James G. Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, presented this item.

A public comment was heard from Amanda Quintanila.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Tettermer, and declared passed by those present to reaffirm Resolution No. 2025-068 to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take any and all necessary actions in regard to agreements with partner public agencies to address the emergency need for railroad track stabilization in the vicinity of Mile Post 203.83 to 204.40 and 206.00 to 206.70 on the Orange Subdivision.

## **Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 18)**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Stephens, and declared passed by those present to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2025 Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

**4. 91 Express Lanes Zero-Emissions Vehicle Discount**

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Stephens, and declared passed by those present to approve the updated Toll Policy for the 91 Express Lanes, eliminating discounts for zero-emission vehicles, and direct staff to present this item to the next State Route 91 Advisory Committee on October 30, 2025.

Director Foley voted in opposition to this item.

**5. Proposed Response to 2024-2025 Orange County Grand Jury Report OCTA: It Takes a Lot to Keep Us Moving"**

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Stephens, and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to submit the proposed response to the Orange County Grand Jury report's findings and recommendations as required by California Penal Code Section 933(c).

Director Sarmiento voted in opposition to this item.

**6. Award of Agreement for Claims Administration of the Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program**

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

- A. Approve the selection of Pacific Secured Equities, doing business as Intercare Holdings Insurance Services, Inc., to provide claims administration for the Orange County Transportation Authority's Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-5- 3964 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Pacific Secured Equities, doing business as Intercare Holdings Insurance Services, Inc., in the amount of \$2,794,000, to provide claims administration for the Orange County Transportation Authority's Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program, for a five-year term.

**7. Active Transportation Program Biannual Update**

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

**8. Draft 2025 Orange County Congestion Management Program Report Release for Public Review**

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

- A. Direct staff to release the draft 2025 Orange County Congestion Management Program Report for public review.
- B. Set November 10, 2025, as a public hearing date for adoption of the final 2025 Orange County Congestion Management Program Report.

**9. 2026 Long-Range Transportation Plan Development**

A public comment was heard from Peter Warner.

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

**10. Acceptance of Grant Awards from the Southern California Association of Governments and the California Department of Transportation**

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to accept the award of \$400,000 in Southern California Association of Governments Sustainable Communities Program funding for Move Orange County: A Vibrant Path to Active Transportation.
- B. Adopt Orange County Transportation Authority Resolution No. 2025-070 authorizing the acceptance of the \$600,000 California Department of Transportation Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant confirming the match which is provided through the grant noted in Recommendation A, and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute grant agreements and any other required documents or applications.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute grant-related agreements and documents with the Southern California Association of Governments and the California Department of Transportation.
- D. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, as well as execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the recommendations above.

**11. 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program Overview**

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

**12. Amendment to Agreement for Construction Management Support Services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5**

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Stephens, and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to Agreement No. C-0-2582 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$6,272,656, and extend the agreement term for an additional nine months through June 30, 2027, for additional construction management support services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$24,797,276.

**13. Amendment to Cooperative Agreements with the Cities of Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, and Westminster for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project**

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-3612 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Costa Mesa, in the amount of \$1,989,000, to provide final reimbursement for pavement mitigation and other costs on city streets used for signed, long-term detour routes during construction. This will increase the maximum obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total value of \$3,295,380.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 12 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-3613 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Fountain Valley, in the amount of \$2,039,000, to provide final reimbursement for pavement mitigation and other costs on city streets used for signed, long-term detour routes during construction. This will increase the maximum obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total value of \$7,478,658.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-2654 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Huntington Beach, in the amount of \$1,331,000, to provide final reimbursement for pavement mitigation and other costs on city streets used for signed, long-term detour routes during construction. This will increase the maximum obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total value of \$1,531,000.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 9 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-3615 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Westminster, in the amount of \$2,850,000, to provide final reimbursement for pavement mitigation and other costs on city streets used for signed, long-term detour routes during construction. This will increase the maximum obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total value of \$7,348,331.

**14. Consultant Selection for Construction Management Support Services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and Yale Avenue**

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

- A. Approve the selection of Jacobs Project Management Co. as the firm to provide construction management support services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Yale Avenue.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-5- 3961 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Jacobs Project Management Co. to provide construction management support services for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Yale Avenue.

**15. Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Preparation of the Project Report and Environmental Document for the State Route 57 Northbound Project from Lambert Road to the Orange County/Los Angeles County Line**

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

- A. Authorize the use of \$3,250,000 in Measure M2 funds for the State Route 57 Northbound Project from Lambert Road to the Orange County/Los Angeles County Line.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-4294 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, for preparation of the project report and environmental document for the State Route 57 Northbound Project from Lambert Road to the Orange County/Los Angeles County Line.

**16. Release 2026 Annual Call for Projects for Measure M2 Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs**

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

- A. Approve proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs guidelines.

- B. Authorize staff to issue the 2026 call for projects for the Regional Capacity Program.
  - C. Authorize staff to issue the 2026 call for projects for the Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program.
17. **Measure M2 Quarterly Progress Report for the Period of April 2025 through June 2025**

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

18. **Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Update**

A public comment was heard from Peter Warner.

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

## **Regular Calendar**

19. **Proposed Amendment to the Orange County Local Transportation Authority Measure M2 Ordinance No. 3**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), announced that this item would be continued to a future board meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

## **Discussion Items**

20. **Public Comments**

A public comment was heard from Peter Warner.

21. **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- Loss of Service (response to public comment received)
- Coastal Rail Media Event
- Mobility 21 Summit



**22. Directors' Reports**

Director Foley thanked the OCTA marketing team, who organized the press conference on Friday.

**23. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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

**9:30 a.m., on Monday, September 22, 2025**

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California