



June 1, 2026

To: Executive Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: Accessible Transit Advisory Committee Annual Update and Member Appointments

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors established the Accessible Transit Advisory Committee in 1992 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 and customers with disabilities. The committee is composed of 34 members, appointed by the Board Members serve staggered three-year terms and may serve an unlimited number of terms. The committee meets quarterly at OCTA offices.

Over the past year, ATAC convened four times to provide input on a range of OCTA programs and initiatives. Notable topics reviewed and discussed included:

- Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program
- Marking and Tethering Program
- Mobility Management Services
- OC ACCESS Eligibility and Transit Support Services Contract
- OC ACCESS Operations
- OC ACCESS Service Area Map
- OC Streetcar
- Paratransit and Microtransit Software Procurement and Implementation
- Rear-loading Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle
- Reasonable Modifications for OC ACCESS
- Same-Day Taxi Program
- WAVE Fare Payment System
- Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1

Recruitment for new and returning members began in March 2026. OCTA staff provided Board Members with information on current ATAC members seeking reappointment and any resignations. The recruitment process has now concluded. As of this report, Board Members have reappointed current members, appointed new members to begin terms on July 1, 2026, or have appointments pending (Attachment A).

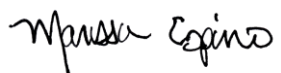
Summary

The ATAC continues to serve in a vital advisory and advocacy role on transit issues of importance for seniors and persons with disabilities throughout the year. Through regular engagement and thoughtful contributions, ATAC members have played an important role in supporting OCTA's mission over the past year. With the fiscal year 2026–27 recruitment process now complete, the Board has reappointed existing members and appointed new ones to ensure continued representation and advocacy.

Attachment

- A. Orange County Transportation Authority Accessible Transit Advisory
Committee Roster Fiscal Year 2026-27

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