



Committee Members Present

Donald P. Wagner, Chair
Katrina Foley, Vice Chair
Janet Nguyen
Kathy Tavoularis
Mark Tettemer

Staff Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Fred Jung

Call to Order

The April 17, 2025 regular meeting of the Legislative and Communications Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Wagner at 9:02 a.m.

Special Calendar

1. Conference Call with State Legislative Advocate Moira Topp

Moira Topp, State Legislative Advocate, provided an update on this item.

No action was taken on this item.

Consent Calendar (Item 2)

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Nguyen, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Foley, and declared passed by those present to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2025 Legislative and Communications Committee meeting.

Regular Calendar

3. State Transit Transportation Task Force Update

Kristin Jacinto, Executive Director of Government Relations, provided a report on this item.

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

4. State Legislative Status Report

Kristin Jacinto, Executive Director of Government Relations, provided a report on this item.



Following a discussion, Recommendation C was added to staff's recommendations.

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

- A. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 741 (Blakespear, D-Encinitas), which would clarify that a local emergency declared by a municipality, county, or special district qualifies as an emergency for coastal development permits.
- B. Adopt a SUPPORT position on SB 752 (Richardson, D-Inglewood), which would extend the sunset date on the sales tax exemption for the purchase of zero-emission transit buses.
- C. Adopt a SUPPORT IF AMENDED position on SB 741 (Blakespear, D-Encinitas) consistent with FY 2025-26 OCTA State Legislative Platform.

Directors Tavoularis and Tettemer voted in opposition of Recommendation C.

5. Federal Legislative Status Report

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

Discussion Items

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the following:

- The California Transportation Commission approved nearly \$10 million in state funding to support immediate protective measures.
- Interstate 5 South County Improvement Project dedication event.
- Lance Larson, former Executive Director of Government Relations, is retiring at the end of the month.

8. Committee Members' Reports

Committee Chair Wagner and Directors Foley and Nguyen thanked Mr. Larson for his service and wished him luck in the next chapter of his life.



9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

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

9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2025

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California

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Gina Ramirez
Assistant Clerk of the Board