



## **Call to Order**

The March 10, 2025, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and affiliated agencies was called to order by Chair Chaffee at 9:30 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

**Directors Present:** Doug Chaffee, Chair  
Jamey M. Federico, Vice Chair  
Jon Dumitru  
Patrick Harper  
Michael Hennessey  
Fred Jung  
Stephanie Klopfenstein  
Carlos A. Leon  
Janet Nguyen  
Tam T. Nguyen  
Vicente Sarmiento  
John Stephens  
Mark Tetteimer  
Donald P. Wagner  
Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

**Directors Absent:** Valerie Amezcua  
Mike Carroll  
Katrina Foley

**Staff Present:** Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board  
Andrea West, 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)(1) - Conference with General Counsel -Existing Litigation - Orange County Transportation Authority v. WTW Properties, LLC - OCSC Case no. 30-2021-01195108-CU-EI-CXC.

All members were present except for Directors Amezcua, Carroll, and Foley, who were absent from the meeting.

There was no report out on this item.

## **Special Calendar**

### **2. Salute to the Outgoing Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors**

A resolution of appreciation was presented to outgoing Board Member Jon Dumitru.

## **Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 16)**

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by those present to approve the minutes of February 24, 2025 Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

### **4. Public Member Appointment to the Board of Directors**

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by those present to approve the reappointment of Director Tam T. Nguyen for a four-year term as a Public Member of the Board of Directors to commence on April 12, 2025.

Directors Hennessey and Tam Nguyen abstained from voting on this item.

### **5. Audit of Oversight Controls and Contract Compliance Related to Agreement No. C-9-1177 with Cofiroute USA, LLC for 91 Express Lanes Operations**

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by those present to direct staff to implement four recommendations provided in Audit of Oversight Controls and Contract Compliance Related to Agreement No. C-9-1177 with Cofiroute USA, LLC for 91 Express Lanes Operations, Internal Audit Report No. 24-508.

### **6. Cooperative Agreement with the California Highway Patrol for Services Related to the Freeway Service Patrol Program**

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-3865 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Highway Patrol, in the amount of \$849,680, for overtime related to supervision of the Freeway Service Patrol program.

### **7. 405 Express Lanes Update for the Period Ending - December 31, 2024**

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

**8. 91 Express Lanes Update for the Period Ending - December 31, 2024**

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

**9. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report**

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

**10. Amendment to Agreements for Investment Management Services**

Staff pulled this item for discussion.

Andrew Oftelie, Chief Financial Officer, noted an error in Attachment B, item #2. It states \$980,000 but has been corrected to \$3,130,000. He said the mistake was corrected on the OCTA website.

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-7-1813 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Chandler Asset Management, Inc., to exercise the second option term to continue providing investment management services effective April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2027.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-7-2062 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and MetLife Investment Management, LLC, to exercise the second option term to continue providing investment management services effective April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2027.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-7-2063 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Payden & Rygel, to exercise the second option term to continue providing investment management services effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2027.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-7-2064 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and U.S. Bancorp Asset Management, Inc., formerly known as PFM Asset Management, LLC, to exercise the second option term to continue providing investment management services effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2027.
- E. Approve an increase of \$3,476,000 to the aggregate amount, which will be used to cover the cost of the option term for all four investment firms for a total amount of \$15,601,608 shared among the four agreements.

**11. Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Surface Transportation Block Grant/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program Prioritization Guidance**

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

- A. Approve the prioritization guidance for federal fiscal year 2026-2027 and federal fiscal year 2027-2028 Surface Transportation Block Grant/ Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program.
- B. Direct staff to return to the Board of Directors with a recommended priority for each project submitted through federal fiscal year 2026-2027 and federal fiscal year 2027-2028 Surface Transportation Block Grant/ Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program.

**12. Approval to Release Invitation for Bids for Installation of Battery Electric Bus Chargers and Electrical Infrastructure at Santa Ana Bus Base**

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by those present to approve the release of Invitation for Bids 5-3922 for the installation of battery electric bus chargers and electrical infrastructure at the Santa Ana Bus Base.

**13. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Project**

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by those present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-3-2384 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$1,760,000, for additional construction capital and construction management support services for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Project. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total contract value of \$32,220,000.

**14. Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program (Project X) - 2025 Tier 1 Grant Program Call for Projects**

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

- A. Approve the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines for the Environmental Cleanup Program (Project X) Tier 1 Grant Program.
- B. Authorize staff to issue the 2025 Environmental Cleanup Program (Project X) Tier 1 Grant Program call for projects.

**15. Revisions to the Measure M2 Eligibility Guidelines**

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

- A. Approve proposed revisions to the Measure M2 Eligibility Guidelines.
- B. Approve proposed revisions to the countywide Pavement Management Plan Guidelines.

**16. Measure M2 Quarterly Progress Report for the Period of October 2024 through December 2024**

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

**Regular Calendar**

**17. Measure M2 Performance Assessment Report**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, provided opening comments and introduced Grace Arias and Nicole Dyer from Sjoberg Evashenk, who provided a PowerPoint presentation.

A motion was made by Director Sarmiento, seconded by Director Harper, and declared passed by those present to direct staff to implement the action plan outlined in the response to the findings and report back on the implementation progress to the Board of Directors in the Measure M2 quarterly reports.

**Discussion Items**

**18. Measure M2 Ten-Year Review Look Ahead**

Mr. Johnson, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Francesca Ching, Senior Section Manager, who provided a PowerPoint presentation.

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

**19. Upcoming Measure M2 Freeway Construction Projects Update**

Jeff Mills, Director of Capital Project Delivery, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

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



**20. Public Comments**

The Assistant Clerk of the Board stated that the Clerk's Office received a public comment from Suzie Whitelaw. The comment was emailed to the Board of Directors on March 9, 2025.

In-person public comments were received by:

- Peter Warner
- Paul Hyek

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

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- Measure M Bond Refinancing
- State Route (SR)91 Improvement Project Groundbreaking Event

**22. Directors' Reports**

Chair Chaffee and Director Leon echoed Mr. Johnson's comments on the SR-91 Improvement Project. He congratulated all the OCTA staff who put the event together.

**23. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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

**9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 24, 2025**

OCTA Headquarters  
Board Room  
550 South Main Street  
Orange, California

ATTEST:

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Gina Ramirez  
Assistant Clerk of the Board