



Call to Order

The December 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 9:30 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
Carlos A. Leon
Janet Nguyen
Tam T. Nguyen
Vicente Sarmiento
Kathy Tavoularis
Donald P. Wagner
Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

Directors Absent:

John Stephens
Mark Tettemer

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, Senior
James Donich, General Counsel

Special Calendar

1. **Salute to Outgoing Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors**

Due to Director Stephens' absence, this resolution of Appreciation No. 2025-090 will be delivered to him.

2. **Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation for Employees of the Month**

Resolutions of Appreciation were presented to Chester Herring, Coach Operator, Nick Wong, Maintenance, and Daniel Castillo, Administration, as Employees of the Month for December 2025.

**3. Proposed 2026 Board of Directors Meetings Calendar**

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Amezcuia, and declared passed by all those present to approve the Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' 2026 Board of Directors meetings calendar.

Director Sarmiento was not present to vote on this item.

4. Metrolink Service Performance Report

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Darren Kettle, Chief Executive Officer of Metrolink, who provided a presentation.

In-person public comments were heard from Peter Warner and Paul Hyek.

No action was taken on this informational item.

5. 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

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Hennessey declared passed by all those present to reaffirm Resolution No. 2025-068 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take all necessary actions to address the emergency need for railroad track stabilization in the vicinity of Mile Post 203.80 to 204.40 and 206.00 to 206.70 on the Orange Subdivision, and to return to the Board of Directors, as required, to report on the status thereof.

Consent Calendar (Items 6 through 25)**6. Approval of Minutes**

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

7. Conflict of Interest Code and 2025 Annual Statement of Economic Interests Filing

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

- A. Approve the list of designated positions and disclosure categories subject to the Orange County Transportation Authority's Conflict of Interest Code.
- B. Direct the Clerk of the Board to distribute and monitor the 2025 annual Statement of Economic Interests - Form 700 to Members of the Board of Directors and designated positions, to be filed by April 1, 2026.

**8. 91 Express Lanes Update for the Period Ending - September 30, 2025**

Director Leon pulled this item to request an update on the Fairmont connector.

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

9. 405 Express Lanes Update for the Period Ending - September 30, 2025

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

10. First Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-26 Procurement Status Report

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

11. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - October 2025

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

12. Fiscal Year 2025-26 First Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report

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

13. Approval of Board Member Travel

A motion was made by Director Amezcuia, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to approve the travel to Washington D.C., for Vice Chair Jamey M. Federico for the Orange County Transportation Authority's federal advocacy trip.

14. Competitive Grant Programs - Update and Recommendations

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

- A. Approve one budget modification request from the City of Brea for the OC Loop Brea Gap Closure Project funded through the 2019 Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program.
- B. Authorize staff to request that the Southern California Association of Governments make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program.



- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to negotiate and execute any required agreements or amendments to facilitate the recommendation above and the execution of recent grant awards.

15. Capital Programming Update

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

- A. Consistent with the construction phase estimate for the Interstate 5 Yale Avenue to State Route 55 (Segment 2) Project, authorize the use of up to \$28.877 million in Measure M2 funds.
- B. Consistent with the construction phase estimate for the State Route 57 Orangewood Avenue to Katella Avenue Project, authorize the use of up to \$14.479 million in Measure M2 funds.
- C. Authorize the inclusion of \$9.998 million in uncommitted future state funds to integrate the California Department of Transportation State Highway Operations and Protection Program Multi-Asset Project for the Interstate 5 Yale Avenue to State Route 55 (Segment 2) Project.
- D. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and amend all necessary agreements to facilitate the above actions.

16. Acceptance of Grant Award from Department of Homeland Security Transit Security Grant Program

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

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the award of \$431,327 in Federal Emergency Management Agency funding from the Department of Homeland Security through the Transit Security Grant Program and execute grant-related agreements and documents with the Department of Homeland Security.
- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, as well as execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the recommendation above.

Director Leon abstained from voting on this item.

Director Sarmiento voted in opposition to this item.

**17. Same-Day Taxi Service, Internal Audit Report No. 26-503**

A motion was made by Director Amezcuia, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to receive and file Same-Day Taxi Service Internal Audit Report No. 26-503, as an information item.

18. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Detail Bus and Streetcar Cleaning and Pesticide Application Services

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

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 250080 to select a firm to provide detail bus and streetcar cleaning and pesticide application services.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 250080 for detail bus and streetcar cleaning and pesticide application services.

19. State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5, Design and Construction Management, Internal Audit Report No. 26-504

A motion was made by Director Amezcuia, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to direct staff to implement the recommendation provided in State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5, Design and Construction Management, Internal Audit Report No. 26-504.

20. Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Construction Management Support Services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 5 and State Route 91

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

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 250112 for the selection of a consultant to provide construction management support services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 250112 to provide construction management support services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91.

**21. Environmental Mitigation Program Endowment Fund Investment Report for September 30, 2025**

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

22. Measure M2 Quarterly Progress Report for the Period of July 2025 through September 2025

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

23. Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program Update

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

24. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Semi-Annual Review - September 2025

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

- A. Approve the requested adjustments to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs projects.
- B. Approve an exception to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs guidelines for Environmental Cleanup Program Tier I projects to grant additional timely use of funds extensions.

25. 2026 Technical Steering Committee Membership

A motion was made by Director Amezcuia, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by all those present to approve the proposed 2026 Technical Steering Committee membership recommendations.

Regular Calendar**26. Agreement for OC Streetcar Security Officer Services**

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

- A. Approve the selection of Universal Protection Service LP, doing business as Allied Universal Security Services as the firm to provide security officer services on the OC Streetcar system.



B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-5-3875 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Universal Protection Service LP, doing business as Allied Universal Security Services, in the amount of \$2,557,661, for a two-year initial term with one, one-year option term to provide security officer services on the OC Streetcar system.

In-person public comments were received from Peter Warner and Paul Hyek.

Directors Amezcua and Wagner voted in opposition to this item.

27. Measure M2 2025 Update: Next 10 Delivery Plan

Francesca Ching, Manager of Measure M2 Program Management, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

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

- A. Adopt the 2025 Measure M2 Next 10 Delivery Plan.
- B. Direct staff to continue to work with Metrolink to develop a financially sustainable service plan, such as establishing a target Orange County Transportation Authority funding level as part of the fiscal year 2026-27 budget development process.
- C. Direct staff to continue monitoring revenue and project cost shifts that could affect the Measure M2 Next 10 Delivery Plan and, if necessary, report to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors with changes.

In-person public comments were heard from Peter Warner and Paul Hyek.

28. Measure M2 Ten-Year Review Update

Francesca Ching, Manager of Measure M2 Program Management, and Chris Boucly, Department Manager of Public Outreach, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

A motion was made by Chair Chaffee, seconded by Director Tam Nguyen, and declared passed by all those present to direct staff to complete evaluation of Measure M2 program performance and proceed with development of an accompanying Action Plan for future Board of Directors' consideration.

Directors Jung, Janet Nguyen, and Sarmiento were not present to vote on this item.

In-person public comments were heard from Peter Warner and Paul Hyek.



Discussion Items

29. Public Comments

A public comment was received via email from Craig Durfey.

In-person public comments were heard from Peter Warner and Paul Hyek.

30. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO reported on the following:

- 91 Express Lanes 30th Anniversary
- American Public Transportation Association Winter Legislative Meeting
- Final Board Meeting of 2025

31. Directors' Reports

Director Klopfenstein commented that it has been a pleasure to serve on the board and thanked Chair Chaffee and Vice Chair Federico for their leadership.

Director Hennessey wished all a happy holiday.

Director Amezcua wished everyone a happy holiday and thanked the OCTA staff.

Chair Chaffee wished everyone a happy holiday and thanked everyone for their comments.

32. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m., on Monday, January 12, 2026

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California