AFFILIATED AGENCIES

Orange County Transit District

Local Transportation Authority

Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

Consolidated Transporation Service Agency

Congestion Management Agency

October 21, 2024

Stephen Bise, PE, TE
Public Works Director
City of Fullerton
303 West Commonwealth Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92832

Subject: **City of Fullerton – Master Plan of Arterial Highways Amendment – Approval Confirmation**

Dear Mr. Bise,

On September 9, 2024, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) approved the following amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) requested by the City of Fullerton:

1. Reclassify Harbor Boulevard, from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial between Bastanchury Road and Berkeley Avenue.

The staff report and Board meeting minutes from September 9, 2024, are attached for your records. The MPAH amendment will be finalized contingent upon OCTA receiving documentation confirming that the City of Fullerton general plan has been amended accordingly and is compliant with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. This documentation can be sent to the attention of Ivy Hang, Senior Transportation Analyst, at ihang@octa.net.

Sincerely,

Rose Casey
Executive Director, Planning

RC:ih

Attachment

c: Ivy Hang, OCTA

Call to Order

The September 9, 2024, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and affiliated agencies was called to order by Chair Nguyen at 9:00 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Directors Present:
Tam T. Nguyen, Chair
Doug Chaffee, Vice Chair
Jon Dumitru
Jamey Federico
Katrina Foley
Patrick Harper
Michael Hennessey
Fred Jung
Farrah N. Khan
Stephanie Klopfenstein
Vicente Sarmiento
John Stephens
Mark Tettemer
Donald P. Wagner

Directors Absent:
Valerie Amezcua
Andrew Do
Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

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

Special Calendar

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. Dan R. O'Neil, et al., OCSC Case Nos. 30-2020-01175339 and 30-2021-01194537.

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

James Donich, General Counsel, stated there was no report out on this matter.

Special Calendar

2. Presentation of Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees of the Month

Resolutions of Appreciation were presented to Almeta Carter, Coach Operator; Liborio Mendoza, Maintenance; and Alison Army, Administration, as Employees of the Month for August 2024.

3. Adopt Resolution of Necessity for the State Route 91 Improvement Project Between State Route 57 and State Route 55

James Donich, General Counsel, provided opening comments on this item.

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

In-person public comment was heard from John Ramirez, who represented the property owner of HLT Anaheim.

Director Foley requested that staff work with the California Department of Transportation and the property owners to come to an agreement.

A motion was made by Director Wagner, seconded by Director Dumitru, and declared passed by the members present to adopt Resolution of Necessity No. 2024-071 and authorize and direct General Counsel to prepare, commence, and prosecute a proceeding in eminent domain for the purpose of acquiring necessary right-of-way and real property interests for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between State Route 57 and State Route 55.

Consent Calendar (Items 4 through 21)

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by the members present to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024 Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

5. Revenue Agreements, Internal Audit Report No. 24-513

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by the members present to receive and file Revenue Agreements, Internal Audit Report No. 24-513, as an information item.

6. Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2023-24 Procurement Status Report

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

7. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report - June 2024

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

8. Agreements for Health Insurance Services

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

A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 9 to Agreement No. C-5-3649 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management for Kaiser Permanente Health Plan, Inc., on a cost-per-employee basis, for prepaid medical services through December 31, 2025. The annual 2025 Kaiser Permanente Health Plan, Inc., premium cost will vary in accordance with actual enrollment.

B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 9 to Agreement No. C-5-3650 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management for Anthem Blue Cross, on a cost-per-employee basis, for prepaid medical services through December 31, 2025. The annual 2025 Anthem Blue Cross health maintenance organization premium costs will vary in accordance with actual enrollment.

C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 9 to Agreement No. C-5-3651 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management for Anthem Blue Cross, on a cost-per-employee basis, for preferred provider organization medical services through December 31, 2025. The annual 2025 Anthem Blue Cross preferred provider organization premium costs will vary in accordance with actual enrollment.

D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 9 to Agreement No. C-5-3652 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management for Anthem Blue Cross, on a cost-per-employee basis, for a consumer-driven health plan through December 31, 2025. The annual 2025 Anthem Blue Cross consumer-driven health plan premium costs and health savings account expenses will vary in accordance with actual enrollment.

E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-1-3670 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management for Delta Dental, on a cost-per-employee basis, for preferred provider organization dental services through December 31, 2025. The annual 2025 Delta Dental preferred provider organization premium costs will vary in accordance with actual enrollment.

F. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 14 to Agreement No. C-1-2995 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Delta Dental, on a cost-per-employee basis, for health maintenance organization dental services through December 31, 2025. The annual 2025 Delta Dental health maintenance organization premium costs will vary in accordance with actual enrollment.

G. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-1-3672 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management for Delta Dental, on a cost-per-employee basis, for health maintenance organization dental services through December 31, 2025. The annual 2025 Delta Dental health maintenance organization premium costs will vary in accordance with actual enrollment.

H. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-1-3671 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management for Vision Service Plan, on a cost-per-employee basis, for vision services through December 31, 2025. The annual 2025 vision services premium costs will vary in accordance with actual enrollment.

I. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 8 to Purchase Order No. C-7-1897 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management for VOYA to provide life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance through December 31, 2025. The annual 2025 life and accidental death and dismemberment premium costs will vary in accordance with actual volume in the plan.

J. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to Purchase Order No. C-7-1898 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management for VOYA to provide supplemental life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to employees at their own expense through December 31, 2025.

K. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to Purchase Order No. C-7-1899 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management for VOYA to provide short-term and long-term disability insurance through December 31, 2025. The annual 2025 short-term and long-term disability premium costs will vary in accordance with actual volume in the plan.

L. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to Purchase Order No. C-7-1900 between Orange County Transportation Authority and Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management for VOYA with ComPsych to provide employee leave administration through December 31, 2025.

9. Amendments to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways

Director Foley pulled this item to express her concern about 19th Street and the Gisler Avenue Bridge shown on the Master Plan of Arterial Highways.

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Operating Officer (CEO), responded that staff is working with Directors Foley and Stephens' office on scheduling meetings to discuss this matter and will report to the Regional Transportation and Planning Committee details on this issue.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Stephens, and declared passed by the members present, to:

A. Approve the following Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments:

County of Orange

1. Reclassify Villa Park Road/Santiago Canyon Road from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to an asymmetric primary (five-lane, divided) arterial between Hewes Street and Cannon Street.
2. Reclassify Santiago Canyon Road from a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between State Route 241 and Live Oak Canyon Road.
3. Reclassify El Toro Road from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial between Live Oak Canyon Road and Pheasant Creek.
4. Reclassify El Toro Road, from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to an asymmetric primary (five-lane, divided) arterial between Pheasant Creek and Portola Parkway.
5. Delete Black Star Canyon Road between Silverado Canyon Road and the Orange County/Riverside County Line.
6. Reclassify Bucker Way from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between Ranch Canyon Road and Coyotes Road.
7. Reclassify Ranch Canyon Road from a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between Bucker Way and Cow Camp Road.

City of Fullerton

8. Reclassify Harbor Boulevard, from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to a primary (four-lane, divided) arterial between Bastanchury Road and Berkeley Avenue.

City of Laguna Hills

9. Reclassify Paseo De Valencia from a major (six-lane, divided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between Alicia Parkway and La Paz Road.
10. Reclassify Paseo De Valencia from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between La Paz Road and Cabot Road.
11. Reclassify Cabot Road from a secondary (four-lane, undivided) arterial to a divided collector (two-lane, divided) arterial between Paseo de Valencia and El Paseo.

The Master Plan of Arterial Highways will be amended to reflect each approved request contingent upon receipt of documentation confirming that all affected general plans are consistent with the proposed amendment and are compliant with the California Environmental Quality Act. Amendment requests will expire if the Orange County Transportation Authority does not receive such documentation within three years of granting approval.

Should the proposed Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment be modified for any reason after receiving approval, the modified Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment must be returned to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors for reconsideration and action.

B. Direct the Executive Director of Planning, or his designee, to file a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for the Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments.

C. Receive and file a status report on the active Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendments.

10. Acceptance of Grant Awards from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Transportation

Director Sarmiento pulled this item to commend the staff for the excellent work on recommendations A and B.

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

A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the award of $1,000,000 in Brownfields Multipurpose Grant funding for the OC Connect Garden Grove - Santa Ana rails-to-trails project. Funds will be used for environmental assessment, investigation, planning, and site cleanup activities.

B. Adopt Orange County Transportation Authority Resolution No. 2024-076 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the $200,000 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program award for the Zero-Emission Bus Transition Plan, and to confirm the required $200,000 local match.

C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute grant-related agreements and documents with the United States Environmental Protection Agency 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. Consultant Selection for Preparation of the State Route 73 (Bison Avenue to Interstate 405) Multimodal Corridor Feasibility Study

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

A. Approve the selection of T.Y. Lin International as the firm to prepare the State Route 73 (Bison Avenue to Interstate 405) Multimodal Corridor Feasibility Study.

B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-4-2171 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and T.Y. Lin International to prepare the State Route 73 (Bison Avenue to Interstate 405) Multimodal Corridor Feasibility Study.

12. Active Transportation Program Regional Project Selection Process Orange County Project Prioritization Methodology

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by the members present to approve the Orange County project prioritization methodology for the 2025 Active Transportation Program regional project selection process and future Active Transportation Program cycles.

13. OC ACCESS Service, Internal Audit Report No. 24-512

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by the members present to direct staff to implement four recommendations provided in OC ACCESS Service, Internal Audit Report No. 24-512.

14. 2024 Title VI Service Standards, Policies, and Service Monitoring Program

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by the members present to review and approve Orange County Transportation Authority's service standards, policies, and service monitoring results.

15. 2024 Title VI Plan Triennial Report

Chair Nguyen pulled this item to make comments.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by the members present to review, approve, and direct staff to submit the 2024 Title VI Plan Triennial Report to the Federal Transit Administration's Regional Office of Civil Rights on or before October 1, 2024.

16. Contract Change Order for Construction of the OC Streetcar Project

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by the members present to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 228 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of $260,000, for overhead contact system feeder cable theft protection for the OC Streetcar project.

Director Wagner voted in opposition to this item.

17. Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2023-24 and Planned Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Action Plan and Performance Metrics

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

18. Approval to Release Invitation for Bids for Pavement Rehabilitation at the Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach as Part of the Cost to Cure Right-of-Way Impacts for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project Between State Route 73 to Interstate 605

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by the members present to approve the release of Invitation for Bids 4-2069 for pavement rehabilitation at the Naval Weapons Stations Seal Beach for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project between State Route 73 to Interstate 605.

19. Measure M2 Quarterly Progress Report for the Period of April 2024 through June 2024

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

20. Cooperative Agreement with the City of Santa Ana for the McFadden Avenue Transit Signal Priority Pilot

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

A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-3087 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Santa Ana, in an amount up to $3,690,000, for the design, construction, and evaluation of the McFadden Avenue Transit Signal Priority Pilot.

B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the recommendations above.

21. Annual Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Update

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

Regular Calendar

22. Coastal Rail Resiliency Projects Update

Dan Phu, Project Manager, and Jim Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, provided a presentation on this item.

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Federico, and declared passed by the members present to direct staff to continue to engage the regulatory agencies (as discussed herein) to identify opportunities to streamline processes and obtain regulatory permits to implement immediately needed solutions.

Public comments were heard in-person from Suzie Whitelaw and Amanda Quintanilla.

Discussion Items

23. Public Comments

There were no public comments received.

24. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) won the 2024 Toll Excellence Award from the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA). IBTTA is the worldwide association for toll operators and owners. There are members in 23 countries on six continents and OCTA won the project for the Interstate 405 Express Lanes project award, as part of the 405 Improvement Project.

25. Directors' Reports

Chair Nguyen thanked OCTA's Diversity Outreach team and the members of the bus operations from the Garden Grove Annex. They braved the heat this past weekend at the Little Saigon Moon Lantern Festival in Westminster.

Vice Chair Chaffee thanked OCTA staff for having a booth and sweltering the weather at the Kids Fishing Derby last Saturday.

26. Measure M2 Workshop

Due to time constraints, this item was continued to a future Board of Directors meeting.

27. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held:
9:00 a.m., on Monday, September 23, 2024
OCTA Headquarters
Board Room
550 South Main Street
Orange, California