



Citizens Advisory Committee
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07
October 16, 2018 | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome / Chairman's Remarks**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. April 17th, 2018 and June 17th, 2018
- 4. Presentation and Discussion Items**
 - A. Comprehensive Business Plan (15 min.)
Victor Velasquez, Department Manager, Financial Planning & Analysis
 - B. Project V: Community Based Transit/Circulators Update (15 min.)
Joseph Alcock, Measure M Section Manager, Planning
 - C. Long Range Transportation Plan Assessment Update (15 min.)
Greg Nord, Principal Transportation Analyst, Long-Range Planning and Corridor Studies
 - D. Attitudinal and Awareness Study Findings (20 min.)
Dr. Timothy McLarney, President, True North Research
 - E. OC Flex (15 min.)
Stella Lin, Manager, Marketing & Customer Relations
Johnny Dunning, Department Manager, Scheduling & Bus Operations Support
- 5. OCTA Staff Updates (5 minutes each)**
 - A. I-405 Update- *Christina Byrne, Department Manager, Capital Projects Outreach*
 - B. Environmental Mitigation Program- *Lesley Hill, Environmental Mitigation Project Manager*
 - C. Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee- *Brian Coz. BPS Chair*
 - D. October Service Change- *Gail Cherry, Section Manager of Scheduling*
 - E. Government Relations- *Lance Larson, Executive Director, External Affairs*
 - F. Marketing- *Stella Lin, Manager, Marketing*
 - G. Staff Liaison- *Alice Rogan, Director of Marketing and Public Outreach*
- 6. Public Comments***
- 7. Committee Member Comments**
- 8. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on December 18, 2018

Agenda Descriptions/Public Comments on Agenda Items

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**Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
July 17, 2018
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
550 S. Main Street, Orange, Calif.
Conference Room 07**

Members Present

Kellie Aamodt, *UC Irvine/UPS*
Paul Adams, *Fountain Valley Planning Commissioner*
Kellie Aamodt, *UC Irvine/UPS*
Vince Buck, *Cal State Fullerton*
Kara Darnell, *Cal State Fullerton*
Dan Kalmick, *Huntington Beach Resident*
Steve Kozak, *Tustin Planning Commissioner*
Theodore Luckham, *Anaheim Resident*
Austin Lombard, *Tustin Planning Commissioner*
Derek McGregor, *Trabuco Canyon Advisory Comm.*
Michael McNally, *UC Irvine*

Victoria Michaels, *Anaheim-Resident/Small Business Org.*
Frank Murphy, *Orange Rotary*
Lisandro Orozco, *Historic Santa Ana*
Nick Polichetti, *American Society of Civil Engineers*
Laurel Reimer, *Urban Planner*
Roy Shahbazian, *Bus Rider, Transit Advocate of OC*
Randy Styner, *Calif Governor's Office of Emergency Service*
Damon Tordini, *Santa Ana Resident*
Jeff Thompson, *Tustin Planning Commission and BIA*

Members Absent

Hamid Bahadori, *AAA of Southern California*
Min Chai, *Irvine Resident*
David Emerson, *Los Alamitos Traffic Cmsn.*
Janine Heft, *Laguna Hills Resident/Cncl*
Stephanie Klopfenstein, *GG Neighborhood Assn/Cncl*
Jessica Lomakin, *Tustin Resident*
Margaret Novak, *WTS/Ladera Ranch Maint. Corp.*
Greg Winterbottom, *OCTA Board Member*

Mark Paredes, *Garden Grove Planning Commission*
Sheldon Pines, *Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce*
Mike Posey, *Huntington Beach Resident*
Andrew Ramirez, *Santa Ana Resident*
John Taylor, *Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano*
Dianne Thompson, *Huntington Beach Chamber*

1. Welcome

Chairman Roy Shahbazian welcomed everyone to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting at 12:05pm and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roy said approval of the minutes was not on the agenda, so we will vote on them at the next meeting.

2. Presentation and Discussion Items

A. Chair/Vice Chair Elections

Christina Byrne led the election of the CAC Chair and Vice Chair.

Michael McNally nominated Roy Shahbazian to Chair and Dan Kalmick to Vice Chair. Kara Darnell seconded the nominations and it was passed unanimously with Damon Tordini abstaining.

B. OC Go Quarterly Update

Tamara Warren provided an overview of the Measure M2 Ordinance and presented the OC Go Quarterly Report. She said the quarter covers January through March 2018.

Program highlights in the freeway component include: 12 of 27 freeway segments completed and 67,000 motorists have been assisted through the Freeway Service Patrol. This quarter the I-5/SR-57 project went out to bid, the draft environmental documents for the I-5 between I-405 and SR-55 were submitted, carpool lanes on the I-5 between Avenida Pico and San Juan Creek Road were opened and construction activities started on the I-405 project.

Program highlights in the streets and roads component include: \$670 million has been allocated to local jurisdictions, 135 local projects and 100 regional traffic signal synchronization projects have been funded and \$325 million in funding for local flexible transportation projects has been provided. This quarter's highlight is recommendations for the eighth call for projects went to the OCTA Board.

Program highlights in the transit component include: 16 percent increase in Metrolink boarding, \$56 million allocated for Senior Mobility Programs, fifteen community based circulators have been funded and \$1.5 million has been allocated for the Safe (transit) Stops program. OCTA has funded the mobile ticketing application, and the OC Streetcar project received additional funding support. This quarter design for the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink station began, construction is underway on the Orange Transportation Center parking structure, negotiations have begun for the purchase of OC Streetcar vehicles and the third round of calls for the transit circulators program were received.

Program highlights in the environmental programs component include: \$47 million allocated for 176 environmental clean-up programs and receipt of biological permits for the environmental mitigation program. This quarter the OCTA Board approved the release of \$2.8 million for an eighth call for projects and programmatic permits were received.

The committee discussed delays to the OC Streetcar and costs associated with the delays. Also, discussed were market conditions and competition with Los Angeles's Measure M projects.

C. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

Greg Nord provided an overview of the 2018 Draft LRTP that will go to the OCTA Board in August. He said key issues are changing travel demand patterns, transportation funding uncertainties and issues with keeping up with emissions standards. Greg said between 2015 and 2040 the populations is projected to increase ten percent, housing is projected to increase eleven percent, employment is predicted to be up 17 percent and congestion delays increase by 66 percent. Also, in that period transit ridership is predicted to decline due to high housing costs, the growth of car purchases and growth of technology and rideshare services.

Greg Nord said to keep up with these changes the LRTP proposes the addition of 214 lane miles of highway improvements, exploring the conversion of carpool lanes to 3+ carpool/managed lanes, street improvements, signal synchronization, active transportation solutions (655 miles of bike lanes), additional transit service hours, zero emission buses, 32 additional Metrolink miles, and cleaner powered Metrolink locomotives. He said with these improvements the result would keep Orange County close to the current conditions as opposed to doing nothing.

Greg Nord said OCTA continues to do outreach on the Draft LRTP and to date OCTA has received more than 11,000 public surveys and held numerous public/stakeholder meetings.

Kelli Aamodt suggested OCTA think about the increase in goods movement. Greg Nord said there will be a goods movement study, but it has been hard to capture this in OCTA's modeling. Kelli said she could help with input from UPS, FedEx, etc. and can provide contacts.

The committee discussed Measure M discretionary funds, the average travel speed on freeways, OCTA's involvement with the emergence of electric vehicles, and system-wide impacts during construction activity.

The committee discussed the completion of the bicycle network. Greg Nord said OCTA believes there is enough funding to complete the network within the LRTP that goes through 2040. He said OCTA is looking to local jurisdictions to implement improvements with funding incentives from OCTA. Greg said additions to the bikeway network are funded through the Active Transportation Plan.

The committee commented the State of California is essentially getting rid of carpool lanes by changing them to managed lanes and would like to see a graduated toll depending on the number of riders per car. The committee also discussed the revenue OCTA will receive with the addition of managed lanes.

D. Transit Planning/Corridor Studies

Gary Hewitt introduced Eric Carlson and new employee Kevin Corey. Gary presented the upcoming October Service Change. He said changes to service will be due to the bridge closure in the I-405 Project area. He said staff will be going to

the OCTA Board in September with information on the effects on transit if Senate Bill 1 (SB1) is repealed.

Eric Carlson provided information on the conclusion of the Harbor Corridor Study. He said the cities were divided on the types of transit alternatives they would support. The Cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana supported an OC Streetcar and the Cities of Fullerton and Anaheim did not support any form of transit in dedicated lanes. Those cities cited cost/safety issues and mobility issues associated with a streetcar. OCTA will be exploring bus rapid transit in the corridor and a schedule will be available in the next few months.

Eric Carlson said the next corridor to be studied will be in the area of Bristol Street with connections to John Wayne Airport (JWA) and Santa Ana College. He said the consultant selection is going to the OCTA Board and the study is expected to start at the end of August/beginning of September.

The committee discussed the use of a monorail in the Harbor Corridor and the reasoning behind the Cities of Anaheim and Fullerton rejecting a streetcar in the corridor. The City of Fullerton did not provide a formal action, only comments on the project, and the City of Anaheim took formal action against the streetcar.

The committee discussed the timeline and project team for the Bristol Corridor Study. The committee was happy to hear OCTA is looking to potentially connect to JWA. The committee believes there is a lot of loss of opportunities to the cities since there is not a way to connect with the airport.

The committee asked about impacts on Bus Route 66 due to I-405 construction. Gary Hewitt said there is no way to estimate how traffic patterns will change due to the closure and therefore it would be hard to figure out where/how bus routes should change. He said these impacts will be to everyone – bus riders, commuters, goods movement, etc.

E. Waze Pilot

Ryan Armstrong provided information on the Waze Pilot Project. He said in May the project team took feedback from the CAC. He said in the last quarter OCTA partnered with Waze to create a three month pilot carpooling program in Irvine for \$2 a trip. The project cost OCTA nothing. Ryan said the results are 2074 unique carpools were created, a 78 percent increase in Waze carpools, and 48,000 carpoled miles. Pilot participants saved a total of 1,097 commute hours and a reduction of 1000 kilograms of carbon dioxide. All trips were to or from the City of Irvine. The most traveled destinations were Anaheim, Fullerton and Long Beach.

Ryan Armstrong also talked about “Dump the Pump” on June 21, 2018. He said OCTA offered free rides for Waze users and on OC Bus using the mobile ticketing

application. Ryan said Waze Carpool saw a 27 percent increase in rides and a 60 percent increase in rides on OCTA buses as a result of the campaign.

The committee said it sounds like the Waze Carpool Pilot is a great program and asked if it will be continued. Ryan Armstrong said OCTA has extended the program another three months.

The committee asked if there are background checks on drivers. Ryan Armstrong said drivers can provide their picture and links to their Facebook and LinkedIn profiles, but there are no background checks and there is no liability to OCTA.

The committee commented on the carpool lanes being integral to this program and if carpool lanes are changed to 3+ and managed lanes this program would not be feasible.

The committee asked about feedback on the program. Ryan Armstrong said the only way to really get feedback is through social media and the feedback was positive. He said OCTA hopes that the individuals in the pilot develop long-term relationships and continue to carpool in the future.

F. Title VI

Dixie Cochran provided information on Title VI. She said OCTA is required to send a report to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) every three years. This report provides information on demographics, non-discrimination assurances and conflicts within OCTA's advisory boards. She asked the committee to fill out the information and hand it back during this meeting. Dixie said the information is kept completely confidential.

3. OCTA Staff Updates

A. 2019 Budget Overview

Victor Velasquez provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. He introduced the budgeting staff. Victor said currently the budget includes funds from Senate Bill 1 (SB1), but will be working on a back-up plan. He said in the next fiscal year there are no proposed fare increases and OCTA will be looking at a possible decreasing fares. This December Orange County Taxi Administrative Program (OCTAP), which OCTA manages, will sunset. City managers are discussing what will happen to this program in the future.

Victor Velasquez said OCTA recently approved a \$1.3 billion budget and it is a slight increase over last year's budget. He said the biggest part of the budget goes to bus service, then freeway improvements, streets and roads, and the OC Streetcar. Victor spent some time talking about how bus purchases are amortized over several years and the cost of staffing is up slightly in the next budget.

The committee asked about the OC Flex program costs versus the Bravo bus program. Gary Hewitt said the two OC Flex routes cost about the same as the 529 Bravo Route.

The committee also discussed the revenue received from the 91 Express Lanes and how OCTA receives the money for their section and Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) receives the money for their section of the express lanes. Victor Velasquez said OCTA does share the cost of maintenance with RCTC on certain portions.

B. Capital Projects Update

Chris Boucly provided an update on Capital Projects. He said a groundbreaking event will take place in September/October for a second carpool lane on the I-5 between SR-55 and SR-57. Chris talked about the outreach on the project.

Chris Boucly said construction and outreach has begun on the I-405 Project. He said the Slater Bridge is scheduled for demolition and OCTA met with area constituents and stakeholders. Chris said McFadden will be the next bridge to be demolished and reconstructed.

C. South Dakota v. Wayfair

Sam Kaur spoke about a recent court case related to sales tax collection. She said the State of South Dakota challenged the ability to collect sales tax for online transactions. The Supreme Court upheld the state's ability to collect sales tax for online purchases. The State of California will look in to the state's ability to collect online sales tax. Sam said the State of California must have something in place for OCTA to collect sales tax on online purchases.

D. OC Flex

Stella Lin was not available to present the OC Flex Program.

4. Public Comments

No one from the public spoke.

5. Chair/Vice-Chair Remarks

The Chair and Vice-Chair thanked the committee for the being elected to another term.

Roy Shahbazian said he and Dan Kalmick met with staff to develop plans for future agenda items. He said we will add an item to approve the minutes of this meeting and last meeting on the agenda. Please put October 16th on your calendar for the next meeting.

6. Committee Member Comments

Paul Adams provided a brief update on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee. He thanked Brian Cox, the previous chair of the subcommittee, for all of his tireless work.

Paul said he and Roy Shahbazian made suggestions to Caltrans on behalf of the subcommittee regarding freeway projects and bicycle/pedestrian interface.

7. Adjournment/Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**Citizens Advisory Committee
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

Member	7/18/17	10/17/17	1/16/18	4/17/18	7/17/18
Adams, Paul	●	●	●	●	●
Bahadori, Hamid	⊙	●	●	⊙	⊙
Buck, Vince	●	●	●	●	●
Chai, Min	●	⊙	⊙	●	⊙
Cox, Brian	●	●	⊙	●	●
Darnell, Kara	⊙	●	⊙	●	●
Duffin, Barry	●	●	⊙	⊙	●
Emerson, David	●	●	●	●	⊙
Heft, Janine	⊙	⊙	●	●	⊙
Henry, Merlin "Bud"	●	●	R	R	R
Kalmick, Dan	●	●	●	●	●
Klopfenstein, Stephanie	●	●	⊙	●	⊙
Kozak, Steve	●	●	●	●	●
Lomakin, Jessica	●	●	⊙	⊙	⊙
Luckham, Theodore	●	⊙	●	⊙	●
Lumbard, Austin	●	●	●	⊙	●
McGregor, Derek	●	●	●	●	●
McNally, Michael	●	●	●	●	●
Mier, Luis	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	●
Murphy, Frank	●	⊙	⊙	⊙	●
Novak, Margaret	●	●	●	●	⊙
Paredes, Mark	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Pines, Sheldon	●	⊙	●	●	⊙
Posey, Mike	⊙	●	⊙	⊙	⊙
Ramirez, Andrew	⊙	●	●	●	⊙
Reimer, Laurel	⊙	●	●	⊙	●
Shahbazian, Roy	●	●	●	⊙	●
Taylor, John	●	⊙	●	⊙	⊙
Thompson, Dianne	●	●	●	●	⊙
Thompson, Jeff	●	●	●	●	●