



**Citizens Advisory Committee**

**April 21, 2015**

*1:00 – 3:00 p.m.*

*600 South Main Street, Orange, California, 92863*

*Conference Room 103*

**Agenda**

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| <b>1. Chairman's Remarks</b>   | Leonard Lahtinen, <i>Chair, CAC</i>   |
| <b>2. Environmental Mitigation Program Update</b><br><i>(15 min) Presentation</i>  | Dan Phu, <i>Section Manager, Planning</i>   |
| <b>3. Title VI – Demographic Information</b><br><i>(10 min) Presentation</i>   | Dixie Cochran, <i>Sr. Employee Relations, HR</i>  |
| <b>4. Measure M2 Comprehensive 10-Year Review</b> <i>(30 min) Discussion</i>   | Tamara Warren, <i>Measure M Program Manager, Planning</i>   |
| <b>5. Marketing Update</b> <i>(15 min) Presentation</i>  | Stella Lin, <i>Manager, Marketing</i>   |
| <b>6. Update Reports</b> <i>(5 minutes each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bike/Ped Subcommittee Report</li><li>• Government Affairs</li><li>• June Service Change</li><li>• Staff Liaison</li></ul> | Roy Shahbazian, <i>Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee</i><br>Lance Larson, <i>Exec. Director, Government Rel.</i><br>Scott Holmes, <i>Manager, Transit</i><br>Alice Rogan, <i>Public Outreach Manager, External Affairs</i> |
| <b>7. Committee Member Comments</b>  |   |
| <b>8. Public Comments</b>  |   |
| <b>9. Adjournment</b>  |   |

**Agenda Descriptions/Public Comments on Agenda Items**

The Agenda descriptions are intended to give notice to members of the public of a general summary of items of business to be transacted or discussed. Members from the public wishing to address the Committee will be recognized by the Chairman at the time the Agenda item is to be considered. A speaker's comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

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**Citizens Advisory Committee  
Meeting Notes  
January 20, 2015  
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
At The Orange County Transportation Authority  
600 S. Main Street, Orange, Calif.  
Conference Room 103/104**

**Members Present**

Paul Adams, <i>Fountain Valley Resident</i>	Theodore Luckham,
Michael Brandman, <i>Building Industry Association</i>	Derek McGregor, <i>Trabuco Canyon Advisory Committee</i>
Vince Buck, <i>Cal State Fullerton</i>	Lyle Overby, <i>Santa Ana Resident</i>
Steve Cienfuegos, <i>Laguna Niguel Planning Commission</i>	Laurel Reimer, <i>Orange County Young Planners Group</i>
Brian Cox, <i>Orange County Bicycle Coalitian</i>	Jay Schneider, <i>MLMS Associates Engineering</i>
Doug Davert, <i>Tustin Resident</i>	Roy Shahbazian, <i>Transit Advocates of Orange Co.</i>
Barbara Delgleize, <i>Huntington Beach Chamber</i>	Michael Stockstill, <i>Transportation Planning.</i>
Barry Duffin, <i>Orange County Wheelmen</i>	Schelly Sustarsic, <i>Seal Beach Parks &amp; Recreation Comm.</i>
John Frankel, <i>Rancho Santa Marg. Architectural Review</i>	Jeff Thompson, <i>Tustin Planning Commission</i>
Dan Kalmick, <i>Huntington Beach Planning Commission</i>	Kara Watson, <i>Transit Advocates of Orange Co</i>
Andrew Kanzler, <i>Orange County Bicycle Coalition</i>	Craig Young, <i>Yorba Linda Resident</i>
Leonard Lahtinen, <i>North O.C. Community College Dist.</i>	

Greg Winterbottom, *OCTA Board Member*

**Members Absent**

Phil Bacerra, <i>Santa Ana Resident</i>	James Leach, <i>OC Taxpayers Association</i>
Hamid Bahadori, <i>Automobile Club of So. CA</i>	Michael McNally, <i>UC Irvine</i>
Dan Bane, <i>San Clemente Resident</i>	David Mootchnik, <i>Southern California Commuters Forum</i>
Ralph Bauer, <i>Council on Aging &amp; City of Hunt. Bch</i>	Frank Murphy, <i>Orange Rotary</i>
Tom Garner, <i>Retired Lieutenant, Laguna Hills</i>	Dan Oregel, <i>Santa Ana Resident</i>
Merlin "Bud" Henry, <i>North Tustin Advisory Committee</i>	Jacqueline Tran, <i>Santa Ana Resident</i>

**1. Chairman's Remarks**

Chairman Leonard Lahtinen called the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introduced a new CAC member – Steve Cienfuegos from the City of Laguna Niguel.

Chairman Leonard Lahtinen asked for the following correction to the October 21, 2014 CAC Meeting Notes on page 5 under Committee Member Comments: *A committee member said he was in ~~Korea~~ London recently and they have the best bus system he has ever seen.*

Chairman Leonard Lahtinen said he read in the Los Angeles Times about "Parking Cash Out." In 1992, a bill was passed to allow employers to give their workers cash in lieu of providing parking spaces. The California Air Resources Board oversees this program. He has asked Alice Rogan to investigate the program and get back to the CAC with information.

## **2. Santa Ana/Garden Grove Streetcar Update:**

Kelly Hart, Manager, Rail Programs gave an update of the Santa Ana/Garden Grove Streetcar Project.

A committee member asked if there was anyway a city could use the New Starts Program to connect at either Harbor Blvd or Westminster Blvd. Kelly Hart said the OCTA Board has directed staff to look into connecting the Anaheim project to the Santa Ana/Garden Grove project. Also, the Cities of Fullerton and Huntington Beach are starting to look at connecting to the project.

A committee member asked if there was anything their city could do to let OCTA know they are interested. Kelly Hart said the city should come forward and let OCTA know they are interested in looking at other transit connections available. Currently OCTA is in the process of initiating a Harbor Blvd. corridor study.

A committee member asked if there are still funds available for the program. Kelly Hart said there could be approximately \$1.3 billion available for future calls for projects.

A committee member said the plan calls for one track across the Santa Ana River. How does this effect two way traffic? Kelly Hart said a new safety and efficiency program needsto be put in place. In the next phase of the project they will be looking at things like this.

A committee member said OCTA has identified the Pacific Electric Right of Way (PE ROW) as part of the alignment. Is there enough space to incorporate a bike path along side of the rail? Kelly Hart said there is still space.

A committee member asked if there are plans for this project to continue on Harbor Blvd. up to Fullerton. Kelly Hart said there are currently no plans to do this. There are approximately three miles that separate the western terminus of the Santa Ana/Garden Grove's project and the City of Anaheim's project. Also, Cal Poly Pomona is assisting with looking at a possible Harbor Blvd connection. These projects may be looked at in the future, but currently there are no plans to do them.

A committee member asked if the trains were going to travel curb side. Kelly Hart said this was correct. The committee member asked how much of an impact this would be to the bicycling and the pedestrian community. Kelly Hart said there will need to be a tremendous safety coordination effort. OCTA Staff will work with the CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee on this.

A committee member observed one of the biggest problems to bicyclists is the Santa Ana River crossing. Every time they use the crossing over the River they are squeezed by motorist going fifty to sixty miles an hour. The committee member asked if any consideration has been given to include a separate bike lane across the bridge with the train. Kelly Hart said it is not currently included in the plan but may be looked at in the future.

A committee member said once the environmental process is over it might be interesting to know what cost effective things OCTA and the other cities do to promote ridership on opening day. Kelly Hart said public outreach will play a big part in promoting the project.

A committee member said the current plan for this project includes the use of the PE ROW for approximately two miles and ends at Harbor and Westminster Blvd. OCTA owns the northern segment of the PE ROW. Are there any plans to use this segment? Kelly Hart said no, the plans are to get something in the ground with the Santa Ana/Garden Grove project and then take a look at other projects.

A committee member said this is a good start on a new transit system but the disappointing thing is it is only four miles and it is going to take four years to do it. Is this the best time line for this project? Kelly Hart yes. This is the first project of its kind and once it is done they can move on to the next one with the knowledge gained on this one.

### **3. Comprehensive Business Plan**

Victor Velasquez, Manager, Finance and Administration gave a presentation on the Comprehensive Business Plan.

A committee member said the report showed an expense for locomotives. Is this a contribution to Metrolink to buy locomotives? Victor Velasquez said yes, OCTA does not own locomotives.

A committee member asked if the red line shown on a M2 chart means they have overspent or is OCTA just balancing. Victor Velasquez said the chart line indicated the Streets and Roads Program is fully funded but the difference seen in the revenue line item is OCTA needs to issue more debt or seek external funding.

#### **4. 91 Express lanes Customer Satisfaction**

Stella Lin gave a presentation on the 91 Express Lanes Customer Satisfaction survey.

A committee member asked for a copy of the full report. Stella Lin said the entire report is on the OCTC website.

A committee member asked if someone is building a direct connect to the SR 241. Stella Lin said yes. The committee member said he would rather the money be spent on other things. It effects too small a portion of the population.

A committee member asked how many people were surveyed and how were they surveyed. Stella Lin said they surveyed 1,349 people by email and mail.

A committee member said what was most helpful to him was comparing the statistical information of what was done in the past in 2008/09 when the survey was last done. Presuming the same information was collected in the past it was a good survey.

#### **5. 2014 Accomplishments Wrap-Up**

Ellen Burton, Executive Director, External Affairs gave a presentation which included a video on the 2014 Progress Report on OCTA Accomplishments. She also gave a preview of what they will be focusing on in 2015.

#### **6. Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Update**

Roy Shahbazian gave an update report on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee.

Brian Cox gave a report on the road conditions along the I-5. Brian Cox reported due to multiple reasons most of road crossings along the I-5 in south Orange County are not friendly for bicyclists. He concluded his report by saying there were two key recommendations:

1. Please work with the bicycle community early in the process when planning a project.
2. When doing construction please consider bicycle traffic traveling through the area

Dan Kalmick reported the Bike Share program in the City of Fullerton was terminated once the contract with the vendor expired because the pilot project did not meet expectations and had low usage. A committee member said the biggest complaint for the program was the type of bicycle. People thought they were too clumsy and heavy.

Roy Shahbazian reported on the pedestrian safety. Greg Winterbottom said the pedestrian safety workshop will be at OCTA on Monday, January 26, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

A committee member said his city recently had two children killed in a crosswalk. His city's police department has been tasked with starting an awareness campaign. It will be a Look/Live type of program for public schools.

## 7. Update Reports

February Service Change: Audrey Saller gave an update on the February service change.

Government Relations Update: Brandon Bollock gave a Government Relations update.

A committee member asked about the State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. Brandon Bollock said there are approximately \$380 million in STA funds available and OCTA portion is approximately \$20.2 million.

Marketing: Stella Lin, Marketing Manager gave an update on the Marketing Department. She announced the temporary extension of the Bravo route to the City of Fullerton to help with a musical event in Anaheim.

Staff Liaison: Alice Rogan, Strategic Communications Manager talked about the roundtable on bus branding and Measure M awareness.

Alice Rogan announced recruitment for CAC members has started.

Alice Rogan announced the dedication ceremony for the West County Connectors project will be February 12 at 2:00 pm. CAC members are invited. The committee member asked when the landscape project would begin. Ellen Burton said it should begin shortly.

## 8. Committee Member Comments

A committee member said he received a memo about an I-5 Irvine/Tustin study underway. It might be a good idea to put this on the agenda for a future CAC meeting.

A committee member said the city of Cypress is having a meeting this evening at 6:00 pm at the senior center to discuss a bike route project on Cerritos Avenue.

A committee member said he really appreciated the OCTA video on the 2014 accomplishments. He is looking forward to the video of the 2015 accomplishments featuring more indications of bike lanes and bike routes, bike friendly overpasses and underpasses, and maybe a bike route along the PE ROW. He hoped the CAC can support OCTA's work with the individual communities and help them to make cycling safer.

A committee member said there have been some reports concerning Metrolink and suggested the CAC have this item on a future agenda.

**9. Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

**10. Adjournment – Next Meeting April 21, 2015**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will be at the OCTA offices on April 21 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

**Citizens Advisory Committee  
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

Member	7/15/14	10/21/14	1/20/15	4/21/15
Adams, Paul	●	●	●	
Bacerra, Phil	●	⊙	⊙	
Bahadori, Hamid	●	●	⊙	
Bane, Dan	⊙	●	⊙	
Bauer, Ralph	⊙	●	⊙	
Brandman, Michael	●	⊙	●	
Buck, Vince	⊙	⊙	●	
Cienfuegos, Steve	⊙	⊙	●	
Cox, Brian	●	●	●	
Davert, Doug	●	⊙	●	
Delgleize, Barbara	●	●	●	
DiCandia, Carla	⊙	R	R	
Duffin, Barry	●	●	●	
Frankel, John	●	●	●	
Garner, Tom	⊙	●	⊙	
Henry, Merlin "Bud"	●	⊙	⊙	
Kalmick, Dan	●	●	●	
Kanzler, Andrew	●	●	●	
Lahtinen, Leonard	●	●	●	
Leach, James	●	⊙	⊙	
Luckham, Theodore	●	⊙	●	
McGregor, Derek	●	●	●	
McNally, Michael	●	●	⊙	
Mootchnick, David	●	⊙	⊙	
Murphy, Frank	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Oregel, Dan	●	●	⊙	
Overby, Lyle	⊙	●	●	
Reimer, Laurel	●	●	●	
Shahbazian, Roy	●	●	●	
Stockstill, Michael	●	●	●	
Schelly Sustarsic	●	●	●	
Thompson, Jeff	●	⊙	●	
Tran, Jacqueline	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Watson, Kara	●	⊙	●	
Young, Craig	●	●	●	