



Citizens Advisory Committee
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07
April 18, 2023 | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- 1. Chairman’s Remarks** Lisandro Orozco, *Chair, CAC*
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** Karalee Darnell, *Vice Chair, CAC*
- 3. Approval of January Minutes / Attendance Report**
Action Item
- 4. Long Range Transportation Plan** Gregory Nord, *Planning*
(15 min) Discussion Marissa Espino, *Public Outreach*
- 5. I-405 Project Update** Chris Boucly, *Public Outreach*
(15 min) Presentation Amelia Hsu, *Marketing*
- 6. 2023 Complete Streets Call for Projects** Denise Sifford, *Planning*
(10 min) Presentation
- 7. Track Stabilization Update** Chris Boucly, *Public Outreach*
(10 min) Presentation
- 8. Coastal Rail Planning Framework** Kurt Brotcke, *Planning*
(10 min) Presentation
- 9. Update Reports** Alexis Leicht, *Government Relations*
(5 min) Presentation
 - Government Affairs
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Paul Adams, *Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee*
 - Marketing Amelia Hsu, *Marketing*
 - Staff Liaison Christina Byrne, *Public Outreach*
- 10. Public Comments**
- 11. Committee Member Comments**
- 12. Adjournment / Next Meeting:**
July 18, 2023

Agenda Descriptions

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**Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
January 17, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
550 S. Main Street, Orange, CA**

Members Present

Adam Wood, *Huntington Beach Resident / Building Industry*
Damon Tordini, *Engineers w/o Borders / Santa Ana Res*
Dan Kalmick, *Huntington Beach City Council*
Daniel Soper, *Cal State Fullerton*
David Wheeler, *Laguna Hills City Council*
Deepak Krishan, *Irvine Resident*
Derek McGregor, *Trabuco Canyon Advisory Comm.*
Dianne Thompson, *Huntington Beach Resident*
Frank Murphy, *Orange Resident*
Jeff Thompson, *Building Industry*

Jim Cunneen, *Fountain Valley School Dist. Board of Trust*
John Kinney, *Laguna Niguel Traffic/Transp. Commission*
Lisandro Orozco, *Historic Santa Ana*
Mary Ann Remnet, *Los Alamitos Resident*
Nick Polichetti, *Placentia Resident*
Paul Adams, *Santa Ana Resident*
Roy Shahbazian, *California Community Colleges*
Tyler Holst, *Civil Engineer*

Members Absent

Amelia Castro, *Anaheim Housing & Comm. Dev Comsn.*
Eddie Marquez, *OC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce*
Karalee Darnell, *Yorba Linda Planning Commission*
Kunal Mittal, *Civil Engineer*
Laurel Reimer, *American Planning Assoc.: Orange Section*
Manny Escamilla, *Santa Ana Active Streets*
Marc Vukcevich, *Costa Mesa Alliance for Better Streets*

Marie Laveaga, *La Habra Chamber of Commerce*
Mark Paredes, *Garden Grove Resident*
Meredith Chillemi, *LeadingAge California*
Pete Hardin, *Costa Mesa Resident*
Randy Styner, *Garden Grove Resident*
Steve Kozak, *Tustin Planning Commission*

1. Chairman's Remarks

Lisandro Orozco called the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Lisandro Orozco led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Approval of April Minutes/Attendance Report

A motion was made by David Wheeler and seconded by Daniel Soper to approve the October 18, 2022, CAC Minutes/Attendance Report.

4. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Gregory Nord in Planning presented the Directions 2045, Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Overview and Marissa Espino in Public Outreach presented an LRTP outreach activities overview and facilitated a discussion on draft strategies. Committee members were asked how much they agreed with the following statements.

Statement 1: Improving the efficiency and safety of roads and freeways is becoming more important as an alternative to major widening projects as state regulations and limited land availability are making it more difficult to add new lanes.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member said it seems the statement referred to state and federal requirements regarding less capacity expansion and limited space for expanding roadways.

A committee member said there would be resistance to eminent domain used to widen freeways.

A committee member agreed that there is not a lot of room to continue to widen freeways and it becomes a very expensive project if eminent domain is needed to do additional improvements.

A committee member said they support concepts of efficiency and safety.

A committee member said that all major automotive manufacturers are working on new technologies, inter-vehicle communication, automated driving, etc., and these will naturally improve efficiency and carrying capacity of roadways as time passes. It is a good thing and they strongly support the statement. They believe it will happen naturally over the next decade and would encourage the county to coordinate with or support the efforts of the automobile manufacturers as they seek to find answers to these problems.

Statement 2: Orange County's many diverse communities require a wide variety of transportation options to address local mobility needs.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member said that the average person in Orange County doesn't want a large array of different types of transportation. They would prefer a car that gets them where they want to go with zero traffic. Not realistic, but that's what they want.

A committee member said people want a direct route from where they are to where they are going and all kinds of different ways to get there does not necessarily solve the problem. We need to focus on how many people need to get from one place to another and what the most efficient way to travel is: car, bus, subway, rail.

A committee member seconded what others said that people will choose the most efficient mode possible.

A committee member responded locations that are denser may be better served by BRT or light rail, other places might be easier to serve people with roadway improvements, traffic signal synchronization etc.

A committee member stated different parts of the county may require different solutions.

A committee member said the most efficient travel mode may not be affordable to some.

A committee member seconded the previous comment and said the crux of this question is the word "require", and there is a difference between preferences and economic reality. The reality is many people simply cannot take their preferred method for whatever reason and as such it is not prudent to default to a single mode of transportation. Options should be available. In a community of diverse people, there are economic, physical abilities, disabilities and many other factors to consider.

Statement 3: It is important to continue OC Go funded programs beyond 2041 to maintain infrastructure, signal synchronization, transit accessibility, senior mobility, Metrolink service, and other programs.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member responded Measure M is a huge benefit to the county and has accomplished a ton, but is it going to be perpetual? Most people would agree we should continue to fund these projects, but why is there no longer enough money? Greg Nord responded that OC Go had a mixture of projects, mostly freeway projects with specifics, but also a number of programs.

A committee member said that transportation is one of those fundamental building blocks of a community to measure success, in terms of safety, education, etc. If we do not take care of our transportation system, we will be hurting ourselves. We need to be adapting to what transportation will look like in 2041.

A committee member said that since we cannot widen the roads, we must use technology to improve flow and safety. However, technology is expensive and would require additional funding.

A committee member commented that in a perfect world, we would not need to ask for additional funding, but in the world we live in, we don't have enough funds to maintain our system and continue to improve it.

5. OC Streetcar Update

Tresa Oliveri, Public Outreach, provided an update on this item.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if metrics were being gathered and what are the top 2 or 3. Tresa Oliveri responded interior and exterior bus ads, movie theatre advertising and electronic billboards garner the most exposure.

A committee member asked for metrics of how much income the businesses have now versus when the streetcar is built. Tresa Oliveri responded OCTA does not have access to the revenue generated by the businesses.

A committee member commented they were pleased to see Orange County taking steps to have mass transit options and asked if there were any steps being taken to use clean energy to power these facilities. Tresa Oliveri responded that the cars are powered by electricity and there are no emissions coming from them. She added the maintenance and storage facility was designed with environmentally friendly materials.

6. Rail Projects Update

Chris Boucly, Capital Public Outreach, provided an update on emergency track stabilization project in San Clemente and the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station Improvement Project.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if the corrosiveness of the salt water was being addressed. Chris Boucly responded that the tie backs and the ground anchors are treated with a solution anticipated to last 75 years.

A committee member asked when building the two levels, why the lower one was built first. Chris Boucly responded that if they excavated all the way down for the first one first, there would be a lot of risks and potential shoring issues.

A committee member asked what "still in the process" in reference to right-of-way meant. Chris responded that the legal team was developing agreements with various property owners.

A committee member asked if the \$12 million project cost included any additional costs that occur. Chris Boucly responded that the \$12 million project cost does not include right-of-way costs.

A committee member asked how many properties there are. Chris Boucly responded about 7 to 8.

A committee member asked if OCTA coordinated with any local jurisdictions. Jim Beil responded OCTA coordinated with the Coastal Commission, the Corp of Engineers, the State Lands Commission, and the City of San Clemente.

A committee member commented that he assumed the landslide and beach erosion were working together to cause the problem. Jim Beil responded yes.

A committee member commented that it looked like there were load anchors and tiebacks above the tracks, and asked if any are below the tracks or mostly above. Jim Beil responded grade beams are about even with the track level and there will be a fill of the excavation area where they will not be seen.

A committee member asked if engineers believe this solution will last for a few years. Jim Beil responded that Chris had mentioned that materials in the tiebacks were required to meet Federal standards for corrosion resistance for at least 70 years. For permanent solutions, a Request for Proposal for a feasibility study is being scoped for release in March.

7. Update Reports

- Government Affairs – Alexis Leicht, Government Relations, provided the update.

A committee member asked if they were saying hydrogen buses seemed like they were sustainably better than electric? Lance Larson responded the intent is to go to zero-emission technology.

A committee member asked if they had looked at the state responsibility fire maps that came out last week, and the impact on OCTA. Lance Larson responded they were looking at some of the encroachments of utilities on some of our mitigation properties.

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee – Paul Adams, Vice Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee reported the next meeting will be March 21, at 12:00pm.
- Marketing – Amelia Hsu, Marketing, provided the update.
- Staff Liaison – Christina Byrne, Public Outreach, provided an update.

11. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

12. Committee Member Comments

There were no committee member comments.

13. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Chair Lisandro Orozco adjourned the meeting.

The next CAC meeting will be April 18, 2023.

Citizens Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Attendance Record

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

MEMBER	7/19/22	10/18/22	1/17/23	4/18/23
Adam Wood	●	●	●	
Amelia Castro	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Brendon Moeller	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Damon Tordini	●	⊙	●	
Dan Kalmick	●	●	●	
Daniel Soper	●	⊙	●	
David Wheeler	●	●	●	
Deepak Krishan	⊙	●	●	
Derek McGregor	●	●	●	
Dianne Thompson	●	⊙	●	
Eddie Marquez	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Frank Murphy	⊙	●	●	
Jamey Federico	⊙	⊙	R	
Jeff Thompson	⊙	●	●	
Jim Cunneen	●	⊙	●	
John Kinney	●	⊙	●	
Karalee Darnell	●	●	⊙	
Kunal Mittal	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Laurel Reimer	⊙	●	⊙	
Lisandro Orozco	●	●	●	
Manny Escamilla	●	●	⊙	
Marc Vukceovich	●	●	⊙	
Marie Laveaga	⊙	●	⊙	
Mark Paredes	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Mary Ann Remnet	N/A	●	●	
Meredith Chillemi	●	⊙	⊙	
Nick Polichetti	●	⊙	●	
Paul Adams	●	●	●	
Pete Hardin	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Randy Styner	⊙	●	⊙	
Roy Shahbazian	●	●	●	
Steve Kozak	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Tyler Holst	●	●	●	