



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

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| 1. Chairman’s Remarks | Lisandro Orozco, <i>Chair, CAC</i> |
| 2. Welcome New Members | Christina Byrne, <i>CAC Staff Liaison</i> |
| 3. Pledge of Allegiance | Lisandro Orozco, <i>Chair, CAC</i> |
| 4. Approval of April Minutes / Attendance Report
<i>Action Item</i> | |
| 5. Chair and Vice Chair Elections | Christina Byrne, <i>CAC Staff Liaison</i> |
| 6. Upcoming Planning Studies
<i>(15 min) Discussion</i> | Marissa Espino, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 7. 2024 Budget Update
<i>(10 min) Presentation</i> | Victor Velasquez, <i>Financial Planning</i> |
| 8. OC Streetcar Update
<i>(10 min) Presentation</i> | Tresa Oliveri, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 9. I-5 Improvement Project (SR-73 to El Toro)
<i>(10 min) Presentation</i> | Fernando Chavarria, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 10. I-405 Improvement Project Update
<i>(10 min) Presentation</i> | Logan Selleck, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 11. Update Reports
<i>(5 min) Presentation</i> | |
| • Government Affairs | Kristin Jacinto, <i>Government Relations</i> |
| • Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee | Paul Adams, <i>Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee</i> |
| • Marketing | Amelia Hsu, <i>Marketing</i> |
| • Staff Liaison | Christina Byrne, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 12. Public Comments | |
| 13. Committee Member Comments | |
| 14. Adjournment / Next Meeting:
October 17, 2023 | |

Agenda Descriptions

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**Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
April 18, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
550 S. Main Street, Orange, CA**

Members Present

Brendon Moeller, *Orange Resident*

Damon Tordini, *Enginrs w/o Borders/ Santa Ana Resident*

Dan Kalmick, *Huntington Beach City Council*

Derek McGregor, *Trabuco Canyon Advisory Comm.*

Dianne Thompson, *Huntington Beach Resident*

Frank Murphy, *Orange Resident*

Jeff Thompson, *Building Industry*

Jim Cunneen, *Fountain Valley City Council*

Karalee Darnell, *Yorba Linda Resident*

Lisandro Orozco, *Historic Santa Ana*

Marc Vukcevich, *Costa Mesa Alliance for Better Streets*

Martin Varona, *Orange Resident*

Mary Ann Remnet, *Rossmoor Resident*

Paul Adams, *Santa Ana Resident*

Roy Shahbazian, *California Community Colleges*

Steve Kozak, *Tustin Planning Commission*

Tyler Holst, *Civil Engineer*

Members Absent

Alex Rounaghi, *Laguna Beach Resident*

Amelia Castro, *Anaheim Housing & Comm. Dev Comsn.*

Daniel Soper, *Cal State Fullerton*

David Wheeler, *Laguna Hills City Council*

Deepak Krishan, *Irvine Resident*

Eddie Marquez, *OC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce*

John Kinney, *Laguna Niguel Resident*

Kunal Mittal, *Civil Engineer*

Laurel Reimer, *American Planning Assoc.: Orange Section*

Manny Escamilla, *Santa Ana Active Streets*

Marie Laveaga, *La Habra Chamber of Commerce*

Mark Paredes, *Garden Grove Resident*

Nick Polichetti, *Placentia Resident*

Randy Styner, *Garden Grove Resident*

1. Chairman's Remarks

Lisandro Orozco called the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting to order. Lisandro Orozco welcomed new members Brendon Moeller and Martin Varona to the committee.

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 Jeff Thompson and seconded by Derek McGregor to approve the January 17, 2023, CAC Minutes/Attendance Report. Brendon Moeller, Dianne Thompson, Marc Vukceovich, and Martin Varona abstained.

4. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Gregory Nord in Planning presented an overview of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Marissa Espino in Public Outreach presented a summary of the outreach efforts over the last year and half related to the LRTP and the next steps for the finalizing of the Plan.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if it's possible to figure out what people mean by saying they want enhanced bus service. Marissa Espino responded that the LRTP survey did not ask transit-specific questions. Alice Rogan commented that they had previously done customer satisfaction surveys, such as the Making Better Connections Survey last year, and the same things came up; more frequency, less transfers, and faster trips.

A committee member commented that they had seen the other surveys in the past, and for him, the issue that stands out is frequency of service. He also said one survey asked about dedicated bus lanes, and they hoped OCTA could further look at that.

A committee member asked if outreach was conducted to non-profits? Marissa Espino responded there were three different round tables with community leaders; attendance ranged from educators, Asian owned businesses, OC Aging Collaborative, the banking industry, Vietnamese American Artists and Media Association, various churches, Cal State Fullerton and other various organizations.

A committee member commented they would like to see more transportation-oriented non-profits targeted in community engagements.

A committee member asked what was learned from the 78% agreement on everything reflected in the Phase Two Survey Results and why certain things were bundled in the survey, such as signal synchronization and senior mobility, where one may be favored and other not. Marissa Espino responded that the LRTP is pretty high level and other city surveys dig into the deeper details. The 78% response gives some direction on what people feel are challenges or opportunities. A committee member asked if they could receive information regarding who to contact for senior transit needs. Marissa Espino responded yes.

A committee member commented that they wanted to see more on managed lanes.

A committee member asked what happens when they go to SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) with the LRTP, what are the next steps, how do they use it, do they critique it, or is it just information for all those who participate in SCAG on how all their regional transportation plans are implemented? Gregory Nord responded that SCAG reaches out to all the county transportation commissions and works with all the local jurisdictions within the SCAG region. We provide transportation input; the local jurisdictions are mainly working on the land use, and social-economic inputs on the plan. The plan goes through a full public review process, multiple public outreach workshops, and regional commission meetings. The draft is due later this year, and a final plan is due spring of next year.

A committee member asked if it comes back to the CAC with suggestions or if it just here for information. Gregory Nord responded that it can come back but it is mainly refined thru the RTP (Regional Transportation Plan) development.

5. I-405 Project Update

Chris Boucly, Public Outreach, presented an update on construction activities, and Amelia Hsu, Marketing, presented the upcoming marketing plan for the 405 Express Lanes.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked about the bridge construction timetable. Is Warner completed in a couple of months and when will Newland be complete? Chris Boucly responded Warner will be complete soon, but Newland is going to be open later in the year.

A committee member commented that southbound Warner had turned into a lake due to the rain and wanted to confirm that the onramp drainage situation was not finalized. Chris Boucly responded that he would check on the status of the drainage.

A committee member commented about lane striping near southbound 405 in Seal Beach. Chris Boucly responded that the contractor is re-striping in phases and he would ask the contractor about that area.

A committee member asked about the pricing for the Express Lanes. Chris Boucly responded that recently a traffic revenue analysis contract had been awarded to Stantec, and the Express Lane's team will come back to the OCTA Board, potentially in July, with the proposed toll policy and rates.

A committee member commented there was no information on HOV3Plus or carpool lane stickers. Chris Boucly responded that they are still looking at HOV3Plus free and HOV2Plus free during non-peak hours. They are still waiting for specifics of the actual rates and any discounts.

A committee member asked if there was any marketing material on the Express Lanes. Amelia Hsu responded that there will be a brochure with a link to the website for more information.

A committee member asked, in general, how much time are we saving driving on the Express Lanes? Chris Boucly responded that based on the environmental analysis for the project, you would save about thirty minutes based on the implementation of the general-purpose lane and fifteen minutes with the addition of the express lanes. At the time of the analysis, it is about a fifty percent savings as takes about an hour in the GP (General Purpose) lanes to travel the sixteen-mile corridor from Seal Beach/Los Alamitos area down to Costa Mesa. This would be cut in half to thirty minutes, and taking the Express Lanes the time reduces to fifteen to seventeen minutes. This is traveling at the speed limit and during peak time.

A committee member asked if there was a time reduction for those not taking the Express Lanes. Chris Boucly responded yes. There are two components of the project, adding a general-purpose lane and the Express Lanes, which provide time savings for both. Amelia Hsu commented that the time savings analysis was done before Covid, and the current travel pattern is different. Stantec's analysis will provide more information in July about the current travel pattern and time savings.

A committee member asked if there would be LOS (Level of Service) or VMT analysis after to see if it matches projections. Chris Boucly responded that he did not know if it was LOS or VMT based but that the information is in the environmental document and could be provided. He also stated that Caltrans (California Department of Transportation) does not typically go back to see if projections are met.

6. 2023 Complete Streets Call for Projects

Denise Sifford, Planning, provided an update on the item.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked how do you reach out to all thirty-four Orange County cities? Denise Sifford responded OCTA sent letters soliciting interest to all the Public Works directors as well as the city managers and will be providing an update to the TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) next week.

A committee member asked if any projects have design and if funding could be used for that. Denise Sifford responded that at this time the eligible phases of work would include capital projects from design to construction.

A committee member asked what is the best example of a complete street? Denise Sifford responded there is no specific example to look at.

A committee member asked if there was a way to get the list of the projects after the cities have submitted? Denise Sifford responded they provide an update to the TAC, and it could be brought to this committee.

7. Track Stabilization Update

Chris Boucly, Public Outreach, provided an update on this item.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked how the project is funded. Chris Boucly responded that the estimated completion is \$13.7 million and we have twelve million of that secured. Six million of that is from the state, and we match the other six million. We are still seeking funding sources to cover the match and the additional \$1.7 million.

A committee member asked about the cost of mitigation and other permit fees. Chris Boucly responded that he did not know the specifics; it is part of larger ongoing conversations.

A committee member asked how long this solution is expected to last. Chris Boucly responded approximately seventy years.

8. Coastal Rail Planning Framework

Kurt Brotcke, Planning, presented the item.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if OCTA is participating in a California Senate hearing on May 16, 2023 regarding LOSSAN Rail Corridor Resiliency. Kurt Brotcke responded yes.

A committee member asked if either of the scopes of work in the studies will include recommendations on project delivery reform, the cost per mile, and the speed of the project. Kurt Brotcke responded that both studies will include things other agencies need to do to assist.

A committee member asked if these two studies will be looking at options for the status quo of the corridor? Kurt Brotcke responded the phase one of the study will look at sea level rise and its potential effect. That is the objective of the first step, but that will only last so long.

A committee member asked if the study will consider double track? Kurt Brotcke responded the phase one study will not look at double-tracking options and has not been considered in other option studies.

A committee member asked if the phase two study was going to look at the High-Speed Rail going through the Inland Empire to San Diego. Kurt Brotcke responded that the prior effort between 2002-2009 was conducted by High-Speed Rail, Caltrans, and the Federal Railroad Administration. They looked at conventional rail improvements south of Irvine, focused on capacity improvements, primarily double track. They wanted to improve passenger rail to feed it into the High-Speed Rail at Anaheim. The inland alternative is a separate effort, and High-Speed rail today will end in Anaheim.

A committee member asked if both plans would include a financial analysis of what the cost will be and an analysis of potential funding sources? Kurt Brotcke responded that both studies will include a magnitude of cost for the various alternatives, but it is difficult to say on funding source until they have the cost estimates.

9. Update Reports

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

Committee Member Comments:

A Committee member asked if bill AB 817 teleconferencing applies to all local agencies or specific ones? Alexis Leicht responded anything that the Brown Act governs.

A committee member stated he would encourage OCTA to support bill AB 761, Transit Transformation Task Force, and bill AB 819 to decriminalize fare evasion.

A committee member asked if OCTA usually does not have a position on land use legislation unless it impacts OCTA directly? Alexis Leicht responded we haven't traditionally had positions on land use bills.

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee – Paul Adams, Vice Chair, Bike/Ped provided the update, The next Subcommittee meeting will be June 20, at 12:00pm.
- Marketing – Amelia Hsu, Marketing, provided the update.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked what day the OCTA Bike Rally is. Amelia Hsu responded May 18, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., from the Orange Metrolink station to the OCTA Administrative Building.

- Staff Liaison – Christina Byrne, Public Outreach, provided the update.

10. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

11. Committee Member Comments

A committee member requested Denise Sifford, Planning, provide an update in the July meeting.

A committee member requested an update on the OC Streetcar in the July meeting.

12. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Chair Lisandro Orozco adjourned the meeting.

The next CAC meeting will be July 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	●	●	●	R
Alex Rounaghi	N/A	N/A	N/A	⊙
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	R
Jeff Thompson	⊙	●	●	●
Jim Cunneen	●	⊙	●	●
John Kinney	●	⊙	●	⊙
Karalee Darnell	●	●	⊙	●
Kunal Mittal	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Laurel Reimer	⊙	●	⊙	⊙
Lisandro Orozco	●	●	●	●
Manny Escamilla	●	●	⊙	⊙
Marc Vukceвич	●	●	⊙	●
Marie Laveaga	⊙	●	⊙	⊙
Mark Paredes	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Martin Varona	N/A	N/A	N/A	●
Mary Ann Remnet	N/A	●	●	●
Nick Polichetti	●	⊙	●	⊙
Paul Adams	●	●	●	●
Pete Hardin	⊙	⊙	⊙	R
Randy Styner	⊙	●	⊙	⊙
Roy Shahbazian	●	●	●	●
Steve Kozak	⊙	⊙	⊙	●

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