

# Citizens Advisory Committee January 20, 2015

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 600 South Main Street, Orange, California, 92863 Conference Room 103

# **Agenda**

Leonard Lahtinen, Chair, CAC

2. Santa Ana/Garden Grove Streetcar Update Kelly Hart, Manager, Rail Programs (20 min) Presentation

3. Comprehensive Business Plan Victor Velasquez, Manager, Finance & Administration

**4. 91 Express Lanes Customer Satisfaction** Stella Lin, *Marketing Manager* (15 min) Presentation

**5. 2014 Accomplishments Wrap-Up** Ellen Burton, Executive Director, External Affairs (10 min) Presentation

**6. Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Report** Roy Shahbazian, *Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee* (10 min) Presentation

7. Update Reports (5 minutes each)

February Service Change
 Government Affairs
 Audrey Sallar, Section Manager, Transit
 Lance Larson, Exec. Director, Government Rel.

Marketing
 Stella Lin, Marketing Manager

8. Committee Member Comments

9. Public Comments

1. Chairman's Remarks

**10. Adjournment / Next Meeting:**April 21, 2015

# 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 October 21, 2014 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, Fountain Valley Resident

Hamid Bahadori, Automobile Club of So. CA

Dan Bane, San Clemente Resident

Ralph Bauer, Council on Aging, City of Huntington Beach

Brian Cox, Orange County Bicycle Coalition

Barbara Delgleize, Huntington Beach Chamber

Barry Duffin, Orange County Wheelman

John Frankel, Rancho Santa Margarita Architectural Review

Tom Garner, Small Business Owner

Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach Planning Commission Andrew Kanzler, Orange County Bicycle Coalition Leonard Lahtinen, North O.C. Community College District Derek McGregor, Trabuco Canyon Advisory Committee

Michael McNally, UC Irvine
Dan Oregel, Santa Ana Resident

Lyle Overby, Building Industry Association

Laurel Reimer, Orange County Young Planners Group Roy Shahbazian, Transit Advocates of Orange County

Michael Stockstill, Transportation Professional

Schelly Sustarsic, Seal Beach Parks & Recreation Comm.

Craig Young, Yorba Linda Resident

Greg Winterbottom, OCTA Board of Directors

## **Members Absent**

Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana Resident

Michael Brandman, Building Industry Association

Vince Buck, Cal State Fullerton

Steve Cienfuegos, Laguna Niguel Planning Commission

Doug Davert, Tustin Resident

Merlin "Bud" Henry, North Tustin Advisory Committee

James Leach. OC Taxpavers Association

Theodore Luckham, Anaheim Resident

David Mootchnik, Southern California Commuters Forum

Frank Murphy, Orange Rotary

Jeff Thompson, Tustin Planning Commission

Jacqueline Tran, Santa Ana Resident

Kara Watson, Yorba Linda Planning Commissioner

# 1. Chairman's Remarks

Chair Leonard Lahtinen called the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He discussed CAC meeting attendance and how important it was to attend the meetings.

# 2. Final 2014 Long Range Transportation Plan

Greg Nord, Senior Transportation Analyst, Planning gave an update on the 2014 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He provided handouts of the 2014 LRTP Performance Summary and the Outlook 2035 LRTP Short-Term Action Plan.

A committee member said the transit stations in Los Angeles County are experiencing problems in parking. He asked if parking issues are being addressed in Orange County. Greg Nord said over the past few years OCTA has had to add parking structures to some of the Metrolink stations to eliminate these issues but there is still work to be done. Although the stations belong to the cities, OCTA continues to work with the cities on these issues.

A committee member asked if new technologies such as Hydrogen fuel or CNG are being looked at in the LRTP. Greg Nord said new technology continues to be monitored.

A committee member asked about the self driving cars. Greg Nord said this is another technology being monitored.

A committee member asked if bicycle locker parking in the parking facilities is available at the new transit stations. Greg Nord said yes, he knew of several stations that have bicycle locker parking. The committee member asked if this information was available online. Greg Nord said he believed this information is available on the Metrolink website.

A committee member asked if OCTA work closely with the cities in terms of growth and the land use issues. Greg Nord said they work closely with the cities and the Cal State Fullerton's demographic research department.

A committee member said the Guideway project should come in line with the 2035. Is there anything in the LRTP discussing re-submittal of projects? Greg Nord said this is still under discussion.

A committee member referenced the Performance Summary and said the Daily Person Trips increase approximately 14% and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) are double. He would like to know why and how the increase in VMT coupled with the Sustainable Community Strategies to reduce VMT. Greg Nord said OCTA does not know exactly why this happened. The best guess is the trips are getting longer and the shorter trips are using transit. They are hoping once the Sustainable Community Strategies start to be implemented the VMT will be brought down. The trip increase and the VMT increase are primarily attributed to the growth in the county.

## 3. Measure M2020 Progress Report

Tamara Warren, Manager of the Measure M Program Management Office gave a report on the Measure M2020 Progress Report.

A committee member asked if the \$143 Million of Local Fair Share had been appropriated. Tamara Warren said the \$143 million has already been distributed to the cities. The committee member asked if they could get a list of what projects the money was spent on. Tamara Warren said Local Fair Share money is distributed to the cities for their choice of projects; OCTA does not monitor what it was spent on. In order to receive the funds the local jurisdictions go through an eligibility process and are required to meet certain criteria. OCTA makes sure they do not use this money to supplant funding project that would have previously been paid for by the cities. This money could be used for things like maintenance of roads which would increase the maintenance not replace the cities ongoing efforts. It could also be used for transit.

A committee member asked if there is a plan to extend the Streetcar to adjacent areas. Tamara Warren said at this time there is a Santa Ana/Garden Grove Project and an Anaheim Project; there is also a Harbor Blvd. transit study being worked on. They are all being looked at as potentially connecting.

A committee member said the M2020 Plan mentioned Rail. What did this refer to? Tamara Warren said this referred to the transit connectors which provided access to the Metrolink station as options to the car. Project U allows for transit circulators beyond what OCTA's fixed route bus service can do. Project S is the transit connections to Metrolink.

A committee member asked if M2 funds were used for the Sand Canyon underpass. Tamara Warren said yes. The committee member said it works really well.

# 4. Santa Ana/Garden Grove Streetcar (Project S) Update

This item was postponed until the next CAC meeting.

# 5. Cap and Trade Program

Brandon Bullock, Government Relations gave an overview of the Cap and Trade Program. He said under the current guidelines for the program OCTA can only qualify for one type of the Cap and Trade project and as part of qualifying they would have to incorporate housing as part of the project. He talked about other programs OCTA may be able to qualify for.

A committee member said under the Strategic Roads Council Program it says local agencies may not include transit agencies. Does this mean it must be purely a transit funded project or purely a locally funded project? Brandon Bullock said currently under this program transit operators and Joint Powers Authorities can apply as secondary applicants as long as the primary applicant has jurisdiction over the project area.

A committee member observed the Cap and Trade program is about reducing the carbon footprint. Are there any guidelines for promoting cycling? Brandon Bullock

said programs for bicycling are defined in the guidelines as an eligible use. The problem is any application for funding must have a housing element.

# 6. Orange County Changing Demographics

Ted Nguyen, External Affairs Diversity Outreach, discussed Orange County's demographics and aired a video on the changing demographics in Orange County.

Chair Leonard Lahtinen thanked Ted Nguyen for the presentation and observed the CAC did not reflect the demographics of Orange County. Ellen Burton said she has been talking to her staff about having some sort of diverse advisory group in planning the rail projects or a quarterly diverse advisory committee to help with OCTA's communication material.

A committee member asked if the information presented was online. Ted Nguyen said a link can be emailed to committee members.

# 7. Update Reports

Government Affairs: Lance Larson, Executive Director of Government Relations gave an update on government affairs. He provided the committee members with the 2014 City Selection Appointment Notice. Every year the county mayors get together and select their appointees to different boards and commissions. Lance Larson went over the document with the CAC and also possible changes to the OCTA Board.

<u>Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee:</u> Roy Shahbazian, Chair of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee gave an update on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee's activities. At their last meeting the subcommittee received and update on the Active Transportation Program, a federal transportation bill. There was statewide money available through this bill and also the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) had money available. Approximately \$20 million is available to Orange County cities for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

The Subcommittee also received reports on the OCTA Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Campaign and the Orange County Loop.

At the July 2014 meeting the CAC an overarching goal was approved for the Pedestrian Priorities. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee took a report on this to the OCTA Legislative and Communication Committee this month.

<u>Marketing:</u> Nathan Wheadon, from the Marketing department gave a bicycle marketing update. He gave the CAC an update on the December 13 Group Bike Ride to be held for the grand opening of the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC).

A committee member asked for the dates of the opening events for ARTIC. Ellen Burton said December 6 is a soft launch, December 8 is a media event, and December 13 is festival/party at ARTIC.

#### 6. Committee Member Comments

Ellen Burton announced OCTA is holding a Business Expo on Thursday October 23 at the Disneyland Hotel.

A committee member talked about bicycle access in Garden Grove on Harbor.

A committee member said he was in Korea recently and they have the best bus system he has ever seen. He recommends OCTA take a look at it.

## 7. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

## 8. Adjournment – Next Meeting January 20, 2015

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next CAC meeting will be at the OCTA offices on January 20, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

# Citizens Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Attendance Record

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| 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          | •       | •        |         |         |
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| Delgleize, Barbara  | •       | •        |         |         |
| DiCandia, Carla     | •       | R        |         |         |
| Duffin, Barry       | •       | •        |         |         |
| Frankel, John       | •       | •        |         |         |
| Garner, Tom         | •       | •        |         |         |
| Henry, Merlin "Bud" | •       | •        |         |         |
| Kalmick, Dan        | •       | •        |         |         |
| Kanzler, Andrew     | •       | •        |         |         |
| Lahtinen, Leonard   | •       | •        |         |         |
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| Murphy, Frank       | •       | •        |         |         |
| Oregel, Dan         | •       | •        |         |         |
| Overby, Lyle        | •       | •        |         |         |
| Reimer, Laurel      | •       | •        |         |         |
| Shahbazian, Roy     | •       | •        |         |         |
| Stockstill, Michael | •       | •        |         |         |
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| Thompson, Jeff      | •       | •        |         |         |
| Tran, Jacqueline    | •       | •        |         |         |
| Watson, Kara        | •       | •        |         |         |
| Young, Craig        | •       | •        |         |         |