



Citizens Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

600 South Main Street, Orange, California, 92868

Conference Room 103/104

Agenda

1. **Chairman's Remarks** Leonard Lahtinen, *Chair, CAC*
2. **Meeting Time** (5 min.) Leonard Lahtinen, *Chair, CAC*
3. **Sales Tax Forecasting Methodology** Sean Murdock, *Director, Finance and Administration*
Presentation (10 min.)
4. **Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Express Lanes** John Standiford, *RCTC Deputy Executive Director*
Presentation (15 min.)
5. **California Road Charge Pilot Program** Kia Mortazavi, *Executive Director, Planning*
Presentation (10 min.)
6. **State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Update** Kia Mortazavi, *Executive Director, Planning*
Presentation (10 min.)
7. **Marketing Update** *Presentation (10 min.)* Stella Lin, *Marketing Manager*
8. **2016 Bus Service Plan** *Presentation (15 min.)* Gary Hewitt, *Section Manager, Strategic Planning*
9. **Update Reports** (5 min. each)
 - Bike/Ped Subcommittee Report Roy Shahbazian, *Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee*
 - June Service Change Scott Holmes, *Manager, Transit*
 - Government Affairs Lance Larson, *Exec. Director, Government Rel.*
 - Other Alice Rogan, *Public Outreach Manager, External Affairs*
10. **Committee Member Comments**
11. **Public Comments**
12. **Adjournment**

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 19, 2016

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

600 S. Main Street, Orange, Calif.

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Members Present

Paul Adams, *Fountain Valley Resident*

Ralph Bauer, *Council on Aging & City of Hunt. Bch*

Michael Brandman, *Building Industry Association*

Vince Buck, *Cal State Fullerton*

Min Chai, *Irvine Resident*

Brian Cox, *Orange County Bicycle Coalition*

Barry Duffin, *Orange County Wheelmen*

Tom Garner, *Small Business Owner*

Merlin "Bud" Henry, *North Tustin Advisory Committee*

Leonard Lahtinen, *North O.C. Community College Dist.*

Theodore Luckham, *Anaheim Resident*

Derek McGregor, *Trabuco Canyon Advisory Committee*

Michael McNally, *UC Irvine*

Roy Shahbazian, *Transit Advocates of Orange Co.*

Michael Stockstill, *Transportation Professional*

Schelly Sustarsic, *Seal Bch. Parks & Recreation Comm.*

Jeff Thompson, *Tustin Planning Comm. & Building Assoc*

Kara Darnell, *Transit Advocates of Orange Co*

Members Absent

Dan Avery, *Mission Viejo Resident*

Phil Bacerra, *Santa Ana Resident*

Hamid Bahadori, *Automobile Club of So. CA*

Michael Carroll, *Irvine Community Services Commission*

Barbara Delgleize, *Huntington Beach Chamber*

John Frankel, *Resident of Laguna Woods*

Dan Kalmick, *Huntington Beach Planning Commission*

Andrew Kanzler, *Orange County Bicycle Coalition*

Michael Kaupp, *San Clemente Downtown Bus. Assoc*

Frank Murphy, *Orange Rotary*

Dan Oregel, *Santa Ana, Resident*

Lyle Overby, *Santa Ana Resident*

Donna Peery, *Tustin Community Services Commission*

Laurel Reimer, *OC Young Planners Group*

John Taylor, *Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano*

1. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Leonard Lahtinen welcomed the group and invited Min Chai, the committee's newest appointee, to introduce herself. Leonard then let the group know that some of the items on the agenda would be moved around a bit to accommodate staff schedules, and that a letter from the CAC was sent to the OCTA Board of Directors to notify them of the CAC's overall support for the proposed amendment to Measure M based on a motion that was passed during the October 2015 committee meeting. Leonard also reminded the group that a joint CAC and Special Needs

Advisory Committee meeting was held in December to discuss the OC Bus 360 – 2016 Draft Bus Service Plan.

2. OC Streetcar and Government Affairs Update

Mary Shavalier introduced herself as the OC Streetcar Program Manager and gave a presentation on the OC Streetcar project, including a project description, what the project team is currently working on, and next steps. Mary emphasized the importance and process of securing federal funding through the New Starts Program. She also described the close working relationship that OCTA will maintain with the cities of Santa Ana and Garden Grove throughout the project.

Tom Garner asked if there are any plans for the OC Streetcar to be elevated. Mary explained that the streetcars will share a lane with traffic, with the exception of the portion of the alignment where it will be in its own right-of-way on the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way from Raitt St., crossing over the Santa Ana River before arriving in Garden Grove at Harbor Blvd. and Westminster Ave.

Lance Larson, Executive Director of Government Relations, introduced himself and talked about why OCTA is interfacing with the federal government on this project. He pointed out that through Measure M Project S – Transit Extensions to Metrolink – the OC Streetcar began as a ground-up process from the city. Since Measure M also requires that OCTA look for funding sources outside of Measure M before Measure M funds are actually used, OCTA is seeking 50 percent of the project costs to be paid for by the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New Starts Program. Rick Bacigalupo, State and Federal Relations Manager, and Lance have been working with the FTA to advocate for this project. The FTA was especially interested in the fact that Santa Ana is the fifth most densely populated city in the country.

Lance then passed out a document, titled Draft 2016 Federal Legislative Advocacy Goals, and shared that Congress finally passed a long-term transportation funding bill. Overall, the goal is to ensure that Orange County receives its fair share of funding for all modes of transportation.

Rick reviewed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which passed in December 2015. It is a five-year authorization bill and the amount of available funding within the FAST Act was increased. After the five years, Congress will have to go back and look for a way to pay for the program again because it is not currently being funded by a sustainable source. Rick also mentioned that Gas Tax revenues are no longer a sufficient funding source because of new developments in the automotive industry that allow cars to be more fuel efficient.

Rick quickly touched on the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and said that the I-405 Improvement Project will be pursuing a TIFIA loan. He

then reiterated OCTA's efforts to move the OC Streetcar forward with the use of federal funding.

Tom Garner suggested that the OC Streetcar project team carefully consider incorporating bicyclists into the design of the project. Rick said that OCTA is looking at other streetcar systems in the country as examples to ensure that bicyclists are considered in the design of the project.

3. OC Bridges

Tresa Oliveri, Community Relations Officer, provided an update on the OC Bridges Program. The first two projects, the Kraemer Boulevard and Placentia Avenue underscrossings, have both been completed. The Orangethorpe Avenue and Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive overcrossings are very close to being complete. The three projects that are left, one on Lakeview Avenue and two in Fullerton, are currently under construction.

4. OC Bus 360 Update

Gary Hewitt, Section Manager, Strategic Planning, provided an update on the OC Bus 360 – 2016 Draft Bus Service Plan. Included in Gary's review of the plan was the decline in ridership trends, the goals of the plan, new vehicles and bus branding, mobile ticketing, new Bravo! and Xpress routes, targeted promotions, Measure M Project V opportunities, rider impacts, and how the public has been involved in crafting the plan.

Tom Garner suggested that taking advantage of low fuel prices could help save enough money to help negate having to make some cuts to the bus service. He also said that it may help to reduce the cost of a ticket.

Another committee member suggested considering utilizing Spanish radio as part of the marketing platform to be able to reach the Spanish-speaking riders since Spanish radio is an important element in marketing to the Hispanic community.

Paul Adams suggested that OCTA contact Cal State Long Beach and talk with them about their TAP Cards. These cards work on Long Beach Transit, in Los Angeles, and on OCTA buses transferring into those areas. He said that OCTA could ask about expanding that system and implementing a similar system with colleges in Orange County.

Michael McNally said that the ability for college-age kids to use a cell phone app as their ticket, similar to Amtrak, instead of having to buy a physical ticket in advance would be great.

Schelly Sustarsic suggested that OCTA reconsider the rerouting of bus route 701 because, with the construction of the I-405 project and the potential inclusion of a 3+ system, people might start looking for alternative transportation. She said it would be

unfortunate to cut a route that could be really important in the future as an alternative to driving this particular freeway.

7. SR-55 Improvement Project

Roy Shahbazian explained that the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) approved by Caltrans for the SR-55 Improvement Project was discussed at the December 9, 2015, Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting. The Subcommittee reviewed the potential traffic minimization at the I-5/Red Hill Avenue interchange that would restripe the existing lanes for an additional right turn lane to southbound I-5 under Alternatives 3 and 4. The result would likely require the removal of an existing bicycle lane at the same location. The DEA does not identify required mitigation at this interchange, making the proposed minimization optional and subject to additional studies.

The Subcommittee unanimously voted to oppose removing the existing bicycle facility and bring the issue to the full CAC. Jeff Thompson made a motion, seconded by Tom Garner, to support OCTA staff's position to keep the existing bicycle lane at the I-5/Red Hill Avenue interchange and that the minimization proposed in Alternatives 3 and 4 not be included in the SR-55 Improvement Project moving forward. The CAC unanimously agreed on this, carrying the motion.

Alice Rogan said that staff will draft a memo from the CAC Chair to notify OCTA and Caltrans of the committee's position, and she also encouraged committee members to make comments on the environmental document online.

5. Environmental Mitigation Program

Dan Phu, Section Manager, Planning, and Marissa Espino, Community Relations Officer, gave a presentation on the Environmental Mitigation Program. They provided an overview about the program, its purpose, accomplishments to date, a map of the properties that have been acquired, and how the properties are being preserved and managed. They also welcomed the committee to comment on the Resource Management Plans (RMPs).

Brian Cox asked if they have received comments from the mountain bike community. Dan said that comments from that group has been pretty minimal. Marissa said that most of the comments received have been from those that hike and horseback ride in the area.

6. End of Year Review

Stella Lin, Marketing Manager, provided a quick introduction to the end of year review video that was created to capture a snapshot of all OCTA accomplished in 2015. She then played the video, titled 2015: A Progress Report on OCTA Accomplishments.

8. Update Reports

The CAC received update reports from the following:

- Bike/Ped Subcommittee Report, by Roy Shahbazian, *Chair, Bike/Pedestrian Subcommittee*
- February Service Change, by Scott Holmes, *Manager, Transit*
- Government Affairs, by Lance Larson, *Exec. Director Government Relations*
- Marketing, by Stella Lin, *Marketing Manager*
- Staff Liaison, Alice Rogan, *Public Outreach Manager, External Affairs*

9. Committee Member Comments

Michael McNally said that he had heard that Amtrak was actually turning a profit and wanted to know if that was true. If not, he is wondering what the ratio is between profit and expenses. Stella Lin said that she does not believe Amtrak, between Santa Barbara and San Diego, is making a profit but the subsidy is very low, so she would need to get more specific numbers to answer that question.

10. Public Comments

No one from the public spoke.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next meeting will be at the OCTA offices on January 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

**Citizens Advisory Committee
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

Member	7/15/15	10/20/15	1/19/16	4/19/16
Adams, Paul	●	●	●	
Avery, Dan	●	⊙	⊙	
Bacerra, Phil	●	⊙	⊙	
Bahadori, Hamid	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Bauer, Ralph	●	⊙	●	
Brandman, Michael	⊙	⊙	●	
Buck, Vince	⊙	●	●	
Carroll, Michael	●	●	⊙	
Chai, Min	--	--	●	
Cox, Brian	●	●	●	
Delgleize, Barbara	●	●	⊙	
Duffin, Barry	●	●	●	
Frankel, John	⊙	●	⊙	
Garner, Tom	●	⊙	●	
Henry, Merlin "Bud"	●	⊙	●	
Kalmick, Dan	●	●	⊙	
Kanzler, Andrew	⊙	●	⊙	
Kaupp, Michael	●	●	⊙	
Lahtinen, Leonard	●	●	●	
Luckham, Theodore	●	●	●	
McGregor, Derek	●	●	●	
McNally, Michael	●	●	●	
Murphy, Frank	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Oregel, Dan	●	●	⊙	
Overby, Lyle	⊙	●	⊙	
Peery, Donna	⊙	●	⊙	
Reimer, Laurel	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Shahbazian, Roy	●	●	●	
Stockstill, Michael	●	●	●	
Schelly Sustarsic	●	●	●	
Taylor, John	●	⊙	⊙	
Thompson, Jeff	●	●	●	
Darnell, Kara	●	⊙	●	