

Citizens Advisory Committee Teleconference Notice

550 S. Main Street Orange, CA

Committee Members:

Adam Wood	Dianne Thompson	Lisandro Orozco
Amelia Castro	Dirissy Doan	Marie Laveaga
Ben Chapman	Frank Murphy	Mark Paredes
Dale Soeffner	Jamey Federico	Meredith Chillemi
Damon Tordini	Jeff Thompson	Nick Polichetti
Dan Kalmick	John Kinney	Paul Adams
Daniel Soper	Karalee Darnell	Pete Hardin
David Wheeler	Kellie Aamodt	Randy Styner
Deepak Krishan	Kunal Mittal	Roy Shahbazian
Derek McGregor	Laurel Reimer	Steve Kozak

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Citizens Advisory Committee October 19, 2021

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Teleconference Meeting

Agenda

1. Chairman's Remarks Jeff Thompson, Chair, CAC

2. Pledge of Allegiance Jeff Thompson, Chair, CAC

3. Approval of July Minutes / Attendance Report

Action Item

4. Public Comments

5. Long Range Transportation Plan Update (10 min) PresentationGreg Nord, Planning Marissa Espino, Public Outreach

6. OC Streetcar Update(10 min) Presentation

Tresa Oliveri, Public Outreach

7. Mobility Hub Study(20 min) Discussion

Warren Whittaker, Planning
Christina Pirruccello, Public Outreach

8. Bus System Restructuring Study
(10 min) Presentation

Kim Tucker, Planning
Amelia Hsu, Marketing
Ryan Armstrong, Marketing

9. Diversity Outreach and Inclusion Update Elia Verduzco, *Diversity Outreach* (10 min) Presentation

10. Update Reports

(5 minutes each)Government Affairs

Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee
 Paul Adams, Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee

Marketing
 Ryan Armstrong, Marketing

• Staff Liaison Christina Byrne, *Public Outreach*

Lance Larson, Government Relations

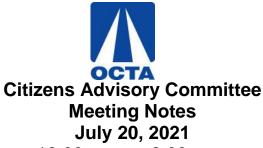
11. Committee Member Comments

12. Adjournment / Next Meeting:

January 18, 2022

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12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. 550 S. Main Street, Orange, CA Teleconference Meeting

Members Present

Paul Adams, Santa Ana Resident
Meredith Chillemi, LifeSTEPS
Karalee Darnell, Cal State Fullerton
Dirissy Doan, Orange County Realtors
Jamey Federico, Dana Point Mayor
Pete Hardin, Costa Mesa Resident / Attorney
Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach City Council
Steve Kozak, Tustin Planning Commission
Marie Laveaga, La Habra Chamber

Derek McGregor, Trabuco Canyon Advisory Comm.
Frank Murphy, Orange Resident
Lisandro Orozco, Historic Santa Ana
Roy Shahbazian, Bus Rider, Transit Advocate of OC
Daniel Soper, Cal State Fullerton
Jeff Thompson, Building Industry & Adjunct Professor
Damon Tordini, Santa Ana Resident
David Wheeler, Laguna Hills Resident/City Council
Adam Wood, Huntington Beach Resident / Building Industry

Members Absent

Kellie Aamodt, UC Irvine/UPS
Amelia Castro, Anaheim Housing & Comm. Dev Comsn.
Ben Chapman, Costa Mesa Chamber
Deepak Krishan, Anaheim Resident/Accountant
Kunal Mittal, Civil Engineer
Mark Paredes, Garden Grove Resident

Nick Polichetti, American Society of Civil Engineers Laurel Reimer, Urban Planner Dale Soeffner, Garden Grove Planning Commission Randy Styner, Garden Grove Resident Dianne Thompson, Huntington Beach Chamber

1. Chairman's Remarks

Chair Jeff Thompson welcomed everyone to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting.

Chair Jeff Thompson asked the clerk to read any public comments. Christina Byrne said there were no public comments. Christina read through the teleconference protocols and took a roll call of members present.

Jeff Thompson asked the new members to introduce themselves.

Adam Wood is from Huntington Beach and works for the Building Industry Association and the Building Industry Legal Defense Foundation.

Daniel Soper is from Placentia and is a Professor of Information Systems and Decision Sciences at Cal State Fullerton. Daniel is also an avid user of Orange County's public transit system.

Jamey Federico is the Mayor of Dana Point. He is a retired Marine Corps Officer and has a small real estate development and general contracting company.

Marie Laveaga is the President/CEO of the La Habra Chamber of Commerce.

Meredith Chillemi is from Laguna Niguel and works with Lifesteps which is a non-profit providing resident services and affordable housing for families and seniors. She also serves on the County's Senior Advisory Board reporting to the Board of Directors on older adult issues.

Pete Hardin is a former prosecutor in the military, federal prosecutor at the US Attorney's Office and continues to be an attorney.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Jeff Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Approval of April Minutes/Attendance Report

Chair Jeff Thompson asked if there were any corrections to the April 20, 2021, CAC Minutes/Attendance Report.

A motion was made by Lisandro Orozco, seconded by Dirissy Doan, and carried unanimously to approve the April 20, 2021, CAC Minutes/Attendance Report with six abstentions by members not in attendance.

4. Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee Name Modernization

Jared said the CAC has a Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee. This subcommittee focuses on all items pertaining to active transportation such as micro mobility including e-bikes and scooters such as Bird, bicycling, walking, etc. In consultation with the subcommittee and Chair Paul Adams and after thorough research of sister transportation agencies, it seems that "Active Transportation" is the most common terminology for a similar committee. Jared asked if the CAC would like to discuss modifying the subcommittee name.

Paul Adams said after talking with subcommittee members at the last meeting it was unanimous that the name should be changed to the Active Transportation Subcommittee. Based on additional subcommittee discussion, an alternative name Bicycle and Pedestrian Active Transportation Subcommittee was suggested. A straw poll was conducted on each name for consideration. Jared said the Active Transportation Subcommittee received five votes and the Bicycle / Pedestrian Active Transportation Subcommittee received 12 votes.

A motion was made by Paul Adams, seconded by Jamey Federico, and carried to approve the name change of the CAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee to the CAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Active Transportation Subcommittee effective immediately with one abstention and one no vote.

Committee Member Comments:

David Wheeler said he feels like the name Active Transportation is not clear what it is regarding. He thinks that Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee is clear and he is not in favor of changing the name. Paul Adams said he appreciates his opinion. Alice Rogan said there are other agencies retaining the name Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee, probably for the same reasons mentioned.

5. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

Greg Nord provided an update on the LRTP. OCTA has two core functions – delivering OC Go (Measure M2) and providing public transit service. Greg talked about demographic growth with rises in population, housing, and employment. Employment is growing faster than housing and population which means transportation for employees traveling into Orange County will need to be well thought out. Greg went over the key challenges in the next LRTP cycle. He presented the draft goals and objectives for the LRTP.

Marissa Espino spoke about the public engagement element of the LRTP. Public outreach will begin in the Fall of 2021. Marissa then asked for the committee to participate in a survey.

Question 1:

Select the top two strategies you think would make it easier to get places without using a car in order to reduce traffic congestion and vehicle miles traveled.

- A: Increasing programs that encourage carpooling, vanpooling, and ridesharing.
- B: Encouraging more walking and bicycling by expanding the network of dedicated bike lanes, shared lanes, sidewalks, pedestrian safety, etc. 33% of the Votes
- C: Modify streets so they can safely accommodate all forms of transportation including cars, transit, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- D: Encourage businesses to allow employees to work from home at least one day per week where possible. **39% of the Votes**
- E: Improve and expand commuter rail services including Metrolink and Amtrak.
- F: Improve and expand bus services.
- G: Make it easier for transit riders to get to their final destination by offering shuttles, e-bikes, e-scooters, and rideshare services at transit stations. 44% of the Votes
- H: Create a network of light-rail street cars similar to the San Diego Trolly System. 33% of the Votes

Comments Member Comments:

Damon Tordini said he selected expanding the bike and light-rail network because it seems like where Orange County has the most work to do relative to the state of the bus system. Comparing Orange County to San Diego and Los Angeles County, Orange County's bus system is comparable, but we are lacking in the bike network and light-rail.

David Wheeler said he voted for D and G because they make it easier for riders to take shuttles, e-bikes, etc. He said you can only build out the transportation network so much and transit hubs help people get to places in between the network. He remembers suggesting to his corporation decades ago about letting employees work from home. Covid has enhanced that. A person can be living in Wyoming and work in Los Angeles.

Meredith Chillemi commented the final mile or two is very difficult to navigate.

Question 2:

One way to encourage people to drive less or use alternative forms of transportation is through pricing or policies. Please indicate which of the following strategies are your two most preferred options.

- A: Requiring at least three people in a vehicle to qualify for the carpool lane.
- B: Create programs and incentives that encourage business and employees to make greater use of transit, carpooling, and bicycling for their commutes. **Top Votes**
- C: Create programs and incentives that encourage employees to work remotely at home. **50% of Votes**
- D: Convert carpool lanes on freeways throughout the county to create a network of express lanes. Vehicles with three or more people can use the lanes for free and those with fewer than three people can pay a toll to use the lanes.
- E. Reduce the cost of transit passes and tickets to encourage more transit use.
- F: Create dedicated lanes for transit so that it is faster and avoids traffic. 44% of the Vote

Comments Member Comments:

Lisandro Orozco said he voted for F to make transit faster and avoids traffic. He said ultimately transit can be incentivized, but if transit does not compete with vehicles in terms of commute time, it will never have the ridership that would be needed to work well.

Question 3:

Regarding transportation infrastructure. What are the top two priorities that could be part of the LRTP?

- A: Widen freeways where possible.
- B: Make more efficient use of existing freeways, lanes, roads, and infrastructure. **Tie for Top Votes**
- C: Fix potholes and repair roadways.
- D: Improve and repair the network of sidewalks. Third Top Votes
- E: Synchronize traffic signals on major roadways. Tie for Top Votes
- F: Enhance infrastructure to accommodate autonomous driverless vehicles. Fourth Top Votes

Comments Member Comments:

David Wheeler asked about "efficient use" of freeways. Would that include reversable lanes? Greg Nord said yes, any way of moving more cars on an existing facility.

David Wheeler said as a previous Traffic Commissioner his first question was about synchronization. He found out that many of the major roads are already synchronized and it is a really very effective way to do things.

Question 4:

OCTA often says it is looking to improve and introduce more technology into transportation. What does that mean to you?

- A: E-Bikes. Second Top Votes
- B: Rideshare (like Uber or Lyft). Tie for Third Top Votes
- C: Autonomous Vehicles. Tie for Third Top Votes
- D: Synchronized traffic signals. Top Votes
- E: Other

Comments Member Comments:

Jamey Federico said the City of Dana Point had their first summer concert in the park and the crowd was huge. He said there were hundreds of e-bikes. When the e-bikers were asked if they had come to the concerts before, they said no because parking is difficult. They said now that they have the e-bikes they were willing to ride further. Jamey said this shows where people are going with e-bikes and accommodating them on the roads will need to be a priority because it looks like they are here to stay for transit and not just leisure.

Karalee Darnell said e-bike technology is interesting having traveled to some cities that have a problem with the e-scooters on sidewalks. She said even the single use e-bikes seem to be a little more orderly, particularly if they have designated docking stations at transit hubs, etc. Whereas the scooters are just left everywhere. Scooters can be fun, but present challenges to the municipalities.

Damon Tordini said often it seems like signal synchronization has already been done. He asked if OCTA has specific technologies that are yet to come or different technologies involving the signal synchronization. Greg Nord said OCTA has a competitive program for funding signal synchronization. Signal synchronization systems have to be constantly maintained and OCTA is consistently looking at the latest technology available. He said it is a constantly evolving system.

Greg Nord went over the next steps. The CAC will see another presentation on the LRTP development at the next meeting as OCTA kicks-off the Public Outreach. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

6. South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study (SOCMTS)

Warren Whittaker went over the purpose of the South Orange County multimodal transportation Study. He showed how studies like SOCMTS integrate into the long-range planning at OCTA. Warren provided an overview of the SOCMTS project area

– which is south of SR-55 to the San Diego County Line. This area was studied in 2008 and the recommendations have already been implemented or are underway. These include the completed carpool lane network on the I-5 and the current construction project adding lanes to the I-5. Since 2008, there has been a downscale in growth projections for population and employment, a decline in transit ridership and the introduction of transportation network companies (like OC Flex and community-based transit circulators). OCTA now needs to think about greenhouse gas emissions and emerging technologies. Warren said this study is has three phases. Phase 1 took place in 2020. Phase 2 is underway. Phase 3 will reduce the set of alternatives and recommend a locally preferred strategy. This phase will begin in the summer of 2021. Warren went through the transportation issues and opportunities. Next, Warren reviewed the Purpose and Needs Statement. He showed examples of strategies under evaluation and the framework for evaluating strategies.

Marissa Espino spoke about the public engagement efforts. She said in June OCTA kicked-off the summer outreach campaign which she outlined. In the Fall, OCTA will conduct the final outreach on the draft multimodal alternatives. Marissa showed a sneak peek of some of the results of the survey. Most people said improvements need to be made to freeway bottlenecks along with rail/transit improvements.

Warren Whittaker went through the next steps. In the next few weeks OCTA staff will go through the results of the initial strategy performance analysis and input from the public and partner agencies. The strategies and multimodal alternatives will then be presented to the OCTA Board of Directors in September. Warren said OCTA is hoping to conclude this study with a consensus-based, locally preferred multimodal strategy. He said this study is looking out to the year 2045 and beyond. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments:

David Wheeler said when he commuted from Laguna Hills to Huntington Beach, it always slowed down in Irvine. He said Irvine had dedicated on/off lanes and it reduced the throughput. Warren Whittaker thanked him for his comment, and said it is on OCTA's radar.

Chair Jeff Thompson asked if the CAC needs to give any feedback on the SOCMTS study. Marissa Espino said when staff comes back to the CAC, there will be more opportunities for feedback during Phase 3. She said OCTA will then be asking the CAC to help spread the word, promote the online survey and other outreach efforts.

7. Mobility Hub Strategy Study

Sam Sharvini presented the OC Mobility Hub Strategy Study. He provided background on mobility hubs, the design of hubs, and benefits. He showed some pictures of mobility hubs. Sam talked about the study objectives such as creating a countywide network plan.

Marissa Espino talked about OCTA's outreach plans for this study including general awareness, surveys, webinars and collateral materials.

Sam Sharvini provided the next steps for the project including public outreach in the Fall of 2021. The study should conclude at the end of 2022. The outcome will include consideration of future pilot projects and evaluation of costs/benefits and feasibility. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments:

Chair Jeff Thompson said the old Park and Ride facilities were somewhat of a predecessor. Sam Sharvini said Park and Rides will play a big role in these facilities depending on the scale of the hubs. It is not a one solution fits all. It is about having a hub that fits into the community and the land-use locations.

Meredith Chilleme said this should include the safe and secure parking of e-bikes. Sam Sharvini said yes, this is part of this study and some of our current hubs already have this. He said this includes cameras to make sure the facilities do not get vandalized.

8. Bus System Restructuring Study

Kim Tucker presented the Bus System Restructuring Study that began in June. She said compared to the other presentations the committee heard today, this study will implement the recommendations as soon as it is complete in 2023. The last bus restructuring was in 2016 and it was implemented as OC Bus 360°. This study will be comprised of three phases — research and data collection, recommendation development and refinement, and implementation assistance. Phase 1 is underway and goes through December of 2021. The final changes will be implemented at the February 2023 Service Change. Kim talked about the public engagement. She said OCTA and a consultant are finalizing the public engagement plan. It is anticipated the first round of outreach will start in January of 2022. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments:

Chair Jeff Thompson talked about the decreased ridership due to Covid and how amusement parks, schools, universities, etc just started opening back up. He said these critical components of ridership are still not online yet. He asked how those factors are incorporated into this study. Kim Tucker said these factors are something we have had to consider. OCTA does not want to push this study off too far in the future but realizes the September 2021 data set will be Covid affected data.

Lisandro Orozco asked how broad the changes will be. Kim Tucker said OCTA is looking broad and looking to find gaps in service – there may be emerging markets that have come about in the last 10 years. Lisandro was looking at the possibility to provide improvements to services that are provided in the core. He is happy to hear OCTA will be looking at earlier starts, later service and improved frequency in the core.

A committee member commented that currently routes are still limited, particularly on Saturday mornings and in South Orange County. It is increasingly difficult to find Uber and Lyft drivers available. Kim Tucker said prior to Covid OCTA was operating 1.6 million annual revenue hours. Now OCTA is at 1.35 million annual revenue hours. She said OCTA is incrementally bringing service back. There will be a service change in August, which has never been done before. This will help OCTA prepare for schools going back. She realizes there is still a lot to be done to get back to a full level of service.

9. OCTA 2021-22 Budget Update

Anthony Baruch provided an update on the OCTA 2021-22 Budget. He talked about budget themes including emerging from the pandemic. Next, he showed a graph of the budget sources and uses. Under transit assumptions, Anthony said it assumes sales tax revenues will increase and will help the bus program. He said the increase in sales tax revenue will help fund Measure M2 projects overall. Anthony talked about the assumption of increased use on the 91 Express Lanes and the increase in revenue collection which will fund projects in the area. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

10 Update Reports

 Government Affairs – Alexis Leicht said OCTA is still monitoring activity in Washington DC on the Infrastructure Bill and the reauthorization of the Fast Act. On the state side, the budget has been passed with a significant investment in transit and transportation overall. OCTA is waiting to find out how those funds will be dispersed, especially regarding rail and Active Transportation. Alexis said OCTA is excited that the Transportation Trailer Bill was signed into law last week which provides for additional flexibility in relief related to the Transportation Development Act as well as other priorities.

Lisandro Orozco asked is there any particular projects included in the Infrastructure Bill. Alexis Leicht said at this point they are still trying to decide what is actually included in "infrastructure." She said OCTA has submitted some projects, but nothing is concrete

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee This item was discussed previously in the meeting.
- Marketing Stella Lin said the OCTA Marketing Department is busy preparing for riders to come back to using transit and has developed a campaign that will roll out with the August Service Change. OCTA is increasing service hours, adding routes back, etc. OCTA is rolling out a discount fare on the 30-day and one-day passes. These are available at the OCTA store on August 4, 2021 for use starting August 15, 2021. She provided an overview of materials used in the campaign. There will be a youth promotional fare and OCTA will partner with Orange County schools. She said the College Pass continues and an Irvine Valley College partnership will start next

month. OCTA is looking forward to Orange Coast College and Coastline College becoming part of the program. Stella talked about the transit training program for people with language barriers. She said OCTA is developing a new OC Bus Mobile App and is rolling out a Metrolink Daycation campaign. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

- 30 Year Anniversary Alice Rogan said in June OCTA celebrated its 30th Anniversary which was a consolidation of seven separate transit agencies in Orange County. This consolidation has saved Orange County taxpayers millions of dollars throughout the years. OCTA has a special website highlighting the accomplishments.
- Staff Liaison Christina Byrne said OCTA is putting together Resolutions of Appreciation for all the CAC outgoing members. OCTA is happy to welcome all the new members to the committee. Prior to this meeting, there was an orientation for these members. Christina said please contact staff if you are interested in joining the Bicycle and Pedestrian Active Transportation Subcommittee. CAC members will be receiving a memo outlining OCTA's current response to Covid. Christina said OCTA continues to have proactive measures in response to the impacts of the Coronavirus Pandemic in relation to transportation. She said the response efforts are centered around OCTA's core values and helping to ensure the safety of OCTA's constituents and employees while keeping up with core infrastructure improvements.

11. Committee Member Comments

There were no committee member comments.

12. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Chair Jeff Thompson thanked staff for putting this meeting together and adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be <u>October 19, 2021</u>.

Citizens Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Attendance Record

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