

# Citizens Advisory Committee October 21, 2014

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

# **Agenda**

1. Chairman's Remarks Leonard Lahtinen, Chair, CAC 2. Final 2014 Long Range Transportation Plan Greg Nord, Senior Transportation Analyst, (10 min) Presentation **Planning** 3. Measure M2020 Progress Report (15 min) Tamara Warren, Manager, M Program Presentation Management Office 4. Santa Ana/Garden Grove Streetcar Kelly Hart, Program Manager, Capital Programs (Project S) Update (20 min) Presentation **5.** Cap and Trade Program (10 min) Presentation Brandon Bullock, Government Relations 6. Orange County's Changing Demographics Ellen Burton, Executive Director, External Affairs (30 min) Presentation & Discussion Ted Nguyen, Diversity Outreach, External Affairs 7. Update Reports (5 minutes each) Government Affairs Lance Larson, Exec. Director, Government Rel. • Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Roy Shahbazian, Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee Stella Lin, Marketing Manager Marketing

- 8. Committee Member Comments
- 9. Public Comments
- **10. Adjournment / Next Meeting:** January 20, 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 July 15, 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

James Leach, OC Taxpayers Association
Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana Resident

Theodore Luckham, Anaheim Resident

Hamid Bahadori, Automobile Club of So. CA

Derek McGregor, Trabuco Canyon Advisory Committee

Michael Brandman, Building Industry Association Michael McNally, UC Irvine

Brian Cox, Orange County Bicycle Coalition

David Mootchnik, Southern California Commuters Forum

Doug Davert, Tustin Resident Dan Oregel, Santa Ana Resident

Barbara Delgleize, Huntington Beach Chamber Laurel Reimer, Orange County Young Planners Group

Barry Duffin, Orange County Wheelman Roy Shahbazian, Transit Advocates of Orange Co.

John Frankel, Rancho Santa Margarita Architectural Review Michael Stockstil, Transportation Professional

Merlin "Bud" Henry, North Tustin Advisory Committee Schelly Sustarsic, Seal Beach Parks & Recreation Comm.

Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach Planning Commission

Jeff Thompson, Tustin Planning Commission

Andrew Kanzler, Orange County Bicycle Coalition Kara Watson, Yorba Linda Planning Commissioner

Leonard Lahtinen, North O.C. Community College District Craig Young, Yorba Linda Resident

## **Members Absent**

Dan Bane, San Clemente Resident

Ralph Bauer, Council on Aging

Vince Buck, Cal State Fullerton

Tom Garner, Retired Lieutenant, Laguna Hills

Frank Murphy, Orange Rotary

Lyle Overby, Santa Ana Resident

Steve Cienfuegos, Laguna Niguel Planning Commission

Jacqueline Tran, Santa Ana Resident

Carla DiCandia, Mission Hospital

### 1. Chairman's Remarks

Vice-Chair Leonard Lahtinen called the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He complimented Alice Rogan's Department on the "Meeting Notes" they prepare for previous meetings. They do a good job of summarizing each meeting.

Leonard Lahtinen announced the CAC has lost five members and picked up five members. He acknowledged two departing members: Pat Pepper, who had been the Chair of the CAC for a number of years, and Jane Reifer, who has been a great voice for public transportation, were not reappointed. He has been told out going CAC members will receive a resolution from the OCTA Board of Directors thanking them for their service.

Vice-Chair Lahtinen asked the five new members to introduce themselves and give their background. The new members were:

- Andrew Kanzler, Orange County Bicycle Coalition
- Barry Duffin, Orange County Wheelman
- Michael Stockstil, Transportation Professor
- Brian Cox, Orange County Bicycle Coalition
- Theodore Luckham, Anaheim Resident

### 2. Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair

Vice-Chair Leonard Lahtinen opened up the nominations for Chair of the CAC. A committee member nominated Leonard Lahtinen for Chair of the CAC. Another committee member seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations from the floor and Leonard Lahtinen was declared Chairman of the CAC by acclimation.

Chair Leonard Lahtinen opened up nominations for the CAC Vice-Chair position. The following were nominated for CAC Vice-Chair:

- Paul Adams withdrew from running
- Roy Shahbazian
- Kara Watson
- Michael Brandman

Chair Leonard Lahtinen asked the candidates to give their background and explain their interest in transportation.

A motion was made by a committee member and seconded by another committee member to close the nominations.

After the ballots were counted Roy Shahbazian was declared a winner and new Vice-Chair of the CAC.

### 3. 2014-15 OCTA Budget

Victor Velasquez, Section Manager, Finance & Administration gave a report on the 2014 – 2015 OCTA Budget.

A committee member asked what the timeline was for the closing of M1 and the start of M2. Victor Velasquez said they started collecting M2 sales tax right away – April

2011. One sales tax measure ended and was immediately picked up by the second one.

A committee member was surprised to see the State and Federal revenues to OCTA are approximately one third of their income. Along with the good news there sometimes comes bad news. Is there a liability with State and Federal funds? Victor Velasquez said there is some risk. Primarily the money that comes in is project related, but there is some risk primarily to the bus service.

A committee member asked if the \$1.7 million savings is truly a cash flow that permits savings or is it a cash flow at the end of the loan. Victor Velasquez said it is a true savings.

# 4. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Greg Nord, Senior Transportation Analyst, Planning gave an update on the LRTP.

Alice Rogan said in the past the CAC has attached a letter to the public outreach report that goes to the OCTA Board Chair. The letter was in the CAC members' agenda package and requires a vote by the CAC.

Chair Leonard Lahtinen said he believed the letter going to the Board supporting the LRTP by the CAC had too many attachments. He felt Attachment C was a very lengthy document of CAC member's comments and was unnecessary.

A committee member asked if the OCTA Board will get the information in Attachment C. A staff member said the information in Attachment C would be given to the Board Members in the final documents.

A committee member was in favor of including Attachment C to the letter because it is only three pages and as Mayor, when material is in front of him he will read it, but if he has to chase something down he sometimes won't. The OCTA Chairman is a well read person and would appreciate having the opportunity to have the information in front of him.

A motion was made by a committee member and seconded by a committee member to approve the letter dated April 15, 2014 from the CAC with the exclusion of Attachment C, adding language that member comments are available if desired, and adding a footnote to Attachment B. The motion was carried by a majority of "Ayes" over "Navs."

A committee member asked where the 236 miles of toll roads goes. Greg Nord said this refers to adding a lane throughout the existing Toll Roads system as well as completion of it down to the I-5 (the 241 south). The committee member suggested this will never happen. Greg Nord said there have been discussions with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on this issue. Their

Regional Transportation Plan is up for review and they have set some milestones for this project. It appears in the OCTA LRTP as a placeholder.

# 5. Suggested Pedestrian Priorities Goals

Roy Shahbazian Chair of the Bike/Ped Subcommittee gave an update to the Suggested Pedestrian Priorities and Goals.

A committee member said highway sign angles talked about in the document are not within our control. We can make recommendations, but cannot change them. A committee member said the document asking to be approved is just suggestions.

A motion was made by a committee member, seconded by a committee member, and passed unanimously to approve the Suggested Pedestrian Priorities Goal and forward it to the OCTA Board. The motion passed unanimously.

# 6. OC Brides Update

Ross Lew, Program Manager, Capital Projects gave an update of the OC Bridges Program and Tresa Oliveri, Outreach Manager, External Affairs gave an update on the OC Bridges Program outreach efforts.

A committee member asked what was the source of revenue for the program Tresa Oliveri said it was Proposition 1B and Measure M.

A committee member asked if bike lanes were included in the underpasses and overpasses. Ross Lew said bicycles are accommodated during construction and the final configuration does show wide shoulders to accommodate bicycles.

A committee member said there is not a bicycle lane on Placentia Avenue. He recommended that signs should be posted saying Bicycles May Use Full Lane. The only way a bicycle can ride through there is to control the lane. It would be appropriate to do this on Placentia while construction is going on. Kramer is the same way. These lanes are not wide enough to share a lane with a bicycle.

Tresa Oliveri said the OC Bridges projects ultimately belong to the cities and they will bring these concerns to the cities.

A committee member said when the CAC first started discussions, bike lanes were not on the streets. They were also not a part of the design process for the over and under crossings. Tresa Oliveri said this is true; cities were concerned about putting a bike lane into the project area that did not connect to bike lanes outside of the project area.

A committee member said there should be a policy adopted to build right of way for bikeways into the construction plans. This would enable cities to convert part of the

roadway when the time is right. Tresa Oliveri said they do consult the Orange County Bikeway Master Plan when doing construction like this.

Chairman Leonard Lahtinen asked if the Suggested Pedestrian Priorities subcommittee had dealt with OC Bridges. Roy Shahbazian said it had been quite some time, but maybe they should take another look at it.

A committee member asked who was funding the OC Bridges projects. Tresa Oliveri responded the projects are funded by Measure M2 under the Streets and Roads Program. A committee member asked if there were more projects like these coming. Tresa Oliveri said there were other grade separation projects being considered but they would be in the LOSSAN corridor.

Tresa Oliveri said the next project being considered was 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Santa Ana. This project is an OCTA project and is in the early environmental phase. A committee member asked if this project would be an appropriate project to apply a policy to before the plans get drawn. This policy should say something to the effect that any undercrossing from this point forward whether or not it connects to the Master Plan of Highways or not should receive consideration for a separate bike path.

Roy Shahbazian said this will be discussed at the next Bike/Pedestrian Subcommittee.

# 7. Update Reports

October Service Change: Audrey Saller, Section Manager, Service Planning, gave an update on the upcoming October Service Change.

A committee member asked if the service change removes service from the Goldenwest Transportation Center. Audrey Saller said the change would be to have every other trip on Route 29.

A committee member asked if there was a list of the nine routes being reduced. Audrey Saller said she would get the information to the committee members.

<u>Government Affairs:</u> Lance Larson, Executive Director of Government Relations gave an update on government affairs. Brandon Bullock, Assistant Government Relations Representative, gave a detailed report on State government.

A committee member asked if it was true 33 moderate Democrats signed a letter asking that AB 32 implementation be delayed and Representative Tom Daly is one of the signers. Lance Larson said he is unsure Tom Daly signed the letter but he would not be surprised if he did. This letter is asking for a delay in taxing fossil fuel. A committee member asked what Lance Larson thought the chances were. Lance

Larson said he did not think it was impossible. A lot of people are facing elections and no one wants to be credited with raising gas prices.

A committee member asked if OCTA had an agenda on what they would prefer as a funding mechanism for the highway program. Lance Larson said OCTA has not taken a position on what the mechanism would be on future investment. They have chosen to focus on the problem and right now they are briefing the Board on the solutions available.

A committee member asked for a brief summary of Cap and Trade and how it would affect OCTA. Brandon Bullock gave a brief summary of Cap and Trade. Basically there is a formula for a pot of money which is approximately \$25 million using the State Transit System formula. Hypothetically OCTA would receive \$1.3 million. However it would have to be used for new service and a certain percent of all Cap and Trade money would have to be used for disadvantaged communities.

A committee member asked if VMTs are what Sacramento is looking at more and more. Lance Larson said he thinks they are looking at VMTs more than gas taxes.

<u>Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee:</u> Roy Shahbazian, Chair of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee gave an update on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee's activities.

<u>Marketing:</u> Stella Lin, Marketing Manager, gave a Marketing update featuring the Seven Summer Treasury.

<u>Staff Liaison:</u> Alice Rogan, Strategic Communications Manager, said they will be holding the State and Federal Roundtable on August 12, 2014. It is a public meeting and invited any of the CAC who would like to attend. She mentioned anyone interested in serving on the Bicycle / Pedestrian Subcommittee should contact her. It is a first come, first serve basis.

### 5. Committee Member Comments

Chair Leonard Lahtinen talked about the upcoming Mobility 21 meeting in September.

Barry Duffin talked about a memorial bike ride and cycling safety.

### 7. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

### 8. Adjournment – Next Meeting October 21, 2014

The next CAC meeting will be at the OCTA offices on October 21, 2014 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	•			
Davert, Doug	•			
Delgleize, Barbara	•			
DiCandia, Carla	•			
Duffin, Barry	•			
Frankel, John	•			
Garner, Tom	•			
Henry, Merlin "Bud"	•			
Kalmick, Dan	•			
Kanzler, Andrew	•			
Lahtinen, Leonard	•			
Leach, James	•			
Luckham, Theodore	•			
McGregor, Derek	•			
McNally, Michael	•			
Mootchnick, David	•			
Murphy, Frank	•			
Oregel, Dan	•			
Overby, Lyle	•			
Reimer, Laurel	•			
Shahbazian, Roy	•			
Stockstill, Michael	•			
Schelly Sustarsic	•			
Thompson, Jeff	•			
Tran, Jacqueline	•			
Watson, Kara	•			
Young, Craig	•			