

Orange County Transportation Authority Board Meeting
OCTA Headquarters
First Floor - Room 154
600 South Main Street, Orange, California
Monday, March 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Director Silva

Invocation

Director Brewer

Agenda Descriptions

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Special Matters

1. Retiree Recognition

Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 17)

All matters on the consent calendar are to be approved in one motion unless a Board member or a member of the public requests separate action on a specific item.

Orange County Transportation Authority Consent Calendar Matters

2. Approval of Minutes

Of the Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting of February 28, 2005.

3. State and Federal Legislative Status Report

Alex Esparza/Richard J. Bacigalupo

Overview

The deadline to introduce bills in Sacramento has passed. Three bill positions are submitted for consideration. The United States House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has introduced a six-year \$283.9 billion surface transportation reauthorization bill.

Recommendations

Adopt the following recommended bill positions:
Sponsor on AB 267 (Daucher, R-Brea)
Co-sponsor on AB 462 (Tran, R-Garden Grove)
Co-sponsor on AB 1173 (Tran, R-Garden Grove)

4. Corridor Studies Update
Kurt Brotcke/Paul C. Taylor

Overview

Several corridor studies are currently underway to address current and future transportation issues in various parts of Orange County. A status report on these efforts is provided for Board review.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

5. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for the San Diego Freeway (Interstate 5) at Oso Parkway
Mary Toutouchi/Paul C. Taylor

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority is preparing the environmental document to improve the operation of the San Diego Freeway (Interstate 5) at the Oso Parkway interchange. Work on the chokepoint project is being done by the consulting firm CH2M Hill, in coordination with the California Department of Transportation. Additional work is needed to complete the last phase of the environmental process. A request to augment the contract amount to perform this work is presented.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 4 to Professional Services Agreement C-2-1227 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and CH2M Hill, to increase the contract amount by \$63,809, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$452,567, to include the completed noise study and recommendation of three soundwalls for the Interstate 5 (I-5) at Oso Parkway chokepoint project.

6. Foothill Transportation Corridor-South Status Report

Wendy Garcia/Paul C. Taylor

Overview

In 2004, the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency released the draft Environmental Impact Statement and Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Foothill Transportation Corridor-South project. The agency is currently responding to public comments. A status report on this project and the Orange County Transportation Agency's involvement is presented below for the Board's information.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

7. Approach to Consensus on Rapid Transit Options

Paul C. Taylor

Overview

At its March 7, 2005, meeting, the Executive Committee considered different approaches to reaching a consensus of the Board of Directors on rapid transit options. The Committee asked staff to capture the discussion in a recommendation to the Board.

Recommendation

Approve a process for consideration of rapid transit options that involves one workshop each with the Transit Planning and Operations Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors.

8. Consultant Support for Exploring Bus Rapid Transit (Bristol Street Option)

Jose Martinez/Paul C. Taylor

Overview

The Board of Directors has asked staff to develop a process for further study of rapid transit options and to explore conversion of the current light rail transit project to another transportation mode, including consideration of a bus rapid transit project beginning on the Bristol Street portion of the current light rail project. In order to explore the time critical element that maintains our federal funding eligibility and a 2010 opening date, staff requests consultant support. On March 24, 2005, staff will return with a recommendation for a comprehensive study program for all the rapid transit option categories.

Recommendation

Direct staff to use the existing consultant agreements between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas, Inc. (Agreement C-1-2354), and Carter & Burgess, Inc., (Agreement C-2-0611) to explore conversion of current light rail project to a bus rapid transit project.

9. Selection of a Consultant for Metrolink Engineering Services

Shohreh Dupuis/Paul C. Taylor

Overview

As part of the Orange County Transportation Authority's Fiscal Year 2004-05 Budget, the Board approved funds for railroad engineering consultant services to support Metrolink services in Orange County. Offers were received in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's procurement procedures for retention of a consultant to perform architectural and engineering work. Board approval is requested to negotiate the agreement.

Recommendations

- A. Authorize staff to request a cost proposal from J.L. Patterson & Associates, Inc. based on their qualifications and negotiate an agreement for their services.

9. (Continued)

B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the final agreement.

10. CenterLine Outreach Contracts

Ellen S. Burton

Overview

The Board of Directors has suspended work on The CenterLine Light Rail Project and directed staff to explore bus rapid transit and other modes and options. As a result, public outreach resources are being refocused.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

11. Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2004-05 Grant Status Report

William Dineen, Jr./James S. Kenan

Overview

The Quarterly Grant Status Report summarizes grant activities for information purposes for the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. This report focuses on significant grant activity for the period of October through December 2004. The Quarterly Grant Status Report summarizes future grant applications, pending grant applications, executed grant awards, current and closed-out grant agreements.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

12. Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2004-05 Budget Status Report

Bruce Gilliland/James S. Kenan

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority's staff has implemented the fiscal year 2004-05 budget. This report summarizes the material variances between the budget plan and actual revenues and expenses.

12. (Continued)

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item for the Finance and Administration Committee.

13. Agreement for Health Brokerage Services

Debbie Christensen/James S. Kenan

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority provides health benefits to its employees. A broker is necessary to assist the Benefits Department in placing the coverages. Offers were received in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's procurement procedures for professional and technical services.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Agreement 4-1271 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Mercer Human Resource Consulting, in the amount of \$265,000, for health brokerage services.

14. Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2004-05 Bus Operations Monthly Performance Measurement Report

James L. Cook, Jr./James S. Kenan

Overview

Orange County Transportation Authority recognizes the need for improved accountability and operational performance. With this in mind, the Bus Operations Monthly Performance Measurements report was developed in accordance with Executive Management direction. The Bus Operations Monthly Performance Measurements report serves as a tool to survey operational performance and as the nexus for process improvements.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item for the Finance and Administration Committee.

15. Agreements with the Union Pacific Railroad and the California Department of Transportation for the Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) Far North Project

John A. Garcia/Stanley G. Phernambucq

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority proposes to enter into an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad for storage track relocation and a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Transportation for landscaping design services and project design oversight.

Recommendations

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Agreement C-5-0632 in the amount of \$12,650,000 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Union Pacific Railroad for the required relocation of railroad storage tracks.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Cooperative Agreement Caltrans 12-482 (Agreement C-5-0672) between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation in the amount of \$108,000 for landscaping design services and project design oversight.
- C. Direct Staff to return to the Board in April 2005, with a project update and a discussion of options for funding the Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) Far North project.

Orange County Local Transportation Authority Consent Calendar Matters

- 16. Amendment to Professional Services Agreements for Combined Transportation Funding Program Application Review Services**
Shohreh Dupuis/Paul C. Taylor

Overview

On May 26, 2004, the Orange County Transportation Authority entered into agreements with three firms to provide review services for Measure M Streets and Roads payment requests and Combined Transportation Funding Programs applications for fiscal year 2004-05. All of the firms were retained in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority procurement procedures for professional and technical services. Board action is required to increase the current fiscal year total funding ceiling for these agreements and to extend the agreements to August 31, 2005.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreements C-4-0280, C-4-0479, and C-4-0480 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and firms of COH & Associates, Inc., Urban Crossroads, and W.G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc., to increase the maximum obligation by \$150,000 to a total amount not to exceed \$225,000, for fiscal year 2004-05 and to extend all agreements to August 31, 2005.

Orange County Transit District Consent Calendar Matters

- 17. Amendment to Agreement for Late Night ACCESS Service**
Beth McCormick/William L. Foster

Overview

On April 12, 2004, the Board of Directors approved an agreement with Independent Taxi Owners Association, in the amount of \$275,000, to provide late night ACCESS service through June 30, 2005. Independent Taxi Owners Association was retained in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's procurement procedures for professional services.

17. (Continued)

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement C-4-0416 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Independent Taxi Owners Association to exercise the first option year to provide late night ACCESS service through June 30, 2006.

Regular Calendar

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18. Chokepoint Program Status Report

Mary Toutouchi/Paul C. Taylor

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority and California Department of Transportation are jointly developing concepts to alleviate localized freeway congestion hot spots known as chokepoints. The objective of the Freeway Chokepoint Program is to develop projects that can be brought forward in the near-term as funding becomes available. An update on the status of various projects is provided.

Recommendation

Direct staff to continue cooperative efforts with the California Department of Transportation to develop projects in support of the Freeway Chokepoint Program.

- 19. Garden Grove Freeway (State Route 22) Design-Build Project Update**
T. Rick Grebner/Stanley G. Phernambucq

Overview

On August 23, 2004, the Orange County Transportation Authority's Board of Directors awarded a design-build contract to improve 12 miles of the Garden Grove Freeway (State Route 22) from Valley View Street east to the Costa Mesa Freeway (State Route 55) interchange. Staff presents an update of the first project to be constructed in the State of California on an active freeway using the design-build delivery method.

Recommendation

Receive and file for information

Other Matters

- 20. Chief Executive Officer's Goals for 2005**
Barry Engelberg

- 21. Real-Time Methods for Dynamic Pricing**
Paul C. Taylor

The Orange County Transportation Authority has undertaken consideration of dynamic pricing as a tool for maximizing corridor throughput. This Performance Monitoring and Pricing Pilot Project study uses technology to monitor and report travel time and speeds in both the 91 Express Lanes and main lanes. As a progress report, staff will present an assessment of real-time pricing methods.

- 22. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

- 23. Directors' Reports**

24. Public Comments

At this time, members of the public may address the Board of Directors regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Directors, but no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless different time limits are set by the Chairman subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

25. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to meet with Orange County Transportation Authority designated representative Marlene Heyser regarding collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the Teamsters Local 952 representing the Maintenance employees and the Transportation Communications Union representing parts clerks, facility technicians and revenue clerks.

26. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the OCTA/OCTD/OCLTA/OCSAFE/OCSSAAV Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 28, 2005, at OCTA Headquarters, 600 South Main Street First Floor - Room 154, Orange, California.