



Citizens Advisory Committee
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07
January 16, 2018 | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Action Items**
 - A. Approval of Minutes/Attendace Reports
- 4. Presentation and Discussion Items**
 - A. OC Bridges Completion *(15 min.)*
Ross Lew, Program Manager, Highway Programs
Christina Byrne, Acting Department Manager, Public Outreach
 - B. Measure M2 Updated Next 10 Delivery Plan *(15 min.)*
Tamara Warren, Measure M Program Manager
 - C. Transit Planning Studies *(15 min.)*
Kurt Brotcke, Director, Planning
 - D. Long Range Transportation Plan Update *(25 min.)*
Greg Nord, Principal Transportation Analyst, Long-Range Planning and Corridor Studies
- 5. OCTA Staff Updates *(5 minutes each)***
 - A. I-405 Improvement Project – Christina Byrne, Acting Department Manager, Public Outreach
 - B. OC Bus 360 Ridership – Johnny Dunning, Department Manager, Scheduling & Bus Operations Support
 - C. February Service Change – Johnny Dunning, Department Manager, Scheduling & Bus Operations Support
 - D. Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Report – Brian Cox, BPS Chair
 - E. Staff Liaison – Alice Rogan, Director, Marketing and Public Outreach
- 6. Public Comments***
- 7. Chair / Vice-Chair Remarks**
- 8. Committee Member Comments**
- 9. Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2018.

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 Chair 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 17, 2017
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
550 S. Main Street, Orange, Calif.
Conference Room 07**

Members Present

Paul Adams, *Fountain Valley Planning Commissioner*
Hamid Bahadori, *AAA of Southern California*
Vince Buck, *Cal State Fullerton*
Brian Cox, *Orange County Bicycle Coalition*
Kara Darnell, *Cal State Fullerton*
Barry Duffin, *Orange County Wheelmen*
David Emerson, *Los Alamitos Traffic Cmsn.*
Merlin “Bud” Henry, *North Tustin Advisory Committee*
Dan Kalmick, *Huntington Beach Resident*
Stephanie Klopfenstein, *GG Neighborhood Assn/Cncl*
Steve Kozak, *Tustin Planning Commission*

Jessica Lomakin, *Tustin Resident*
Austin Lombard, *Tustin Planning Commissioner*
Derek McGregor, *Trabuco Canyon Advisory Comm.*
Michael McNally, *UC Irvine*
Margaret Novak, *WTS/Ladera Ranch Maint. Corp.*
Mike Posey, *Huntington Beach Resident*
Andrew Ramirez, *Santa Ana Resident*
Laurel Reimer, *Urban Planner*
Roy Shahbazian, *Bus Rider, Transit Advocate of OC*
Dianne Thompson, *Huntington Beach Chamber*
Jeff Thompson, *Tustin Planning Commission and BIA*

Members Absent

Min Chai, *Irvine Resident*
Janine Heft, *Laguna Hills Resident/Cncl*
Theodore Luckham, *Anaheim Resident*
Luis Mier, *Fountain Valley Resident*

Frank Murphy, *Orange Rotary*
Mark Paredes, *Garden Grove Planning Commission*
Sheldon Pines, *Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce*
John Taylor, *Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano*

1. Welcome

Chairman Roy Shahbazian welcomed everyone to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting at 12:02p.

2. Presentation and Discussion Items

A. OC Transit Vision: Draft Report

Gary Hewitt introduced Steve Boland from Nelson Nygaard. Steve presented the OC Transit Vision: Draft Report recommendations. Gary Hewitt summarized the next steps in the OC Transit Vision.

Dan Kalmick said there is a lot going on in Huntington Beach and suggested OCTA keep an eye on the changes that are unfolding. Dan informed OCTA staff of a new housing project in the area near the end of one of the proposed streetcar/bus rapid transit (BRT) routes. He also said the City of Huntington Beach is in the process of making some recommendations to change the Master Plan of Arterial Highways as part of the city’s General Plan amendment.

Michael McNally said it looks very well thought out and he likes how the modes fit to the corridors. He said there is tremendous development going on in Irvine. He suggested putting streetcars or BRT in these areas before traffic patterns are developed. Steve Boland said OCTA is developing guidelines for partners regarding access to transit and best practices. Gary Hewitt also clarified that currently mode ranges are identified.

Alice Rogan asked the committee how they feel about transit-only lanes on arterials.

- Dan Kalmick asked if ridesharing services would be able to use these lanes. Steve Boland said as of now, no. He said there are safety considerations and concerns the lanes would fill up and thus create congestion for the buses. Gary Hewitt said the lanes would still be used for beginning and ending turns into driveways and at intersections.
- Laurel Reimer said she likes the idea of dedicated lanes for transit because it would speed up the service and make their timing more reliable. She feels if driving is inconvenient, then people are more likely to try other modes.
- Hamid Bahadori said it all depends on OCTA's objective. He said if OCTA is trying to encourage people to use transit, then the transit only lanes are good. He said the policy makers would need to be behind the lanes. Hamid said if the main objective is to carry people and goods through a corridor, then he feels this would probably not be good for mobility.
- Jessica Lomakin said as a driver she thinks OCTA should be cautious about dedicated lanes. She said there is a certain percentage of the population that will not take transit, no matter how convenient it is. She believes the benefits need to be weighed against the Orange County culture.
- Vince Buck said he is generally in favor of the dedicated lanes if it allows transit services to run at a higher frequency. He asked if bicycles would be allowed in these lanes. Steve Boland said that would ultimately be up to the cities.
- Barry Duffin said he agrees with Hamid that it depends on the policy objective. He asked if Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) has been evaluated in these corridors based on mileage reductions. Steve Boland said it is part of the evaluation and is a pretty substantial number. Barry asked about emission reductions along the corridors and if OCTA would be given emissions credits. Steve Boland said there was no specific study done on

reduction of emissions. Gary Hewitt said that while the study has only looked at VMT, there are logical connections that can be made between lower VMT and emissions reductions. Barry said if OCTA can calculate the reduction in emissions from the VMT, then there should be credits available.

- David Emerson likes the way OCTA is trying to speed up transit service and suggested the routes be destination based. David said it would be nice to have something from the airport/airport business complex, then run on the I-405 to UCI and maybe even go to Leisure World.
- Andrew Ramirez suggested OCTA do a marketing campaign to get people to move out of the way of buses similar to what is done for emergency vehicles. Steve Boland said New York did something similar and put blue flashing lights on the buses. Dan Kalmick said it may be hard to police, but San Francisco tried putting cameras on the buses to help with ticketing people not in compliance.
- Mike Posey asked what OCTA is trying to cure by implementing dedicated lanes on these corridors and what would be the average speed of the bus. Gary Hewitt said the average speeds of buses are 12 MPH. He said with the dedicated lanes, the buses could have a 30 percent increase in speed. Mike feels that a 30 percent increase is not worth taking a lane. Steve Boland said additional analysis still needs to be done to see how effective the different modes would be in the corridor.
- Roy Shahbazian said he likes the concept of dedicated lanes and believes it will work in some areas and not in others. He said OCTA may not see a mode shift, but might see a corridor shift and that could end up being more efficient.

Jeff Thompson said land use is a crucial part of these corridors. He would like to see it added to the maps and it would help with the rationale for the corridors. He said land use would show the areas that need to be unlocked. Gary Hewitt apologized for not showing the map with the land use overlays in today's presentation. He said the information is in the full report and Steve Boland assured the committee that land use was taken into account.

Dianne Thompson said prior to implementation she feels there needs to be a lot of outreach. She does not want to see OCTA having to go backward once something is developed. Steve Boland said it is mandated that OCTA do community outreach, city outreach and an environmental process before actual implementation. Hamid Bahadori said it is important to recognize that cities and communities need to buy into the project for it to be successful.

B. Measure M2 Sales Tax Forecast

Sean Murdock presented the most recent Measure M2 sales tax forecast.

Roy Shahbazian asked if Sean could provide a summary the committee can use to let their constituents know about the funding situation for Measure M. Sean Murdock said on the streets and roads side, if OCTA receives less than expected revenues then cities will receive less money. He said the freeway side is more challenging because clearly defined projects must be funded. Currently the freeway side is taking almost a 50 percent reduction in funding, but OCTA has been successful in competing for external funding and finding new ways to deliver what was promised. Sean cautioned the reduction in Measure M revenues being presented is a projection only and OCTA does try to plan conservatively.

Jeff Thompson asked if the charts can be compared against population growth and employer growth. He believes this would give some correlation to the overall revenue patterns. Jeff also asked about capturing online retail sales tax monies. Sean Murdock said the challenge with sales tax from online purchases is when the online retailer is out of state, and does not have a physical presence in California, it then becomes the responsibility of the buyer to pay local taxes on their income taxes. Sean said there needs to be something done to regulate this more fairly for the states in which the purchaser resides. He said this issue, however, is really on the bus operations side because Measure M receives tax revenue based on the destination as opposed to where an item is shipped from.

Dan Kalmick said if California decides to implement a tax on services, would that money flow into Measure M. Sean Murdock said yes, this revenue would automatically increase the Measure M revenue.

Michael McNally said he had heard about half of cities maintenance funds come from Measure M and if that revenue gets cut, the cities would be seriously in trouble. Sean said SB 1 would help to backfill the missing revenue in that case.

Roy Shahbazian suggested the committee seek input from their constituents on how they would feel about a service tax.

C. Measure M Next 10: Market Conditions Forecast and Risk Analysis

Tamara Warren presented Measure M Next 10: Market Conditions Forecast and Risk Analysis.

Margaret Novak commented she is happy to see OCTA looking at how they are perceived by the consultant community and how they can make the process smoother to entice contractors to want to work with OCTA.

Barry Duffin asked how OCTA would work with community colleges to get workers. Tamara Warren said she is unsure at this point in time how this program

would work, but it was a recommendation by the consultant and OCTA will look into how this could be done. Austin Lumbard said Fluor used to teach classes at the community colleges and then funnel those students into jobs. Dianne Thompson said she works with Goldenwest Community College and they are really focusing on the trades and there are great opportunities out there. The colleges see the need for getting students trained in the trades.

Roy Shahbazian asked Tamara what the realistic best case and worst case scenarios are for Measure M over the next 10 years considering the decrease in expected sales tax revenues. Tamara Warren said the best case is that OCTA can still deliver the plan as promised with creative solutions. She said there is, however, the potential that eventually projects may need to be reevaluated if funding is not there to deliver them as currently planned. She said OCTA is also working with Caltrans to develop a master agreement to make sure Caltrans is prepared to work within OCTA's schedules to keep the timeline and budget tight with minimal changes.

D. FY 17-18 Bus Service Improvement Plan Update

Gary Hewitt presented FY 17-18 Bus Service Plan Update.

Mike Posey asked about the impact of ridesharing services on bus services and if the low ridership is leveling out. Gary Hewitt said ridesharing has some impact on ridership. He said staff has actually heard that some riders bought cars and then became Uber or Lyft drivers. In general, most of the ridership decline has been attributed to people driving themselves. He said auto registrations and licensed drivers are growing in Orange County. Gary said OCTA is developing a micro transit system for outlying areas where OCTA does not operate bus service. This service would be similar to other ridesharing services, but would include multiple riders on trips and would be scheduled in advance. Dan Kalmick asked if Uber and Lyft are helping to subsidize the purchase/lease of cars for their drivers. Gary Hewitt said he has heard that, but has not verified the information.

3. OCTA Staff Updates

A. Technology & Innovation Ad Hoc Committee Report

Dan Kalmick gave a brief recap of the September ad hoc committee meeting. The committee discussed autonomous vehicle and had a presentation on the I-405 Project Interactive Map.

B. Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Report

Brian Cox said the committee received a presentation on OC Active, including information on the stakeholder working group, and survey. The committee also viewed OCTA's new safety videos and heard a presentation on the closure of the San Juan Creek Trail due to construction. Brian mentioned any new members wanting to participate on this subcommittee should get in contact with Emily Mason.

C. Government Relations

Lance Larson briefly overviewed OCTA's legislative platform and highlighted recent activities at the local, state and federal level. Lance said the upcoming hot topics are going to be about managed toll lanes, active transportation and some rail programs. He said OCTA will soon be developing the 2018-19 Legislative Platform and will be sure to get input from the CAC.

Barry Duffin said effective November 1st there will be a new 12 cent gas tax. He asked if OCTA has considered using this as a marketing strategy to increase ridership. Lance Larson said OCTA did not support SB1, but OCTA is disseminating information on "What SB1 Means to You." He said this new gas tax is actually helping with transit operations for the first time and OCTA is working with the California Transportation Commission to make sure Orange County receives their fair share.

Margaret Novak asked if OCTA is preparing for the repeal of SB1. Lance Larson said OCTA is mindful and ready for that possibility, but right now it is law and OCTA will receive funds for a minimum of one year before the funds could go away.

Michael McNally asked why the OCTA Board did not support SB1. Lance Larson said OCTA never took a formal action against the bill. He said about a third of the board did not want to support a tax as an elected official. Many board members said they would not support a tax that was not voted on by the public

D. Staff Liaison

Alice Rogan updated the committee about the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) survey that is currently live. She said staff would send everyone an email with a link to the survey, so that the committee can forward it to constituents. Alice also said the CAC's input was forwarded to the OCTA Board on the rebranding of Measure M to OC Go. Dan Kalmick said he was happy to see his input used in the recommendation.

4. Public Comments

No one from the public spoke.

5. Chair/Vice-Chair Remarks

Roy Shahbazian reminded the committee they are a liaison between the public and the OCTA Board. Roy asked the committee what items the committee members plan to share with their constituents from today's meeting. Michael McNally said he would be happy to share the link to the LRTP survey to students and other constituents. Paul Adams said letting people know about the proposed corridors in the OC Transit Vision.

6. Committee Member Comments

Jeff Thompson suggested the committee start approving the minutes of the meeting since the CAC is a publicly noticed committee. He said reviewing the minutes before a meeting may help members to remember what was discussed at prior meetings. Roy Shahbazian said this item was not on the agenda, so the CAC cannot vote on it, but he thinks it is a good suggestion. Alice Rogan suggested adding the Pledge of Allegiance as well to be consistent with OCTA's other public committees.

7. Adjournment/Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be at the OCTA offices on January 16, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

**Citizens Advisory Committee
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

Member				
	7/18/17	10/17/17	1/16/18	4/17/18
Adams, Paul	●	●		
Bahadori, Hamid	⊙	●		
Buck, Vince	●	●		
Chai, Min	●	⊙		
Cox, Brian	●	●		
Darnell, Kara	⊙	●		
Duffin, Barry	●	●		
Emerson, David	●	●		
Heft, Janine	⊙	⊙		
Henry, Merlin "Bud"	●	●		
Kalmick, Dan	●	●		
Klopfenstein, Stephanie	●	●		
Kozak, Steve	●	●		
Lomakin, Jessica	●	●		
Luckham, Theodore	●	⊙		
Lumbard, Austin	●	●		
McGregor, Derek	●	●		
McNally, Michael	●	●		
Mier, Luis	⊙	⊙		
Murphy, Frank	●	⊙		
Novak, Margaret	●	●		
Paredes, Mark	⊙	⊙		
Pines, Sheldon	●	⊙		
Posey, Mike	⊙	●		
Ramirez, Andrew	⊙	●		
Reimer, Laurel	⊙	●		
Shahbazian, Roy	●	●		
Taylor, John	●	⊙		
Thompson, Dianne	●	●		
Thompson, Jeff	●	●		