



Citizens Advisory Committee Teleconference Notice

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Teleconference Sites:

Orange County Transportation Authority - Headquarters
550 S. Main Street
Conference Room 07
Orange, CA

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Agenda Descriptions

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Citizens Advisory Committee

July 20, 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 April Minutes / Attendance Report**
Action Item
- 4. Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee Name Modernization** Paul Adams, *Chair, Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee*
Action Item Jared Hill, *Public Outreach*
- 5. Long Range Transportation Plan Update** Greg Nord, *Planning*
(15 min) Discussion Marissa Espino, *Public Outreach*
- 6. South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study (SOCMTS)** Warren Whittaker, *Planning*
(10 min) Presentation Marissa Espino, *Public Outreach*
- 7. Mobility Hub Strategy Study** Sam Sharvini, *Planning*
(10 min) Presentation Marissa Espino, *Public Outreach*
- 8. Bus System Restructuring Study** Kim Tucker, *Planning*
(10 min) Presentation
- 9. OCTA 2021-22 Budget Update** Anthony Baruch, *Financial Planning & Analysis*
(10 min) Presentation
- 10. Update Reports** Lance Larson, *Government Relations*
(5 minutes each)
 - Government Affairs Paul Adams, *Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee*
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Stella Lin, *Marketing & Customer Relations*
 - Marketing Alice Rogan, *External Affairs*
 - 30 Year Anniversary Christina Byrne, *Public Outreach*
 - Staff Liaison
- 11. Committee Member Comments**
- 12. Adjournment / Next Meeting:**
October 19, 2021

Agenda Descriptions/Public Comments on Agenda Items

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**Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
April 20, 2021
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
550 S. Main Street, Orange, CA
Teleconference Meeting**

Members Present

Paul Adams , <i>Santa Ana Resident</i>	Lisandro Orozco , <i>Historic Santa Ana</i>
Amelia Castro , <i>Anaheim Housing & Comm. Dev Comsn.</i>	Mark Paredes , <i>Garden Grove Resident</i>
Min Chai , <i>Irvine Resident</i>	Nick Polichetti , <i>American Society of Civil Engineers</i>
Karalee Darnell , <i>Yorba Linda Planning Commission</i>	Andrew Ramirez , <i>Fountain Valley Resident</i>
Dirissy Doan , <i>Orange County Realtors</i>	Laurel Reimer , <i>Urban Planner</i>
Theresa Harvey , <i>North Orange County Chamber</i>	Roy Shahbazian , <i>Bus Rider, Transit Advocate of OC</i>
Dan Kalmick , <i>Huntington Beach City Council</i>	John Taylor , <i>Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano</i>
Deepak Krishan , <i>Anaheim Resident/Accountant</i>	Dianne Thompson , <i>Huntington Beach Chamber</i>
Derek McGregor , <i>Trabuco Canyon Advisory Comm.</i>	Jeff Thompson , <i>Building Industry & Adjunct Professor</i>
Michael McNally , <i>UC Irvine</i>	Damon Tordini , <i>Engineers w/o Borders / Santa Ana Res.</i>
Kunal Mittal , <i>Civil Engineer</i>	David Wheeler , <i>Laguna Hills Resident/City Council</i>
Margaret Novak , <i>WTS Orange County</i>	

Members Absent

Kellie Aamodt , <i>UC Irvine/UPS</i>	Steve Kozak , <i>Tustin Planning Commission</i>
Patrick Brenden , <i>Huntington Beach Resident/City Council</i>	Javier Mejia , <i>Los Alamitos Traffic Commission</i>
Stephanie Klopfenstein , <i>GG Council/Neighborhood Assn.</i>	Frank Murphy , <i>Orange Resident</i>
John Kinney , <i>Laguna Niguel Traffic Commission</i>	Randy Styner , <i>Garden Grove Resident</i>

1. Chairman's Remarks

Chair Jeff Thompson welcomed everyone to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting. He noted this quarter's Covid Update was not agendized, but it is provided in the CAC packet.

Chair Jeff Thompson asked the staff liaison 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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Approval of January Minutes

Chair Jeff Thompson asked if there were any corrections to the January 19, 2021 CAC Minutes/Attendance Report.

A motion was made by Dirissy Doan, seconded by Paul Adams, and carried unanimously to approve the January 19, 2021 CAC Minutes/Attendance Report with three abstentions by absent members.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Jeff Thompson thanked OCTA Staff for the great job they do to make this committee run smoothly. He said he is open to serving as Chair of this committee for one more year. Chair Thompson said Covid has certainly changed things this year and has shaped and changed the leadership of this committee. He said he is personally committed to getting the next generation of leadership involved in this committee. He thanked the committee for the opportunity to chair the CAC.

Vice Chair Dan Kalmick said it has been his pleasure to serve as Vice Chair for six years. He appreciates all the hard work staff has done to get agenda items and presentations to the committee. Vice Chair Kalmick said the CAC has been a wonderful committee to serve on because everything the CAC does affects every community in Orange County. He said he will not run for Vice Chair this term.

Christina Byrne thanked Chair Thompson and Vice Chair Kalmick for their work on the committee over the past year. She said in the past, the election of Chair and Vice Chair was done anonymously by secret ballot. This year the election will be done by a private Zoom ballot. Christina opened the election of CAC Chair and Vice Chair for the 2021-2022 CAC.

Nick Polichetti nominated Jeff Thompson for Chair and it was seconded by Karalee Darnell. Chair Jeff Thompson accepted the nomination. Chair Jeff Thompson was elected to the position of Chair unanimously.

Chair Jeff Thompson nominated Lisandro Orozco for Vice Chair and it was seconded by Paul Adams. Lisandro Orozco accepted the nomination. Lisandro Orozco was elected to the position of Vice Chair unanimously.

Lisandro Orozco thanked Paul Adams and Chair Jeff Thompson for the nomination. Lisandro said he has worked throughout the years with the American Planning Association Board of Directors as an advisor and locally with the City of Santa Ana Arts and Culture Commission. Lisandro is a planner by trade, and he loves transportation, active transportation, and transit.

5. State and Federal Policies Related to Climate Change

Kurt Brotcke provided a presentation on recent State and Federal Policies Related to Climate Change. He talked about how transportation is a large contributor to emissions and how state legislators are funding more transit, bicycling and pedestrian modes of transportation. Kurt went through the key policies and legislation leading to this point. He spoke specifically about SB 743 and EO N-19-19 which include reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). Kurt then talked about the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) which is a draft state policy that includes direction on discretionary funding programs. He then went through the seven strategies included in this plan. Kurt talked about the challenges and opportunities ahead for OCTA. He said comments on the CAPTI are due May 19, 2021. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments:

Nick Polichetti commented on language in the presentation regarding zero emissions. He asked if the language is meant to capture only electric vehicles or also electrical and hydrogen vehicles. Kurt Brotcke said the specific investment is not clear. He said they have talked about zero-emission freight – specifically trucks – and moving those systems into a combination of battery electric as well as hydrogen fuel cell. He said currently there is a lack of hydrogen fueling stations.

6. Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Introduction

Greg Nord provided an introduction to the LRTP. At the January CAC, meeting the committee was provided with an overview of the project. He said the schedule is being refined. Greg said since 2018 state-wide priorities have shifted. Examples include social equity and California's redoubling efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, along with the impacts of COVID-19.

Marissa Espino said public engagement will start in Fall of 2021 with an online survey and community toolkit. She said in July 2021 the goal is to have LRTP goals and objectives ready to share with the public. Marissa then led a poll of the committee. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Question 1:

As we think about what life might look like in 2045, would you expect that remote work will...

Answer 1: Exceed 2020 levels by 2045, even if there is a short-term drop. – **13 Votes**

Answer 2: Return to 2020 levels by 2045, following a short-term drop. – **6 Votes**

Answer 3: Fall short of 2020 levels by 2045, following a significant drop in remote working. – **0 Votes**

Comments Member Comments:

Andrew Ramirez said at his company he and his team were already working remotely. He believes it will not go away. There are certain industries, like banking where it is a little harder to make the adjustment to remote working.

Dianne Thompson said at her company they do a hybrid of work from home/work from the office. She said this had been beneficial for quality of life and work-life balance. It has been really helpful to have these options with kids being home-schooled over the last year. This has been a positive way to help families.

Question 2:

Active Transportation, like biking and walking, increased during the pandemic and reached new markets with the introduction of e-bikes. To increase active transportation as an alternative to driving over the long run, should the LRTP...

Answer 1: Develop strategies to support use of micro-mobility options like e-bikes or electric scooters. – **5 Votes**

Answer 2: Further support local initiatives to reallocate road space to better accommodate biking and walking. – **8 Votes**

Answer 3: Expand proactive measures to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety, including street designs guidelines, education programs and other strategies. – **8 Votes**

Answer 4: OCTA's current level of effort in supporting active transportation is sufficient. – **1 Vote**

Comments Member Comments:

Paul Adams said he believes safety is important. The CAC and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee has done a lot of great work to help with safety and education. He said he believes support for infrastructure for e-scooters and e-bikes is important, to encourage alternative types of transportation.

Damon Tordini said he personally has gotten an e-bike and the existing infrastructure seems to work great. He said as far as he knows existing state laws allow for e-bike to travel on the existing bikeways. The concern is this might not be allowed in the future.

Michael McNally said the two higher ranked answers are interrelated. He said answer 3 is more important because if road space is reallocated, safety issues need to be dealt with first. Michael said fatalities on US highways last year increased significantly over the prior year. The thought is that much of this is due to pedestrian fatalities due to lower volumes on roadways resulting in higher speeds on roadways. Michael said if you start mixing modes there needs to be proactive measures up front and design that allows for space reallocation.

Dan Kalmick said in the City of Huntington Beach someone posted the wrong answer about e-bikes and the e-bike people brought up a lot of issues. OCTA needs to think about off-street bike paths and the on-street infrastructure which is about cars. He said much of urban planning was done to build cities and roadways for cars without really thinking about bike and pedestrian uses. He said the pandemic really brought this to light. People do not want to be in the car all the time. Dan believes this leads to de-focusing on cars. He said when he started on the CAC 10 years ago, the focus was on building freeways. Dan said OCTA needs to look at helping cities to create mobility programs. Some of the smaller cities do not have the capability to figure out how to retrofit their existing infrastructure to start moving away from cars as a primary mode of transportation. He suggests folks like OCTA provide the framework to get people moving forward. "If you build it, they will come." If bikeway

infrastructure is built, people will use it. He said when cities built temporary bike infrastructure, people showed up – there is data to back this up.

John Taylor said he loves e-bikes and where it is going, but he has heard several people complain about e-bikes in bike lanes. He said education about how the two bikes can co-exist would be helpful.

Question 3:

What transit-supportive elements are most critical to expand the population that uses bus or rail at least occasionally?

Answer 1: Simplified trip planning and electronic ticketing. – **2 Votes**

Answer 2: Employer-based passes. – **0 Votes**

Answer 3: Enhanced first and last mile connections. – **9 Votes**

Answer 4: Wifi on transit. – **0 Votes**

Answer 5: Faster and more frequent transit service. – **12 Votes**

David Wheeler said when he lived in New York City the subway was a great way to get around because it got you where you needed to go within a few blocks. He said the stops on Orange County rail lines and sometimes buses do not get you where you want to go. He said maybe e-bikes/e-scooters could get you to where you actually want to go. He asked about a coordinated effort between buses and e-bikes/e-scooters or a moving walkway.

Damon Tordini said he took answer 3 to mean better connections and fewer transfers for existing service. He said this is a common complaint he has heard from potential users who do not normally use these services.

Committee Member Comments:

Paul Adams asked if there was a Measure M Project that funded circulators, etc in South Orange County. Greg Nord said in Measure M2 there are two projects – one is Project S that focuses on connections from Metrolink and the other Project V Community Based Transit Circulators.

7. OC Streetcar Project

Jim Beil provided an update on OC Streetcar construction and vehicle production. He started with an overview of the project and then provided a construction update segment by segment. Jim talked about upcoming milestones. He then provided pictures of vehicle production. He said Siemens is running just a bit behind on production, but it should not impact the schedule. Six of the eight vehicles are in the final stages of testing.

Tresa Oliveri provided a construction outreach update including bi-lingual door-to-door outreach efforts and collateral development in addition to social media. Outreach staff continues to connect with and provide regular updates to downtown businesses. There

are currently 47 businesses involved in the “Eat Shop Play” program. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Jim Beil said last month staff went to the OCTA Board and they approved an interim supplemental contingency amount of \$15.68 million for an interim period through November 2021. Staff is also working with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to do a comprehensive reassessment of remaining project risks, schedule, and costs. OCTA staff’s current forecast is that the revenue service date for the OC Streetcar is targeted for July 2023.

8. Environmental Sustainability Webpage

Jennifer Beaver guided the committee through the new Environmental Sustainability Webpage. She said this page gives OCTA the opportunity to showcase OCTA’s ongoing environmental sustainability efforts. This page is a collaboration of all OCTA departments, and it is built to be flexible. Users will see OCTA’s commitment to the community through preservation of the environment, green bus transit, and other clean/green travel modes. She said there is a section on climate change and what OCTA is doing to build infrastructure to assist with this effort as well as equity and diversity. All of this information can be found at [OCTA.net/green](https://www.octa.net/green).

9. Comprehensive Business Plan

Christina Moore presented the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Proposed Comprehensive Business Plan (CBP). She said this is a sustainable 20-year plan used to prepare the budget for long and short-term investments. Christina provided an overview of the plan which looks at six distinct programs: Bus, Rail, Measure M2, 91 Express Lanes, Motorist Services, and Non-Program Specific Projects. She outlined the revenue funding sources, service assumptions and risks for each program.

10 Update Reports

- Government Affairs – Alexis Leicht said the state legislature is in full swing and taking positions on a variety of bills. OCTA is looking carefully into the Governors proposed revisions to the budget in May. The State is expecting some money from the Federal Government, but OCTA is unsure how much will go to transportation outside of zero-emission infrastructure. She said OCTA is expected to receive about \$450 million in federal stimulus money. OCTA is also monitoring budget trailer bill discussions – specifically more flexible use of transit dollars.
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee – Paul Adams said the subcommittee met in March and heard presentations on Caltrans District 12 Active Transportation, May Bike Month, the I-5 South (SR-73 to El Toro) Aliso Creek Trail Closure, Safe Routes to Schools Action Plan, and Safe Travels Action Plan. The next meeting will be on June 15, 2021 at 12p via Zoom.
- Marketing – Stella Lin talked about the May Bike Month 31-day challenge. She said in bus marketing OCTA is working on the June 2021 draft Bus Service Change Plan.

She said as of March 31, 2021 OCTA has received more than 2,200 customer surveys. Stella talked about a “comeback” campaign with incentives to get back on the bus.

- 2021 Strategic Initiatives – Lauren Sato presented the 2021 Board and CEO Initiatives and Action Plan. She provided background on the Plan. In the 2021 CEO Action Plan there are 96 milestones and OCTA is on target to hit all of those milestones. Lauren showed the three overarching 2021 Board and CEO Initiatives. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>
- Staff Liaison – Christina Byrne said OCTA is well underway for the next recruitment which ends May 2, 2021 with new terms starting in July. She said the OCTA Board of Directors has had some changes in the past year, so if you are interested reapplying you may want to contact your appointing board member. Christina said the application is available online if you know of anyone interested in serving on the committee.

11. Committee Member Comments

Jeff Thompson thanked Dan Kalmick for his six years of service as the Vice Chair of this committee.

12. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Jeff Thompson thanked staff for their efforts and adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be July 20, 2021.

Citizens Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Attendance Record

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

MEMBER	7/21/20	10/20/20	1/19/21	4/20/21
Amelia Castro	●	●	●	●
Andrew Ramirez	●	⊙	●	●
Damon Tordini	●	●	●	●
Dan Kalmick	●	●	●	●
David Wheeler	●	●	●	●
Deepak Krishan	●	●	⊙	●
Derek McGregor	●	●	●	●
Dianne Thompson	●	●	●	●
Dirissy Doan	●	●	●	●
Frank Murphy	●	●	●	⊙
Javier Mejia	●	●	●	⊙
Jeff Thompson	●	●	●	●
John Kinney	●	●	●	⊙
John Taylor	●	●	⊙	●
Karalee Darnell	●	●	●	●
Kellie Aamodt	●	●	⊙	⊙
Kunal Mittal	●	⊙	⊙	●
Laurel Reimer	⊙	●	●	●
Lisandro Orozco	●	●	●	●
Margaret Novak	●	●	●	●
Mark Paredes	⊙	●	●	●
Michael McNally	●	●	⊙	●
Mike Franze	⊙	⊙	⊙	R
Min Chai	●	●	●	●
Nick Polichetti	●	⊙	●	●
Patrick Brenden	●	⊙	●	⊙
Paul Adams	●	●	●	●
Randy Styner	●	●	⊙	⊙
Roy Shahbazian	●	●	●	●
Stephanie Klopfenstein	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Steve Kozak	●	●	●	⊙
Theresa Harvey	●	●	●	●