



Citizens Advisory Committee
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07
April 18, 2017 | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Presentation and Discussion Items**
 - A. Caltrans Draft Managed Lanes Network Study (20 min.)
Romeo Estrella, Orange County Managed Lanes Network Study Project Manager, Caltrans
 - B. OC Transit Vision: Investment Framework (30 min.)
Gary Hewitt, Section Manager, Transit and Non-Motorized Planning
 - C. Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Corridor Study (15 min.)
Eric Carlson, Sr. Transportation Analyst, Transit and Non-Motorized Planning
 - D. Long Range Transportation Plan: Key Issues (15 min.)
Greg Nord, Principal Transportation Analyst, Long-Range Planning and Corridor Studies
- 3. OCTA Staff Updates (5 minutes each)**
 - A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee – Brian Cox, BPS Chair
 - B. Technology & Innovation Ad Hoc Committee – Dan Kalmick, CAC Vice-Chair
 - C. June Service Change – Hong Vo, Manager Service Planning & Customer Advocacy
 - D. Government Affairs – Lance Larson, Executive Director, External Affairs
 - E. Marketing – Stella Lin, Manager, Marketing
 - F. Staff Liaison – Alice Rogan, Director of Marketing and Public Outreach
- 4. Chair / Vice-Chair Remarks**
- 5. Committee Member Comments**
- 6. Public Comments***
- 7. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on July 18, 2017

Agenda Descriptions/Public Comments on Agenda Items

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**Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
January 17, 2017
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
600 S. Main Street, Orange, Calif.
Conference Room 103/104**

Members Present

Paul Adams, *Fountain Valley Planning Commissioner*
Vince Buck, *Cal State Fullerton*
Tim Byers, *Laguna Niguel Police Auxiliary Citizens' Team*
Min Chai, *Irvine Resident*
Brian Cox, *Orange County Bicycle Coalition*
Kara Darnell, *Cal State Fullerton*
Barry Duffin, *Orange County Wheelmen*
Sue Gordon, *Huntington Beach Resident*
Merlin "Bud" Henry, *North Tustin Advisory Committee*
Dan Kalmick, *Huntington Beach Resident*

Steve Kozak, *City of Tustin Planning Commissioner*
Derek McGregor, *Trabuco Canyon Advisory Comm.*
Michael McNally, *UC Irvine*
Frank Murphy, *Orange Rotary*
Mark Paredes, *Garden Grove Planning Commission*
Donna Marsh Peery, *Tustin Community Services Comsn.*
Roy Shahbazian, *Bus Rider, Transit Advocate of OC*
Schelly Sustarsic, *Seal Beach Parks & Rec. Comsn*
John Taylor, *Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano*
Jeff Thompson, *Tustin Planning Commission and BIA*

Members Absent

Dan Avery, *Mission Viejo Resident*
Hamid Bahadori, *AAA of Southern California*
Michael Brandman, *Building Industry Association*
Michael Carroll, *Irvine Community Services Commission*
Janine Heft, *Laguna Hills Resident*

Theodore Luckham, *Anaheim Resident*
Dan Oregel, *Santa Ana Resident*
Lyle Overby, *Building Industry Association*
Laurel Reimer, *Urban Planner*
Cynthia Ward, *Anaheim Resident*

1. Welcome

Chairman Roy Shahbazian welcomed everyone to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting at 12:05 p.m.

2. Presentation Items

A. OC Transit Vision: State of Transit Report

Gary Hewitt introduced Jennifer Wieland of Nelson\Nygaard. Jennifer handed out the OC Transit Vision: State of Transit Summary Report (full report is available on OCTA.net). She then gave a brief overview of the report.

Dan Kalmick asked what areas are comparable to Orange County. Jennifer Wieland said San Jose is closest in terms of transit hours. Dan asked of overall systems, what area is closest to Orange County. Jennifer said San Jose is a pretty good peer at least of urban peers, but Las Vegas is close with land uses.

Brian Cox asked if geography is considered when looking at peers. Jennifer Wieland said overall square miles were taken into consideration. Brian asked how Denver compares. Jennifer said Denver is remarkably similar.

Jeff Thompson asked what kinds of riders are using the bus. Jennifer Wieland said primary users are commuters, based on the hours and days with highest ridership.

Jeff Thompson said he would like to see the various transit options summarized. He is interested in seeing the cost of operation for the various OCTA services based on operation hour, rider, etc. He is curious what the target number of riders is per hour. Jennifer Wieland said Jeff just outlined the transit investment framework. She said the information will be included in the next phase and will be brought to the committee.

Dan Kalmick asked how autonomous vehicles affect title six regarding paratransit. Jennifer Wieland said she does not see the availability of autonomous vehicles changing ADA regulations. She said private agencies may want to supplement OCTA services with some of these other options. If OCTA partners with other agencies ADA and Title VI requirements must be met.

Barry Duffin asked what needs to happen to change OCTA's productivity levels. Jennifer Wieland said cutting service or eliminating service on low producing routes and reinvesting into service on higher producing routes is one way of boosting productivity. She said this study aims to find the balance of serving customers in a productive way.

Barry Duffin asked if there are any conclusions at this point and what are the next steps. Jennifer Wieland said this phase was about identifying the challenges. She said the focus is currently on identifying corridors. Then solutions will be identified, probably around the summertime.

John Taylor asked if light rail will be considered as a solution. Jennifer Wieland said light rail as well as bus rapid transit (BRT), street cars and local service busses will all be looked at. She said commuter rail will not be looked at, because it is an "urban" service.

Alice Rogan said at the next CAC meeting we will discuss goals, objectives and priorities.

Roy Shahbazian asked what is being seen as the biggest challenge in Orange County transit. Jennifer Wieland said the county is very large with varied land uses.

B. I-405 Improvement Project

Jeff Mills provided an update on the I-405 Improvement Project.

Dan Kalmick asked how cars displaying low emission stickers will be treated in the I-405 Express Lanes. Jeff Mills said the low emission stickers are set to expire before the lanes are open. He said there could possibly be some stickers that won't be expired, but it has been taken into consideration.

Michael McNally said there should be some new technology to find out exactly how many people are in cars using the carpool feature of the lanes. Jeff Mills said there are some new technologies that can help identify how many people are in the car, but there are some privacy issues that need to be overcome along with the new technology.

John Taylor asked if a contractor has been selected. Jeff Mills said OCTA is in the final steps of executing a final contract with a group called the OC 405 Partners. He said the partners include OHL USA, Inc., Astaldi Construction Corp., Meyers & Co., All American Asphalt and some others.

Mark Paredes asked what will be the expected revenue generated by the I-405 Express Lanes. Jeff Mills said there are some agencies that will need to be paid back before OCTA starts collecting money as revenue. OCTA will lease the lanes from Caltrans at a very low cost and there are operating costs. Then OCTA is also hoping to get a TIFIA loan and they will need to be paid back as well. And, the debt servicers will need to be paid back. Jeff said the expected revenues will be \$15-\$100 million over the 35-40 years of operating the facility.

Vince Buck asked if the carpool lanes will no longer be free. Jeff Mills said one general purpose lane will be added in each direction. Then the existing carpool lane will be combined with a new lane added in the middle to create express lanes. He said those lanes will be free to carpoolers for the first 3.5 years. Alice Rogan said an item will be on the next agenda regarding Caltrans plans for carpool lanes in the future. Jeff said due to federal funding most carpool lanes will be 3+ in the future.

Dan Kalmick asked if OCTA is out talking to cities about the project. He said he thinks only about 10 percent of the residents know this is coming. Jeff Mills said OCTA will be going out to the cities in the spring and there will be numerous outreach events as well.

Tim Byers asked about the statistics regarding the amount of people in cars in carpool lanes. Jeff Mills said there is data available regarding this, but he is not very familiar with the data. He believes the amount of cars with two or more people is about 25 percent and cars with three or more people are about 10 percent of the users.

Barry Duffin said he noticed in Northern California several freeways have 3+ lanes and it really seems to work there.

C. OC Bus 360 Results

Gary Hewitt provided the results of the recent OC Bus 360 Program.

Michael McNally said he understands Los Angeles is having similar problems with ridership. He asked if San Diego is also having problems. Gary Hewitt said yes. Michael said he believes San Diego and Orange County have a lot of similarities and asked if they have had any successes. Gary said they have recently added some express bus service and they have worked with universities for some "free ride" programs. This showed positive results for a little bit, but then the bus/trolley ridership went back down.

Paul Adams noticed the east west routes had some positive results after the Service Change. Gary Hewitt said when a route is cut the results are immediate, but when changes are made to routes it takes time to see the results. Paul said he mentioned this as a bright spot in declining bus transit.

D. OC Streetcar Bus Rail Interface

Chad Kim provided a presentation on OC Streetcar Bus Rail Interface.

Michael McNally asked what the fares and transfers would be like on the OC Streetcars. Chad Kim said it would be the same as bus service. Gary Hewitt said there currently are no transfers on OCTA buses; one would have to have a day pass or some other pass to perform transfers.

E. Technology and Innovation Ad Hoc

Roy Shahbazian said there will be a Technology and Innovation Ad Hoc Committee meeting at the end of February. If any committee members are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Alice Rogan. She said the first 10 people to contact her will be on the committee.

F. 2016 Year in Review

Ellen provided a handout and presented a video on the 2016 Year in Review. Ellen Burton announced her retirement from OCTA at the end of March after 31 years of service.

3. OCTA Staff Updates

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee

Brian Cox said he recently became Chairman of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee. He said the committee is currently working on active transportation best practices with Paul Martin. The committee has made suggestion to the OCTA website for citizens to get information to take to their local cities regarding best practices for active transportation. Barry Duffin presented at last meeting and the committee is working with OCTA to get Public Service Announcements regarding active transportation. OCTA is working on an active transportation plan and the committee will be working with OCTA on the plan. He thanked Alice Rogan and the

OCTA Board regarding the memo sent to Caltrans regarding interchange connections around freeways with active transportation.

B. February Service Change Status

Scott Holmes provided a brief update on the February Service Change. Alice Rogan mentioned Scott will be retiring from OCTA after 14 years of service.

C. Government Affairs

Brandon Bullock gave a brief update on the current legislative session.

Barry Duffin asked about AB1/SB1. Brandon Bullock said it is proposed to have a 12 cent increase to the gas excise for local streets and roads and there is an additional six cents excise tax. The six cent excise tax will be indexed to inflation and the funds raised go to state streets and roads and highway maintenance projects. He said half the funds would go to Caltrans and half would go to cities.

Paul Adams asked about the California Road Charge Program. Brandon Bullock said the report is expected by the end of the year. The only thing required by AB1077 is a report. Then additional legislation needs to be created to if the system will go into effect.

D. Measure M Next 10 Delivery Plan

Tamara Warren gave a report on Measure M Next 10 Delivery Plan. There were no committee comments.

E. Fare Study

Sean Murdock provided an update on the Fare Study.

Dan Kalmick asked if there is a matrix outlining the use of the 5-day/7-day pass. Sean Murdock said these passes were introduced to get new riders familiar with the system. He said we will look to see if we increased the number of day pass holders, but the tricky part will be if they become 30-day pass holders. We will have to look at the data to see if we actually got new riders or just provided existing riders with a lower cost ride. Dan asked if the purchase of 30-day passes is anonymous. Sean said yes, they can be. He said they can be paid for with cash.

Brian Cox asked why the 5-day/7-day passes were eliminated. Sean Murdock said the passes were eliminated due to low use and print costs and to simplify fare structure.

Barry Duffin asked how OCTA gets Cap & Trade dollars. Sean Murdock said Cap & Trade dollars are allocated to OCTA and it varies by year. Then OCTA has to submit to Caltrans how Cap & Trade dollars will be used. Brandon Bullock clarified the funds come from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). He

said there are other Cap & Trade Programs, but the one in use here is from the LCTOP. Sean Murdock said the funds for this program is not a windfall.

Sean also let the committee know the OCTA Board chose not to move forward at this point with the Paratransit Zone Fare Policy due to public input and input from OCTA's committees.

Min Chai asked how OCTA will determine eligibility for the reduced fare pass. Sean Murdock said there is no change to the actual eligibility. The change is to the process of verifying eligibility. Previously coach operators verified eligibility and now we are asking the sellers at the point of sale locations to determine eligibility.

F. Staff Liaison

Alice Rogan said the CAC recruitment will happen in March and April. If your term is expiring and you would like to continue serving let Alice know. There are no term limits for CAC members.

Alice Rogan also announced there are four new OCTA Board members:

- Laurie Davies – Laguna Niguel Councilmember
- Barbara Delgleize – Huntington Beach Councilmember (Former CAC)
- Mark Murphy – Orange Councilmember
- Richard Murphy – Mayor of Los Alamitos

4. Chair/Vice-Chair Remarks

There were no remarks.

5. Committee Member Comments

Sue Gordon said she enjoyed the Ferber Ranch family hike put on by OCTA. The hike is on a property owned by OCTA as part of the Measure M mitigation program. She thanked OCTA for the great experience.

Brian Cox asked about AB32 and who monitors the greenhouse gases program. Brandon Bullock said it is administered by the Air Resources Board. Brandon said there is a SB32 and there will be new requirements.

6. Public Comments

No one from the public spoke.

7. Adjournment/Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m. The next meeting will be at the OCTA offices on April 18, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

**Citizens Advisory Committee
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

Member	8/2/16*	10/18/16	1/17/17	4/18/17
Adams, Paul	●	●	●	
Avery, Dan	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Bahadori, Hamid	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Brandman, Michael	⊙	●	⊙	
Buck, Vince	⊙	⊙	●	
Byers, Tim	●	⊙	●	
Carroll, Michael	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Chai, Min	●	⊙	●	
Cox, Brian	⊙	●	●	
Darnell, Kara	⊙	●	●	
Delgleize, Barbara	●	●	R	R
Duffin, Barry	⊙	⊙	●	
Gordon, Susan	●	●	●	
Heft, Janine	●	●	⊙	
Henry, Merlin "Bud"	●	⊙	●	
Kalmick, Dan	●	●	●	
Kozak, Steve	●	●	●	
Luckham, Theodore	●	●	⊙	
McGregor, Derek	●	●	●	
McNally, Michael	●	●	●	
Murphy, Frank	●	⊙	●	
Oregel, Dan	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Overby, Lyle	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Paredes, Mark	●	●	●	
Peery, Donna	⊙	⊙	●	
Posey, Mike	--	--	--	
Reimer, Laurel	●	●	⊙	
Shahbazian, Roy	●	●	●	
Schelly Sustarsic	●	⊙	●	
Taylor, John	●	⊙	●	
Thompson, Jeff	●	●	●	
Ward, Cynthia	⊙	●	⊙	

*original date July 19, 2016