Citizens Advisory Committee
Teleconference Notice

Committee Members:

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Frank Murphy  Mark Paredes  Theresa Harvey

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

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Agenda Descriptions
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. Any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should contact the OCTA at (714) 560-5611, no less than two (2) business days prior to this meeting to enable OCTA to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.
Citizens Advisory Committee  
July 21, 2020  
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
Teleconference Meeting  

Agenda

1. Chairman’s Remarks  
   Roy Shahbazian, Chair, CAC

2. Pledge of Allegiance  
   Roy Shahbazian, Chair, CAC

3. Approval of January Minutes  
   Action Item

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair  
   Christina Byrne, CAC Staff Liaison

5. Transit Service Update  
   (15 min) Presentation  
   Jennifer Bergener, Deputy CEO

6. Coronavirus Budget Impacts Update  
   (10 min) Discussion  
   Victor Velasquez, Finance

7. Active Transportation Programs Update  
   (15 min) Presentation  
   Peter Sotherland, Planning

8. Planning Studies Update  
   (10 min) Presentation  
   Charlie Larwood, Planning

9. Update Reports  
   (5 minutes each)  
   - Government Affairs  
     Lance Larson, External Affairs
   - Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee  
     Paul Adams, Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee
   - Marketing  
     Stella Lin, Marketing & Customer Relations
   - I-405 Improvement Project  
     Christina Byrne, Public Outreach
   - Staff Liaison  
     Christina Byrne, Public Outreach

10. Committee Member Comments

11. Adjournment / Next Meeting:  
    October 20, 2020

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Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
January 21, 2020
Noon to 2 p.m.
550 S. Main Street, Orange, Calif.
Conference Room 07

Members Present

Paul Adams, Fountain Valley Planning Commissioner
Patrick Brenden, Huntington Beach Resident/City Council
Hamid Bahadori, AAA of Southern California
Min Chai, Irvine Resident
Kara Darnell, Cal State Fullerton
Michael Franze, Fullerton Bicycles
Theresa Harvey, North Orange County Chamber
Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach Resident
John Kinney, Laguna Niguel Traffic Commission
Steve Kozak, Tustin Planning Commissioner
Michael McNally, UC Irvine
Kunal Mittal, Civil Engineer
Derek McGregor, Trabuco Canyon Advisory Committee
Javier Mejia, Los Alamitos Traffic Commission
Lisandro Orozco, Historic Santa Ana
Nick Polichetti, American Society of Civil Engineers
Andrew Ramirez, Santa Ana Resident
Roy Shahbazian, Bus Rider, Transit Advocate of OC
Damon Tordini, Santa Ana Resident
Dianne Thompson, Huntington Beach Chamber
Jeff Thompson, Tustin Planning Commission and BIA
David Wheeler, Laguna Hills Resident/City Council

Members Absent

Kellie Aamodt, UC Irvine/UPS
Stephanie Klopfenstein, GG Neighborhood Assn/City Council
Victoria Michaels, Anaheim-Resident/Small Business Org.
Frank Murphy, Orange Rotary
Margaret Novak, WTS/Ladera Ranch Civic Council
Mark Paredes, Garden Grove Planning Commission
Laurel Reimer, Urban Planner
Randy Styner, Garden Grove Resident
John Taylor, Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano

1. Chairman’s Remarks / Accomplishments Video
Chairman Roy Shahbazian welcomed everyone to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting at 12:05 p.m. Chairman Roy Shahbazian queued the 2019 Progress Report on OCTA Accomplishments video which is available to be viewed on the OCTA YouTube channel.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Roy Shahbazian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Approval of April/July/October Minutes
Chairman Roy Shahbazian asked if there are any corrections to the April, July, or October 2019 CAC minutes. A motion was made by Theresa Harvey, seconded by Michael McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the CAC minutes.

4. Options for Future Express Lane Corridors in Orange County
Kurt Brotcke, Strategic Planning, and Marissa Espino, Public Outreach, provided a presentation on intercounty travel demand. It was noted that approximately 650,000 employees commute into Orange County while 490,000 commute out of the County. This number of in-bound commuters is expected to increase by 25% by 2040. A history of managed lanes was provided giving a timeline of the implementation of the first high occupancy vehicle (HOV) or carpool lanes in the 1980’s leading to priced managed high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes in subsequent years. Kurt noted that federal regulations now require HOV lanes to operate at 45+ mph during weekday peak periods at least 90% of the time over a consecutive 180 day period. Approximately 77% of Orange County’s HOV lanes do not meet this standard. Kurt provided insight into what projects partner agencies have planned that will help to shape a managed lane network in Orange County. Kurt reviewed the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and provided information about how tolled express lanes provide twice as much usage compared to HOV 3+ lanes. Kurt reviewed the goals of the study and provided visuals on five options being explored. Marissa reviewed the proposed outreach plan which includes one-on-one meetings with thought leaders and plans to host roundtable workshops with elected officials, city staff, and key stakeholders in the future.

5. OC Flex Update
Johnny Dunning, Scheduling & Bus Operations, gave a 12-month update on the OC Flex pilot program. Johnny reviewed the total boardings of both pilot zones from October 2018 to October 2019. The performance criteria for the pilot are to provide public transit mobility in lower-demand areas, reduce total operating and capital costs, reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), extend reach of OC Bus and Metrolink services, and meet customer needs. Johnny explained program specifics such as the amount of shared rides, rider subsidies, and amount of connected trips. Staff is recommending expanding the pilot through October of 2020 and implementing the following strategies for improvement: Zone Changes, Operational Improvements, Fare/Pass Considerations, and Promotions. Johnny reviewed modifications and expansions to the two operating zones and answered questions on what major destinations are included in these changes.

6. Next 10 Delivery Plan
Tami Warren, Measure M Program Manager, gave an overview of OC Go (also known as Measure M). She highlighted that the Measure was renewed by voters in 2006 for an additional 30 years. She reviewed that more than 50% of OC Go funds go to areas such as rail and community transit options, synchronizing signals across jurisdictions, environmental enhancements, and infrastructure preservation goals. She stated the goals of the M2 Delivery Plan are to accelerate projects and programs, utilize debt
financing, and ready projects to be prepared to capture external funding. The Next 10 Delivery Plan which runs through 2026 provides $40 million in environmental projects, $1 billion in transit, $1 billion in streets and roads, and $4.3 billion in freeway work. She highlighted that by the end of 2026, 26 of the 30 total OC Go freeway projects, will be either near complete (in construction) or have already been completed.

7. **Transportation Needs Assessment**
   Alice Rogan, Director of Marketing and Public Outreach, provided a first look at the Transportation Needs Assessment (TNA) that is currently under way. The Transportation Needs Assessment is market research intended to gauge people’s opinions on the current public transit system and help shape future transportation planning in Orange County. Alice said that the Transportation Needs Assessment is part of an ongoing effort by OCTA to reach out to current riders of OC Bus, as well as non-riders, to deliver a balanced and sustainable transportation network for the county and to enhance overall quality of life. A special focus of the effort is to reach the underrepresented who don’t normally participate in polls by utilizing on-board surveys, surveys at community events and roundtables with community organizations. Alice said the TNA is just getting started and she will have more information at following meetings.

8. **Update Reports**
   **Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee** – Paul Adams said the December 17th meeting was cancelled due to quorum concerns and the proximity to the holidays. He provided an update on the subcommittee and encouraged members to join. He said the next meeting is currently scheduled for March 17th, 2020.

   **Marketing** – There was no marketing update.

   **Legislative Update** – Dustin Sifford, Government Relations Representative, provided an update on OCTA’s legislative platform. He gave insight on bills of interest to OCTA and answered committee member questions.

   **Staff Liaison** – Christina Byrne informed the group that OCTA is preparing to kick off recruitment for the CAC in February. She will be in touch with the Board of Directors and inform the CAC members if there any membership changes. She noted that the CAC Chair and Vice Chair election is coming at the April meeting and Jared Hill will be emailing out more information soon.

11. **Committee Member Comments**
   Roy Shahbazian thanked the committee for their comments today.

12. **Public Comments**
   There were no public comments.

13. **Adjournment/Next Meeting**
   The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2020.
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