



**Citizens Advisory Committee**  
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07  
April 16, 2024 | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- 1. Chairman’s Remarks** Karalee Darnell, *Chair*
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** Jim Cunneen, *Vice Chair*
- 3. Approval of January Minutes**  
*Action Item*
- 4. Transit Vision Study**  
*(15 min) Discussion* Charles Main, *Planning*  
Marissa Espino, *Public Outreach*
- 5. Active Transportation Update**  
*(10 min) Presentation* Peter Sotherland, *Planning*
- 6. SR-91 Improvement Project**  
*(10 min) Presentation* Nicci Wright, *Public Outreach*
- 7. San Juan Creek Bridge Replacement**  
*(10 min) Presentation* Chris Boucly, *Public Outreach*
- 8. Update Reports**  
*(5 min) Presentation*
  - Government Affairs Clara Brotcke, *Government Relations*
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Paul Adams, *Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee*
  - Marketing Ryan Armstrong, *Marketing*
  - Emergency Coastal Rail Projects Update Chris Boucly, *Public Outreach*
  - Self-Certification Form for Non-Elected Boards Christina Byrne, *Public Outreach*
  - Staff Liaison Christina Byrne, *Public Outreach*
- 9. Public Comments**
- 10. Committee Member Comments**
- 11. Adjournment / Next Meeting:**  
July 16, 2024

**Agenda Descriptions**

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**Citizens Advisory Committee  
Meeting Notes  
January 16, 2024**

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
550 S. Main Street, Orange, CA

**Members Present**

**Brendon Moeller**, *Orange Resident*

**Carah Reed**, *Santa Ana Resident*

**Damon Tordini**, *Engineers w/o Borders/ Santa Ana*

**Dan Kalmick**, *Huntington Beach City Council*

**David Wheeler**, *Laguna Hills City Council*

**Frank Murphy**, *Orange Resident*

**Jamie Valencia**, *City of Fullerton - INRAC*

**Jeff Thompson**, *Building Industry*

**Jim Cunneen**, *Fountain Valley City Council*

**John Kinney**, *Laguna Niguel Resident*

**Karalee Darnell**, *Yorba Linda Resident*

**Kristen Jasko**, *Cal State Fullerton*

**Kunal Mittal**, *Civil Engineer*

**Laurel Reimer**, *American Planning Assoc.:Orange*

**Linda Nguyen**, *Garden Grove Resident*

**Martin Varona**, *Orange Resident*

**Mary Ann Remnet**, *Rossmoor Resident*

**Paul Adams**, *Santa Ana Resident*

**Randy Styner**, *Garden Grove Resident*

**Reza Hosseini**, *Irvine Resident*

**Roy Shahbazian**, *California Community Colleges*

**Samara Ali-Ahmad**, *Newport Beach Resident*

**Tyler Holst**, *Civil Engineer*

**Members Absent**

**Alex Rounaghi**, *Laguna Beach Resident*

**Amelia Castro**, *Anaheim Housing & Comm. Dev Comsn.*

**Daniel Soper**, *Cal State Fullerton*

**Deepak Krishan**, *Irvine Resident*

**Lisandro Orozco**, *Historic Santa Ana*

**Mark Paredes**, *Garden Grove Resident*

**Nick Polichetti**, *Placentia Resident*

**Steve Kozak**, *Tustin Planning Commission*

**1. Chairman's Remarks**

Karalee Darnell, Chair, called the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting to order.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Jim Cunneen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**3. Approval of April Minutes/Attendance Report**

A motion was made by John Kinney and seconded by David Wheeler to approve the October 17, 2023, CAC Minutes/Attendance Report.

**4. Transit Vision Survey Results**

Charles Main, Planning, presented an overview of the OC Transit Vision plan and Marissa Espino, Public Outreach, presented an overview of the outreach efforts.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if there was a link to the statistics. Marissa Espino responded yes; they would provide.

**5. Coastal Rail Resiliency Study**

Dan Phu, Planning, provided an overview of the item and Christina Byrne, Public Outreach, provided an overview of the outreach effort.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if the San Clemente landslide had been totally repaired or was still under work. Dan Phu responded the City of San Clemente was still undertaking reinforcement of Casa Romantica, similar to our tie-down project at Cypress Shore, putting in anchor walls. They are halfway complete.

A committee member asked about service levels and if they are back to normal in terms of commercial and passenger traffic. Dan Phu responded Metrolink and Amtrack are operating at about 90% pre-pandemic, but in terms of ridership it is a different number.

A committee member asked if instead of looking out at a thirty-year window, could that be made a permanent window, not just thirty. Dan Phu responded this particular study is a short/midterm study, protecting the railroad in place under the current alignment. There are discussions and talks by many about the potential analysis for a Coastal Retreat Strategy which is long-term.

A committee member asked if the Coastal Commission is involved or exempt in the projects. Dan Phu responded we are not exempt from the Coastal Commission starting from the emergency projects starting a couple of years back. There have been multiple calls with the Coastal Commission, Army Core of Engineers, the State

Lands Commission, those regulatory agencies are involved in discussion with respect to what we are planning, are doing and what we have done.

A committee member asked how much of the funding talked about is covered by the Feds or outside sources or is a lot of that burden on OCTA. Dan Phu responded he did not have an exact breakdown but believed much of that is State contributions, with some local funds.

A committee member asked if milepost 200 to 207 is the total of all the county's rail that is coastal or is that just the study area. Dan Phu responded that within Orange County that is it. Milepost 207 is the Orange County-San Diego County line and Milepost 200 is at northern Dana Point where the Orange County rail line goes inland.

A committee member asked about the engagement in terms of the community; is there a way to provide a survey or something on the buses as a direct line for people to provide information on what you are gathering. Christina Byrne responded they would do something like that when the time was right, they are not there yet.

## **6. I-5 South Improvement Project**

Logan Selleck, Public Outreach, presented the overview.

### Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if the target of Avery Parkway opening and being operational in 2024, as it was indicated that the project is about 80% complete. Logan Selleck responded the project is entering the final year of construction and that means everything will be completed in the corridor by the end of the year.

A committee member commented about the safety of the on-ramps due to the angle of entry and obstructed visibility due to construction barriers. Logan Selleck responded to the comment on safety saying he would take it back to the technical team, and that engineers do go out and assess on a daily basis that we are providing the safest option for the traveling public.

A committee member commented about the 5-foot-wide bike lanes and asked were there any provisions to protect the safety of the bikers on the on-ramps. Logan Selleck responded he would go back to the team and ask how they were being set up; he said they are standardized to Caltrans standards for pedestrian access on and off the bridges for all of the interchanges across the project.

## 7. M2 Next 10 Delivery Plan

Francesca Ching, Measure M Program Manager presented the overview.

### Committee Member Comments:

A committee member commented that he had encountered the perception that OCTA had not put funding toward transit when compared to Los Angeles County's funding of transit from their Measure M and asked if it was due to a shift in percentages of the funding that was meant to go to highways. Francesca Ching responded LA County's Measure M is structured very differently than our Measure M2, our allocation of sales tax dollars, projects and programs are very clearly defined as part of our Transportation Investment Plan and that is what we stay true to as voter approved.

Alice Rogan responded we have our Investment Plan which has clearly specified transportation improvement projects, freeways, streets and roads, transit and environmental. LA County is mostly transit related and we have 33% of our sales tax going to the improvements just heard in the presentation. The perception disconnect in transit may be because we do not have a lot of transit in Measure M right now. It is Metrolink, the Project V projects and none of the funds are bus service operations, and the OC Streetcar.

A committee member commented it seems there should have been enough money to fund the Streetcar, but there is only enough to fund the first leg of the Streetcar. Francesca Ching responded we can fully fund the Streetcar.

A committee member commented we need to get more people to ride the bus, is there something we can do to change the culture, to be more forward thinking. Alice Rogan responded that is what we are trying to build as illustrated by the Transit Vision Survey Results presentation.

A committee member asked regarding Metrolink revenue, could you provide more detail on the "one time infusion of state funds", what is the kind of funding source. Francesca Ching responded that was the Transit Intercity Rail Capital Project (TIRCP). It is formula funds to OCTA and we are choosing to use them for Metrolink.

A committee member asked if the 405 enhancement was part of Measure M. Francesca Ching responded yes.

A committee member asked what does it take to shift the way Measure M is used. Francesca Ching responded it is all written out in our Ordinance how we can amend the plan. If we are moving money within the modes, for example, move money from Streetcar to Project R, that would require a vote within our Taxpayer Oversight Committee and our Board of Directors. If we are moving monies between modes, Freeway to Streets and Roads, that would have to go back to the voters.

A committee member commented the modes are locked in by the statutes, but the programs can be adjusted. Francesca Ching responded yes.

A committee member asked if they could get some of the funds from the toll roads to transit. Francesca Ching responded the toll roads are completely separate from the M2 Project for the 405.

A committee member asked if Measure M and Measure M2 both passed as a special tax and both required a two-thirds vote. Francesca Ching responded the original Measure M passed by a simple majority but Measure M2 required a super majority, yes two-thirds.

A committee member asked when the next call for Project S will be after the Streetcar finishes up. Francesca Ching responded they did not have a solid timeframe for the next Project S call.

A committee member asked over the life of Project S, how much money is estimated to be left after the remaining projects. Francesca Ching responded about \$700 million.

A committee member asked if there is a way to find out how much M2 money is allocated per city. Francesca Ching responded yes, it is on the website.

A committee member asked is there a way to talk about changing funds around at a city level or change allocations. Francesca Ching responded no, it is all down to a science, in terms of how the allocations are calculated, taking into consideration a blend of factors per city.

## 8. Update Reports

**Government Affairs** – Clara Brotcke, Government Relations, presented the update.

### Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if there were any other impacts to transportation funding other than the mentioned TIRCP. Clara Brotcke responded yes, there are quite a few, mostly delays, not cuts. There was one notable cut to the Active Transportation Funding program, a proposal to reduce it by \$200 million dollars, but there should be no impact to our previously awarded projects.

A committee member asked if the \$3 million dollars for OC Connect was going to be substantially reduced. Clara Brotcke responded no, it was previously awarded.

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee** – Paul Adams, Vice Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee presented the update. *The next meeting will be March 19, 2024.*

Committee Member Comments

There were no comments.

**Marketing** – Ryan Armstrong, Marketing and Customer Engagement, presented the update.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no comments.

**Staff Liaison** – Christina Byrne, Public Outreach, presented the update. Recruitment efforts are starting for the new period that begins July 1, 2024.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no comments.

**9. Public Comments**

There were no comments.

**10. Committee Member Comments**

There were no comments.

**11. Adjournment/Next Meeting**

Chair Karalee Darnell thanked the committee and adjourned the meeting.

The next CAC meeting will be April 16, 2024.

**Citizens Advisory Committee  
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Attendance Record**

● = Present      ⊙ = Absent      R = Resigned

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>7/18/23</b>	<b>10/17/23</b>	<b>1/16/24</b>	<b>4/16/24</b>
Mary Ann Remnet	●	⊙	●	
Linda Nguyen	●	●	●	
Jim Cunneen	●	●	●	
Paul Adams	●	●	●	
Randy Styner	⊙	⊙	●	
Mark Paredes	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Martin Varona	●	⊙	●	
Lisandro Orozco	●	⊙	⊙	
Brendon Moeller	●	●	●	
Jeff Thompson	●	●	●	
Carah Reed	⊙	●	●	
Damon Tordini	●	●	●	
Kunal Mittal	●	⊙	●	
Steve Kozak	●	⊙	⊙	
Samara Ali-Ahmad	●	⊙	●	
Reza Hosseini	●	●	●	
Karalee Darnell	●	●	●	
Roy Shahbazian	⊙	●	●	
Daniel Soper	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Nick Polichetti	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Jamie Valencia	●	●	●	
Laurel Reimer	⊙	●	●	
Amelia Castro	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Deepak Krishan	⊙	⊙	⊙	
John Kinney	●	●	●	
Tyler Holst	●	●	●	
David Wheeler	⊙	●	●	
Alex Rounaghi	⊙	●	⊙	
Marc Vukcevich	●	●	R	
Frank Murphy	⊙	●	●	
Kristen Jasko	⊙	●	●	
Dan Kalmick	●	●	●	