

Citizens Advisory Committee April 15, 2014

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 600 South Main Street, Orange, California, 92863 Conference Room 103

Agenda

1. Chairman's Remarks

Patrick Pepper, Chair, CAC

2. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Plan (30 min)

Discussion

Greg Nord, Sr. Transportation Analyst, Planning Ellen Burton, Executive Director, External Affairs

3. Measure M Environmental Programs
Update (20 min)
Presentation

Leslie Hill, *PM, Environmental Mitigation Program* Alison Army, *Senior Transportation Analyst* Marissa Espino, *Outreach Manager*

4. Upcoming Marketing Campaigns (15 min) Presentation

Stella Lin, Marketing Manager

5. Update Reports (5 minutes each)

• Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee

- Government Affairs
- June Service Change
- Staff Liaison

Roy Shahbazian, Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee Lance Larson, Executive Dir, Gov Relations Audrey Saller, Section Manager, Service Planning Alice Rogan, Strategic Communications Manager

- 6. Committee Member Comments
- 7. Public Comments
- **8. Adjournment / Next Meeting:** July 15, 2014

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 Chairman 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 January 21, 2014 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. At The Orange County Transportation Authority 600 S. Main Street, Orange, Calif. Conference Room 103/104

Members Present

Paul Adams, Fountain Valley Resident
Hamid Bahadori, Automobile Club of So. CA
Ralph Bauer, Council on Aging & City of Hunt. Bch
Michael Brandman, Building Industry Association
Doug Davert, Tustin Resident
Dr. David Chapel, O.C. School Boards Assoc
Barbara Delgleize, Huntington Beach Chamber
Carla DiCandia, Mission Hospital
John Frankel, Rancho Santa Margarita Architectural

Merlin "Bud" Henry, North Tustin Advisory Committee
Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach Tomorrow

Greg Winterbottom, OCTA Board Member

Leonard Lahtinen, North O.C. Community College District Frank Murphy, Orange Rotary

Lyle Overby, Santa Ana Resident

Pat Pepper, Anaheim Hills Citizen Coalition

Laurel Reimer, Orange County Young Planners Group Jane Reifer, Transit Advocates of Orange County

Roy Shahbazian, Transit Advocates of Orange Co.

Schelly Sustarsic, Seal Beach Parks & Recreation Comm.

Jeff Thompson, Tustin Planning Commission

Kara Watson, Yorba Linda Planning Commission

Craig Young, Yorba Linda Resident

Members Absent

Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana Resident
Dan Bane, San Clemente Resident
Vince Buck, Cal State Fullerton
Tom Garner, Retired Lieutenant, Laguna Hills
James Leach, OC Taxpayers Association
Derek McGregor, Trabuco Canyon Advisory Committee
Michael McNally, UC Irvine

David Mootchnik, Southern California Commuters Forum Dolores Gonzales-Hayes, Latino Health Access Dan Oregel, Santa Ana Resident Greg Smith, Irvine Resident Jacqueline Tran, Santa Ana Resident

1. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Pat Pepper called the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Bike/Ped Subcommittee Update Pedestrian Priorities

Roy Shahbazian gave a presentation on the top five Pedestrian Priorities categories. Ralph Bauer said there were several streets where it is very dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists to share. There were no sidewalks and no shoulders and he was wondering if there were plans to do something about them. Pat Pepper said the intent of the priorities is for some of the suggestions be picked up by the cities and implemented by them.

Ellen Burton, Executive Director of External Affairs asked how these priorities would be rolled out. Alice Rogan said it would be a combination of marketing, grant funding and making suggestions to the local jurisdictions.

Craig Young asked what is meant by pushing these priorities through. Alice Rogan said OCTA does not have jurisdiction over the local agencies to enforce and set policies. That is why they are called suggested Pedestrian Priorities. What can be done is to make suggestions to the Technical Advisory Committee which is made up of city Public Works Directors and also use the OCTA Marketing Department. Roy Shahbazian is making a presentation to the OCTA Board's Legislative and Communications Committee showing the good work the Subcommittee has done. The goal is for the full CAC Committee to adopt these as priorities and then move forward at whatever pace they can. They cannot enforce them, they cannot set policy, but they can take steps to make sure some priorities happen.

Jeff Thompson said having served on the Subcommittee, certain topics kept coming up. When you talk about bicycle movement you cannot help but talk about other of non-motorized forms of transit. This may be just a chapter that shows up in the Bicycle master plan, but they did not want to lose sight of some of the topics that just did not have a home

A motion was made by Dan Kalmick, seconded by Paul Adams, and passed unanimously to approve the Bike/Ped Subcommittee's list of suggested Pedestrian Priorities.

3. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Greg Nord, Sr. Transportation Analyst gave an update presentation on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Ralph Bauer asked what was being done to solve the degradation problem on the I-405. Greg Nord said OCTA is working with Caltrans to solve the degradation issue. Three plus may be mandated for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane; while OCTA is not pushing for three plus, something like this may be required by the federal government in the future.

Dan Kalmick asked if the handout given to the members was the current Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH). Dan Kalmick asked about the bridge over the Santa Ana River. Greg Nord said he would check the map to see if the latest version is being used.

Jane Reifer said she was glad to see the green line extension in the LRTP and wondered if the chart could reflect the travel times.

Jane Reifer suggested since the LRTP talks about inter-county services, she would like to include local bus connectors or a narrative of inter-regional projects.

Jane Reifer said she just noticed that several segment reductions are included in the LRTP. She has never seen the reduction of Bus service in the LRTP before. Greg Nord said this is part of the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) and it is reflected in the LRTP. He is not sure if these are full cuts to service or are just reduced service. He will investigate. Ellen Burton said any line reduction would have to go to the Board.

Roy Shahbazian asked if in the map on slide 11 showing bus improvements could also show the high frequency bus corridors and frequency improvements. He also wondered if they could beef-up the 20 year transit improvements. Ellen Burton said the plan is matched up with the assumed revenue sources.

Leonard Lahtinen said Rail shows up in surveys and slides in different forms. It shows up as Light Rail, Metrolink, and Street Cars. It is very confusing. Is there a way to focus one way or another? Greg Nord said at this time there is no Light Rail and only two Fixed Guideway Projects in the planning stages.

Ellen Burton, Executive Director of External Affairs compared two surveys to the CAC. One survey was the CAC results and the other survey was completed by 308 other people. This was not statistically significant. The survey completed by the 308 people was random groups OCTA staff talked to and heavily weighted toward students.

4. Freeway Program & Construction Outreach Update

Rose Casey, Director of the Highway Program gave an update on the Freeway Program.

Jeff Thompson observed there was a huge bottleneck on the I-5 between the I-405 and the SR-55. Is there any way to accelerate this project? Rose Casey said the project is viewed as a high priority and SR-55 project is part of the M2020 Plan and is funded through the construction phase. When the review of the environmental document is completed they will be ready to go out and get design consultants on board so no time is wasted. One element of this project which will involve a lot of effort is right-of-way (ROW) impacts and Southern California Edison utility lines relocation.

Jeff Thompson asked since this portion of the Freeway is mostly commercial and industrial, would there will be less sensitivity involved than if there were homes backed up to the freeway. Rose Casey said it depends on which businesses are going to be impacted and whether they will have to be moved.

Michael Brandman said they have all suffered with the SR-55 bottleneck for a number of years. He questioned why it is a nine-year project. Rose Casey said it is not the engineering and design work that is a critical path for this project. It is the ROW acquisitions. They are working with Caltrans to see which activities they can advance.

Barbara Delgleize said residents around the McFadden Bridge on the I-405 are concerned. Will the McFadden Bridge be included if only one lane is built in each direction? Rose Casey said all of the bridges in the I-405 project corridor will be widened to accommodate two lanes in each direction.

Christina Byrne, Community Relations Officer, gave an overview of the outreach efforts on several of the OCTA programs.

Paul Adams said he has firsthand knowledge of the great job Christina Byrne and the OCTA outreach team does. They get the information out quickly to the stakeholders.

Leonard Lahtinen asked what types of facilities are used for neighborhood meetings and what time of day or night are they held. Christina Byrne said neighborhood meetings are unique and range from open houses to public hearings. At neighborhood meetings, they actually go into the community to make contact. They email the people concerned ahead of time, sometimes bring coffee and donuts, and they usually take place on a Saturday or Sunday. They hold them in the driveways of homes, in a cul du sac, or any place they can meet informally. They customize to whatever will get the best attendance.

Leonard Lahtinen asked if the meetings are posted on the website. Christina Byrne said no but they can be.

Jane Reifer asked if OCTA could have more emphasis put on getting information on detours out to bus riders, bike riders, and pedestrians. Christina Byrne said as soon as they know which routes will be impacted they will get the information out.

John Frankel suggested they get information to the Private Schools. They are not on the list to be notified.

Schelly Sustarsic asked if the a bridge closure on the I-405 was going to happen at one time or was it going to be a portion at a time. Rose Casey said it is early yet to determine this, but they would not reconstruct two consecutive bridges at the same time.

5. Title VI Vehicle Deployment Policy

Scott Holmes, Transit Manager gave an overview of the Title VI Vehicle Deployment Policy.

6. Update Reports

February Service Change: Audrey Saller gave an update on the February service change.

Jane Reifer talked about ways to retain a certain route. Scott Holms said it is not that easy and there is an expense involved. It is not compatible in terms of frequency, but they will take a look at it again.

<u>Government Affairs:</u> Lance Larson, Executive Director of Government Relations reported on a recent trip to Washington D.C. with OCTA CEO Darrell Johnson, and two members of the OCTA Board.

Craig Young said the gas tax is expected to be bankrupt by the end of 2015. What does this mean to OCTA? Lance Larson said Congress has to come up with a plan to continue to fund infrastructure. They are talking about managed lanes, toll lanes, vehicle-miles-traveled, license fees and other ways to keep up with the infrastructure.

<u>Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee:</u> Roy Shahbazian, Chairman of the Bike and Pedestrian Subcommittee gave a brief report.

<u>Marketing:</u> Stella Lin, Marketing Manager gave an update on the Marketing Department activities.

Mobility 21: Leonard Lahtinen asked if OCTA is a participant in Mobility 21. Lance Larson said OCTA is a participant in Mobility 21 and the reason is it gives OCTA a bigger voice in Washington D.C. Mobility 21 is the umbrella for the regional "wants" list. Leonard Lahtinen asked if other than the one yearly meeting is there any other dialog between members. Lance Larson said yes, OCTA's CEO Darrell Johnson participates in Mobility 21 meetings monthly. At these meetings are, other than transportation officials, the L.A. Economic Development Committee, the Orange County Business Council, Auto Club of California, and other large employers in California.

<u>Staff Liaison:</u> Alice Rogan, Strategic Communications Manager gave an update on the Fullerton Bike Share Pilot Project. She also said the recruitment for CAC members has started.

7. Committee Member Comments

Dan Kalmick reported on the need for more transit in Huntington Beach and the west end of the county.

6. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

7. Adjournment – Next Meeting April 15, 2014

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will be at the OCTA offices on April 15, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Citizens Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Attendance Record

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