

Orange County Transportation Authority Board Meeting
OCTA Headquarters - First Floor - Room 154
600 South Main Street, Orange, California
Monday, December 12, 2005, at 9:00 a.m.

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Invocation

Director Cavecche

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Dixon

Agenda Descriptions

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Special Matters

1. Presentation of Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees of the Month for December 2005

Present Orange County Transportation Authority Resolutions of Appreciation Nos. 2005-123, 2005-124, 2005-125 to Indolfo Gutierrez, Coach Operator, Miguel Hernandez, Maintenance, and Anup Kulkarni, Administration, as Employees of the Month for December 2005.

2. Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Orange County Sheriff's Department Employee of the Quarter

Present Orange County Transportation Authority Resolution of Appreciation No. 2005-126 to Orange County Sheriff's Deputy Dominic Montalbano.

Consent Calendar (Items 3 through 17)

All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved in one motion unless a Board member or a member of the public requests separate action on a specific item.

Orange County Transportation Authority Consent Calendar Matters

3. Approval of Minutes

Of the Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting of November 28, 2005.

4. Approval of Resolutions of Appreciation for Employees of the Month of December 2005

Approval of Orange County Transportation Authority Resolutions of Appreciation Nos. 2005-123, 2005-124, 2005-125 to Indolfo Gutierrez, Coach Operator, Miguel Hernandez, Maintenance, and Anup Kulkarni, Administration, as Employees of the Month for December 2005.

5. Approval of Resolution of Appreciation to Orange County Sheriff's Department Employee of the Quarter

Approval of Orange County Transportation Authority Resolution of Appreciation No. 2005-126 for Orange County Sheriff's Deputy Dominic Montalbano.

6. Proposed Board of Directors' Meeting Calendar for the Year 2006

Wendy Knowles

Overview

Presented is the proposed official Board of Directors' meeting calendar for the year 2006, depicting the dates of the Board meetings and holidays for the year.

Recommendation

Adopt the Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies Board of Directors' meeting calendar for the year 2006, as presented in Attachment B.

7. Combined Transportation Funding Program Semi-Annual Review

Monica Giron/Paul C. Taylor

Overview

Twice each year, the Orange County Transportation Authority meets with local agencies to assess the status of projects funded as part of the Combined Transportation Funding Programs. Project change requests and current project status updates are provided. This report summarizes staff recommendations regarding adjustments to the Combined Transportation Funding Program.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the staff recommended adjustments to the Combined Transportation Funding Programs projects.

7. (Continued)

- B. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Directors to issue a letter to local agencies regarding delivery of planned projects in fiscal year 2005-06.
- C. Provide administrative authority to staff to process requests to advance approved federal funding for projects that are ready to proceed ahead of schedule, as allowed through the Expedited Project Selection Procedures.

8. Wireless Internet Access for Orange County Metrolink Service

Darrell Johnson/Paul C. Taylor

Overview

This report provides an update on the potential for wireless internet technology on-board Metrolink trains.

Recommendation

Direct staff to collaborate with Southern California Regional Rail Authority's feasibility testing of alternative technologies for wireless internet service on board Metrolink trains.

9. Selection of a Consultant for Design Services for the Chokepoint on the San Diego Freeway (Interstate 5) at Oso Parkway

Dipak Roy/Stanley G. Phernambucq

Overview

As part of the Orange County Transportation Authority's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget, the Board approved the design services for the chokepoint on the San Diego Freeway (Interstate 5) at Oso Parkway. Proposals and statement of qualifications were solicited in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's procurement procedures for the retention of consultants to perform architectural and engineering work. These procedures are in accordance with both federal and state legal requirements.

9. (Continued)

Committee Recommendation

Select CH2MHILL to perform design services for the chokepoint improvement project on the San Diego Freeway (Interstate 5) at Oso Parkway. In addition, the contract needs to stipulate that this action could not be used in a detrimental way for either side in terms of any legal issues dealing with the Interstate 405/State Route 55.

10. Fiscal Year 2004-05 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Tom Wulf/James S. Kenan

Overview

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Orange County Transportation Authority contains the fiscal year 2004-05 financial statements and an independent accounting firm's audit opinion on the basic financial statements.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

11. Approval of Fiscal Year 2005-06 Local Transportation Fund Claim for Laguna Beach Public Transportation Services

Jerome A. Diekmann/James S. Kenan

Overview

The Laguna Beach Municipal Transit Lines, a department within the City of Laguna Beach, is eligible to receive funding from the Local Transportation Fund in Orange County for providing public transportation services throughout the city. To receive the funds, the Laguna Beach Municipal Transit Lines must file a claim against the Local Transportation Fund with the Orange County Transportation Authority.

11. (Continued)

Recommendation

Approve the Laguna Beach Municipal Transit Lines Fiscal Year 2005-06 Local Transportation Fund Claim for public transportation services in the amount of \$1,270,350, and authorize the Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority to issue allocation/disbursement instructions to the Orange County Auditor-Controller in the amount of the claim.

12. Garden Grove Freeway (State Route 22) Design-Build Project - Contract Change Order No. 13 to Agreement C-3-0663

T. Rick Grebner/Stanley G. Phernambucq

Overview

On August 23, 2004, the Orange County Transportation Authority's Board of Directors awarded a design-build contract to improve 12 miles of the Garden Grove Freeway (State Route 22) from Valley View Street east to the Costa Mesa Freeway (State Route 55) interchange. Construction contingency has been budgeted to account for unforeseen and changed conditions that occur during construction. Contract Change Order No. 13 is presented for Board consideration

Committee Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Contract Change Order No. 13 to Agreement C-3-0663 with Granite-Myers-Rados, in an amount not to exceed \$234,115, for alteration of retaining wall no. 163.

13. Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Laguna Beach

Jerome A. Diekmann/James S. Kenan

Overview

The current Memorandum of Understanding between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Laguna Beach is due to expire on December 17, 2005. Action is now requested to amend the current Memorandum of Understanding to add an additional article to the agreement and to extend the amended Memorandum of Understanding to continue to provide operating assistance of \$165,000, per year for five years, effective in Fiscal Years 2005-06 through 2009-10.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Laguna Beach to provide operating assistance of \$165,000, per year, for five years, effective in fiscal years 2005-06 through 2009-10.

Orange County Local Transportation Authority Consent Calendar Matters

14. Fiscal Year 2005-06 Measure M Eligibility Review

Yvette M. Pierre/Paul C. Taylor

Overview

The Measure M ordinance requires all local jurisdictions in Orange County to submit elements of the Measure M Growth Management Program to the Orange County Transportation Authority in order to remain eligible for receiving Measure M turnback and competitive funds. The eligibility review process for fiscal year 2005-2006 has been completed.

Recommendation

Approve Measure M turnback and competitive funding eligibility for all local jurisdictions in Orange County.

Orange County Transit District Consent Calendar Matters

15. Procurement of Ten ACCESS Service Vans

Al Pierce/William L. Foster

Overview

The Community Transportation Services is requesting approval to expand the current test of one minivan to a total of ten vans. The evaluation of this test may result in an overall cost savings in the ACCESS Services. Procurement will be split into two different van types consisting of five Caltrans Type IV Chevrolet Venture Minivans and five Caltrans Raised Top Modified Ford Vans.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Purchase Order 05-73467 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Creative Bus Sales, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$426,259, for the purchase of ten ACCESS service vans under the State of California, Department of General Services, Procurement Division Agreement..

16. Agreement for Bus Parts Cleaner Services

Al Pierce/William L. Foster

Overview

As part of the Orange County Transportation Authority's Fiscal Year 2005-06 Budget, the Board approved bus parts cleaner services. Offers were received in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's procurement procedures for professional and technical services. Board approval is requested to execute an agreement.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Agreement C-5-2764 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and FRS Environmental, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$146,444, for the initial three-year period for bus parts cleaner services, with two one-year options.

17. Designation of State Transit Assistance Funds for Fare Stabilization for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

Jerome A. Diekmann/James S. Kenan

Overview

The Orange County Transit District is eligible to receive State Transit Assistance Funds for carrying senior citizens and persons with disabilities on public transit service throughout Orange County. In order to receive these funds, staff requests approval to designate funds in the State Transit Assistance Fund in the amount of \$675,000, and authorization to prepare a claim in the amount of \$675,000, to fund the senior/disabled fare assistance program during fiscal year 2005-06.

Recommendations

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2005-122 to designate funds in the amount of \$675,000, in the State Transit Assistance Fund to provide fare assistance for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and submit claims against the State Transit Assistance Fund to the Orange County Auditor-Controller for the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Fare Assistance Program.

Regular Calendar

Orange County Transportation Authority Regular Calendar Matters

18. Countywide Signal Coordination Efforts

Kurt Brotcke/Paul C. Taylor

Overview

Coordinating traffic signals across cities' boundaries is a major component in improving countywide traffic flow and reducing delays. A long-term, conceptual plan is presented for review along with recommendations for advancing short term demonstration projects.

18. (Continued)

Recommendations

- A. Direct staff to work with local agencies on the Euclid Street signal coordination pilot project and return with a status report by March 2006.
- B. Direct staff to work with local agencies on a potential signal coordination pilot project serving southern Orange County and return with a recommendation by March 2006.

19. Riverside County-Orange County Major Investment Study Recommendations

Kurt Brotcke/Paul C. Taylor

Overview

Revised recommendations emerging from the November 18, 2005, Riverside County – Orange County Major Investment Study Policy Committee meeting and related efforts are presented for review and discussion.

Committee Recommendations

- A. Establish Riverside Freeway (State Route 91) from the Costa Mesa Freeway (State Route 55) to Corona Freeway (Interstate 15) as a priority for improving transportation between Riverside and Orange counties. Emphasize Riverside Freeway (State Route 91) improvements between the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor (State Route 241) and the Corona Freeway (Interstate 15) first, followed by improvements between the Costa Mesa Freeway (State Route 55) and the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor (State Route 241).

19. (Continued)

- B. Continue to work with the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency to develop a mutually acceptable plan to improve the connection between the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor (State Route 241) and Riverside Freeway (State Route 91) corridors and accelerate capacity improvements on Eastern Toll Road (State Route 133), Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor (State Route 241), and Eastern Toll Road (State Route 261) to optimize utilization of the toll roads to improve transportation between Riverside and Orange counties.
- C. Continue to evaluate costs and impacts with Corridor A in the Riverside Freeway (State Route 91) right of way through a future preliminary engineering process in cooperation with other agencies. (This is a revised recommendation based on policy committee direction.)
- D. Continue to study the technical feasibility of the Corridor B concept including costs, risks, joint-use opportunities, benefits, and potential funding options in cooperation with the Riverside County Transportation Commission, Transportation Corridor Agencies, Metropolitan Water District, and other interested agencies.
- E. Continue work with the Cal-Nevada Super Speed Train Commission on Anaheim to Ontario Maglev alignments in the Santa Ana Canyon or alternate corridors as appropriate.
- F. Eliminate Strategic Alternative 1B (Corridor A with the Costa Mesa Freeway [State Route 55] widening) from further analysis due to high number of residential right-of-way impacts adjacent to the Costa Mesa Freeway (State Route 55).
- G. Eliminate from further analysis the Ortega Highway (State Route 74) widening and realignment concept due to high cost and environmental impacts, and direct staff to focus on Ortega Highway (State Route 74) operational improvements.

19. (Continued)

- H. Direct staff to initiate a Master Plan of Arterial Highways amendment process with the California Department of Transportation and other agencies to reclassify Ortega Highway (State Route 74) from a four-lane highway to a two-lane highway east of the future Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor (State Route 241). (This is a follow-up recommendation to address Recommendation "G" above).
- I. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute one or more interagency cooperative agreements or joint powers agreements for the technical studies to be conducted jointly with cooperating agencies. (This is a new recommendation further described in the staff report.)
- J. Direct staff to return with an updated State Route 91 Implementation Plan by June 30, 2006. (This is a new recommendation further described in the staff report.)

20. First Quarter Fiscal Year 2005-06 Bus Operations Monthly Performance Measurements Report

James L. Cook, Jr./James S. Kenan

Overview

Orange County Transportation Authority recognizes the need for improved accountability and operational performance. With this in mind, the Bus Operations Monthly Performance Measurements report was developed in accordance with executive management direction. The Bus Operations Monthly Performance Measurements report serves as a tool to survey operational performance and as the nexus for process improvements.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

21. Health Benefits for Contractors' Employees

Virginia Abadessa/James S. Kenan

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority does not require contractors doing business with the Orange County Transportation Authority to provide health insurance to their employees. A Board approved policy is required to enact such a requirement.

Committee Recommendation

Option 5 (offered by Committee Chairman Wilson): Take no action to the current methodology that the Orange County Transportation Authority uses on contracts.

Orange County Transit District Regular Calendar Matters

22. Review of Request for Proposal for ACCESS, Contracted Fixed Route, Stationlink and Express Bus Service

Erin Rogers/William L. Foster

Overview

The Board of Directors recently approved a staff recommendation to reject all proposals received in a procurement conducted for ACCESS Service and Contracted Fixed Route Bus Service. The current contract with Laidlaw Transit Services, Inc., expires February 28, 2006. A revised Request for Proposal has been developed and staff is seeking Board approval to issue.

Recommendation

Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposal for ACCESS and Contracted Fixed Route, Stationlink, and Express Bus Services.

Other Matters

- 23. Board Discussion of Statewide Policy Revision for High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes**
- 24. Chief Executive Officer's Report**
- 25. Directors' Reports**
- 26. Public Comments**

At this time, members of the public may address the Board of Directors regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Directors, but no action may be taken on off-Agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless different time limits are set by the Chairman subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

27. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to meet with Orange County Transportation Authority designated representative Marlene Heyser regarding collective bargaining agreement negotiations with: (a) the Transportation Communications Union (TCU) representing the parts and revenue clerks, and facility technicians, and (b) the Teamsters Local 952 representing the maintenance employees.

28. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the OCTA/OCTD/OCLTA/OCSAFE/OCSAAV Board will be held at **9:00 a.m. on January 9, 2006**, at OCTA Headquarters at 600 South Main Street, First Floor - Room 154, Orange, California.