



Citizens Advisory Committee
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07
July 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. Measure M2 Quantitative Poll Results** Tim McLarney, *True North Research*
- 5. Chair and Vice Chair Elections**
- 6. OC Transit Vision Study**
(15 min) Discussion Charles Main, *Planning*
Marissa Espino, *Public Outreach*
- 7. Coastal Rail Resiliency Study Update**
(10 min) Presentation Dan Phu, *Planning*
Christina Byrne, *Public Outreach*
- 8. 2025 Budget Update**
(10 min) Presentation Anthony Baruch, *Financial Planning*
- 9. Update Reports**
(5 min) Presentation
 - Government Affairs Clara Brotcke, *Government Relations*
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Paul Adams, *Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee*
 - Marketing Ryan Armstrong, *Marketing*
 - Technology and Innovation Ad Hoc Christina Byrne, *Public Outreach*
 - Staff Liaison Christina Byrne, *Public Outreach*
- 10. Public Comments**
- 11. Committee Member Comments**
- 12. Adjournment / Next Meeting:**
October 8, 2024

Agenda Descriptions

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**Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
April 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*

Daniel Soper, *Cal State Fullerton*

David Wheeler, *Laguna Hills City Council*

Jamie Valencia, *City of Fullerton - INRAC*

Jim Cunneen, *Fountain Valley City Council*

John Kinney, *Laguna Niguel Resident*

Karalee Darnell, *Yorba Linda Resident*

Kristen Jasko, *Cal State Fullerton*

Linda Nguyen, *Garden Grove Resident*

Mario Alvarado, *Santa Ana Resident*

Mary Ann Remnet, *Rossmoor Resident*

Paul Adams, *Santa Ana Resident*

Samara Ali-Ahmad, *Newport Beach Resident*

Susan Klaren, *Anaheim Resident*

Tyler Holst, *Civil Engineer*

Members Absent

Alex Rounaghi, *Laguna Beach Resident*

Jeff Thompson, *Building Industry*

Kunal Mittal, *Civil Engineer*

Frank Murphy, *Orange Resident*

Jennifer Rosales, *Laguna Beach Resident*

Laurel Reimer, *American Planning Assoc.:Orange*

Mark Paredes, *Garden Grove Resident*

Nick Polichetti, *Placentia Resident*

Randy Styner, *Garden Grove Resident*

Reza Hosseini, *Irvine Resident*

Roy Shahbazian, *California Community Colleges*

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 Jim Cunneen and seconded by Mario Alvarado to approve the January 16, 2024, CAC Minutes/Attendance Report.

4. Transit Vision Study

Charles Main, Planning, presented an overview of the OC Transit Vision plan and Marissa Espino, Public Outreach, presented an overview of the plan outreach efforts. Marissa asked Committee members to participate in a poll and select their top three Transit Opportunity Corridors from the twelve corridors presented.

Poll Results were:

1. Beach Blvd (Buena Park to Huntington Beach)
2. State College Blvd (Bristol St with South Coast Plaza to John Wayne Airport)
3. Katella Ave (Long Beach to Orange)

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if the State College Boulevard versions 1 and 2 with the differing terminus could be aggregated into one. Charles Main responded that they will be presented as separate corridors with further analysis to be considered.

A committee member asked if the Beach Boulevard connector would terminate at the Metrolink station in Buena Park. Charles Main responded it would terminate at the Huntington Beach Park and Ride.

A committee member asked if the referenced corridor would pass the Buena Park Metrolink station. Charles Main responded no but would take note of the request.

A committee member asked if version 2 of the State College Boulevard route was studied as the best route to take to the airport. Charles Main responded that a Bristol Street study was completed in 2021 with the recommendation to use that corridor to the airport.

A committee member commented they would like to see more frequency on the 57 line as it is high density and the wait time is 20 minutes.

A committee member commented they liked the Beach Boulevard option as it could encourage more ridership to the beach and reduce congestion on the road and Katella. This option is a connector to west county and there are a lot of users that use it as functional transit as opposed to tourist transit.

A committee member asked if they were sticking to straight lining, a single street corridor, or would there be services that are a combination to other destinations not on the main arterial. Charles Main responded this is a high-level study and there will be an opportunity to look at corridors at a granular level to see if it makes sense to deviate to other areas. The purpose of this study is to make corridors as direct as possible.

A committee member asked if it was a consideration to put in dedicated bus lanes in this study. Charles Main responded that this was too high-level but could be analyzed in future studies.

A committee member voiced support for versions of the State College Boulevard and Beach Boulevard routes, with another committee member voicing their support for the three poll choices.

5. Active Transportation Update

Peter Sotherland, Planning, presented the item.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if there could be another e-bike rodeo. Peter Sotherland responded they have received several requests and are evaluating future opportunities based on available resources.

A committee member asked if the e-bike rodeos were geared toward interactive onsite demonstrations or bring your bike and we will teach you onsite, or both. Peter Sotherland responded both.

A committee member asked how many e-bikes are in the county. Peter Sotherland responded that the data is hard to compile/track and we do not have a number.

A committee member commented the controversy is where do you ride them – street, bike lane, or sidewalk. The committee member also asked about the public's general feeling. Peter Sotherland responded there was a survey sent to all jurisdictions asking what the infrastructure needs are pertaining to e-bikes and 27% responded Class 1 Bikeways and 26% responded Class 4 Bikeways. The main takeaway was support for vertical protection separation, and not sidewalk usage.

A committee member asked why e-bikes do not use existing bike lanes. Peter Sotherland responded that the popularity of e-bikes has introduced a new type of riding population that may not be as familiar with riding laws and safety protocols and may require greater safety enhancements than typical bike lanes provide.

A committee member asked if stand-up scooters are in the e-bike category. Peter Sotherland responded they do not fall specifically into the e-bike project.

6. SR-91 Improvement Project

Nicci Wright, Public Outreach, presented the item.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if the Lakeview bridge was going to be expanded or reconstructed. Nicci Wright responded that it would not be completely reconstructed, they are adding a drop ramp. Nicci explained a drop ramp comes down and drops you into the center of the freeway, not the side of the freeway.

A committee member asked if they were adding bike lanes to the 91. Nicci Wright responded no, only to the La Palma and Glassell/Kramer bridges.

7. San Juan Creek Bridge Replacement

Chris Boucly, Public Outreach, presented the item.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked who awarded the contract and who the contractor is. Chris Boucly responded Metrolink awarded and Flatiron is the contractor.

A committee member commented that the cost is excessive. Chris Boucly responded that the cost includes the bridge, the foundation of a second bridge, and right-of-way acquisitions.

A committee member commented that the right-of-way in that corridor is single track and asked if the new bridge supports double tracks. Chris Boucly responded the new bridge would support double tracks if the decision is made to add tracks.

8. Update Reports

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

Committee Member Comments:

There were no comments.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee – Paul Adams, Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee presented the update. *The next meeting will be June 18, 2024.*

Committee Member Comments

There were no comments.

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

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if the OC Fair Express was happening this year. Ryan Armstrong responded it is being explored, but there is not a definitive answer yet.

A committee member asked when the Teen Council met and if it was virtual. Ryan Armstrong responded meetings are in the evening, every other month for a one-year period, in person, not virtual.

Emergency Coastal Rail Projects Update – Chris Boucly, Public Outreach, presented the update.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no comments.

Self-Certification Form for Non-Elected Boards – Christina Byrne distributed the forms for completion as part of the Title VI requirement by the FTA.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no comments

Staff Liaison – Christina Byrne presented the update and welcomed the new members.

9. Public Comments

A comment was made regarding Bus Route 46.

10. Committee Member Comments

There were no comments.

11. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Chair Karalee Darnell adjourned the meeting. The next CAC meeting will be July 16, 2024.

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

● = Present ⊙ = Absent R = Resigned

MEMBER	7/18/23	10/17/23	1/16/24	4/16/24
Mary Ann Remnet	●	⊙	●	●
Linda Nguyen	●	●	●	●
Jim Cunneen	●	●	●	●
Paul Adams	●	●	●	●
Randy Styner	⊙	⊙	●	⊙
Mark Paredes	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Martin Varona	●	⊙	●	R
Lisandro Orozco	●	⊙	⊙	R
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	⊙	⊙	⊙	R
Deepak Krishan	⊙	⊙	⊙	R
John Kinney	●	●	●	●
Tyler Holst	●	●	●	●
David Wheeler	⊙	●	●	●
Alex Rounaghi	⊙	●	⊙	⊙
Marc Vukcevich	●	●	R	R
Frank Murphy	⊙	●	●	⊙
Kristen Jasko	⊙	●	●	●
Dan Kalmick	●	●	●	●
Mario Alvarado	N/A	N/A	N/A	●

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Susan Klaren	N/A	N/A	N/A	●
Jennifer Rosales	N/A	N/A	N/A	◎