



Citizens Advisory Committee
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07
October 15, 2024 | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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| 1. Chairman's Remarks | Karalee Darnell, <i>Chair, CAC</i> |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance | Jim Cunneen, <i>Vice Chair, CAC</i> |
| 3. Staffing Update | Chris Boucly, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 4. Approval of July Minutes
<i>Action Item</i> | |
| 5. OC Transportation Demand Management Plan
<i>(20 min) Discussion</i> | Kristin Tso, <i>Planning</i>
Marissa Espino, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 6. I-5 South County Improvements Project Update
<i>(10 min) Presentation</i> | Logan Selleck, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 7. Diversity Outreach Update
<i>(15 min) Presentation</i> | Elia Verduzco, <i>Diversity Outreach</i> |
| 8. OC Streetcar Safety Education
<i>(10 min) Presentation</i> | Tresa Oliveri, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 9. Update Reports
<i>(5 min each)</i> | |
| • Planning Studies | Marissa Espino, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| • Government Affairs | Clara Brotcke, <i>Government Relations</i> |
| • Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee | Paul Adams, <i>Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee</i> |
| • Marketing | Amelia Hsu, <i>Marketing</i> |
| • Staff Liaison | Marissa Espino, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 10. Public Comments | |
| 11. Committee Member Comments | |
| 12. Adjournment / Next Meeting:
January 21, 2024 | |

Agenda Descriptions

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

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

Members Present

Adam Zibell, *Fullerton Resident*

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

David Wheeler, *Laguna Hills City Council*

Jamie Valencia, *City of Fullerton - INRAC*

Jeff Thompson, *Building Industry*

Jim Cunneen, *Fountain Valley City Council*

John Kinney, *Laguna Niguel Resident*

Jose Castaneda, *Fullerton Resident*

Karalee Darnell, *Yorba Linda Resident*

Linda Nguyen, *Garden Grove Resident*

Mario Alvarado, *Santa Ana Resident*

Mary Ann Remnet, *Rossmoor Resident*

Manuel Chavez, *Costa Mesa City Council*

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*

Brendon Moeller, *Orange Resident*

Carah Reed, *Santa Ana Resident*

Dan Kalmick, *Huntington Beach City Council*

Daniel Soper, *Cal State Fullerton*

Frank Murphy, *Orange Resident*

Jennifer Rosales, *Laguna Beach Resident*

Kristen Jasko, *Cal State Fullerton*

Kunal Mittal, *Civil Engineer*

Lorena Vidaurri, *Santa Ana Resident*

Mark Paredes, *Garden Grove 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 and introduced the new members.

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 David Wheeler and seconded by Jeff Thompson to approve the April 16, 2024, CAC Minutes/Attendance Report. Motion carried.

4. Measure M2 Quantitative Poll Results

Alice Rogan, Marketing and Public Outreach introduced Tim McLarney, True North Research, who presented the results of the poll.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if the data presented was broken down into demographic subgroups. Tim McLarney responded yes; the full report provides some breakdown of subgroups regionally.

A committee member asked if the survey participants were younger or older people compared to those surveyed in 2015. Tim McLarney responded it was not the same type of comparison. The 2015 survey was a part of the Long Range Transportation Plan and was focused on adults; the 2024 survey participants were likely voters who tend to be a slightly older group.

A committee member asked if the same questions were asked or were they changed from 2015 to 2024. Tim McLarney responded there were four additions to the 2024 list when compared to 2015, but they were removed in the computation of the rankings, so they did not skew the results in comparing the two surveys. The questions were worded the same as in 2015.

A committee member asked if the four questions left out would rank in the top ten. Tim McLarney responded no; they were not among the top five.

A committee member asked if anything was eliminated in the 2015 that was in the 2024. Tim McLarney responded no.

A committee member asked if the raw data was available. Tim McLarney responded no; the raw data is not available because of confidentiality. The full report has information available on how the data breaks down in subgroups.

A committee member asked where the report is. Alice Rogan responded they would provide the link to the full report that will be available on the website. Alice added that what was asked in the 2015 and 2024 survey are basically the same. For the Measure M Investment Plan in 2015 we needed to see if the priorities were right then and if the priorities remained the same in 2024.

5. Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Ballots were distributed to the members of the committee for the election of Chair and Vice Chair. Candidates were given the opportunity to speak, ballots were collected and tabulated.

Karalee Darnell was elected as Chair and Jim Cunneen was elected as Vice Chair.

6. OC Transit Vision Study

Charles Main, Planning, and Marissa Espino, Public Outreach, presented the item. <This presentation is available upon request.>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member commented the inter-county connections were important as individuals are moving to outlying areas for economic reasons and affordable housing but need to commute back to Orange and Los Angeles counties.

A committee member suggested that asking cities, which subsidize transportation for their residents, about the specific origins and destinations of their travelers could provide valuable insights into where transportation services are most needed. Additionally, planning for the impact and accommodation of the Olympics in 2028 could indicate where routes would be needed.

A committee member commented about the loss of the FlyAway bus from the Irvine Train Station which could be considered, along with one to John Wayne or LAX.

A committee member asked if these routes were end-to-end or did they make intermediary stops. Charles Main responded both, it is a mix.

A committee member asked if there is an overlay that could show which routes were discontinued in 2020; which of those routes covered areas that were not dealt with in regional transit and the time comparison if they did between regional transit and Express Bus to provide more clarity. Charles Main responded it was a good point and could look into it.

A committee member commented the Huntington Beach to Los Angeles is a nice option.

A committee member commented a service that would connect South Orange County to Los Angeles would be good as there is no Metrolink from Huntington Beach/Fountain Valley: and it would be good to have an intercounty partnership with other agencies such as RTA (Riverside Transit Agency), Foothill Transit, Long Beach Transit. They added that an all-day Metrolink would be helpful.

A committee member asked if the hub in Laguna Hills is still being considered, and if so, that it not be due to construction for the next ten to fifteen years. Charles Main responded they have a complete mobility study that he would look into.

A committee member commented that the opportunity to plan for a multimodal station near Beach Boulevard along the Orange line where additional tracks are being built to accommodate high-speed rail would be good.

A committee member commented on the Fullerton Park and Ride and its under utilization and asked if something could be considered for that area as it is currently adding to the urban blight.

A committee member emphasized the importance of enhancing service to John Wayne Airport by implementing an Express Service instead of a regular bus route. They also suggested system-wide improvements across all communities, rather than concentrating on a single corridor. Additionally, they suggested more consistent service frequencies and smoother transfers between transit lines.

A committee member commented that connections to the LA County Light Rail stations, ending near Beach Boulevard and the planned Gold Line Extension to Whitter should be considered.

7. Costal Rail Resiliency Study Update

Dan Phu, Planning, and Christina Byrne, Public Outreach, presented the item. <This presentation is available upon request.>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if the long-term mitigation studies and proposed expense of moving the right-of-way were because the short-term actions taken would not last beyond 20-30 years. Dan Phu responded there have been short term emergency remedial actions taken, costing about 40 million to restore service over the last several years. We do not have a cost estimate yet on what the short and mid-term solutions will be.

A committee member commented that a more naturalistic approach, an adaptive management plan could be taken, monitoring where the weaknesses are and address them, patch them as you go.

A committee member expressed a concern that the rate of erosion and sea level rise were not being incorporated into the study resulting in inconsistencies that could cause the short and mid-term solutions to be ineffective by falling short of the projected timelines. Moving up the long-term solution might end up costing less to manage the issue foreseen in 2060. There was no staff comment.

A committee member commented that future planning should emphasize planning for more than one track.

8. 2025 Budget Update

Anthony Baruch, Financial Planning, presented the item. <This presentation is available upon request.>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked how the I-405 revenues were matching to the forecast. Anthony Baruch responded they are closely in line with the forecast.

A committee member commented that the I-405 construction has ended, but the budget is higher than last year. Anthony Baruch responded there are still construction costs in FY25 budget for right-of-way and change orders.

9. Update Reports

Government Affairs – Alexis Carter, Government Relations, presented the update.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if the referenced email was for committee members or the public. Alexis Carter responded they were open to anyone who provides feedback.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee – Paul Adams, Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee, presented the update. *The next meeting will be September 17, 2024.*

Committee Member Comments

There were no comments.

Marketing – Kriss Garbowski, Marketing and Customer Engagement, presented the update.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no comments.

Technology and Innovation Ad Hoc – Christina Byrne, Public Outreach, presented the update and asked for interest by members on this new meeting.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no comments.

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

10. Public Comments

There were no comments.

11. Committee Member Comments

A committee member thanked OCTA for the work being done on the bike loop; the partnership between the OC Power Authority and OCTA on eBike incentive and safety training.

A committee member commented there are five openings on the Bike/Ped Subcommittee.

A committee member commented that the City of Laguna Niguel will have four protected bike lanes for the public to review by the end of August 2024 and will be available for about 4 weeks, located Aliso Road between La Paz and Aliso.

A committee member asked for a date on the beginning of OC Streetcar testing.

12. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Chair Karalee Darnell adjourned the meeting. The next CAC meeting will be October 15, 2024.

**Citizens Advisory Committee
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

MEMBER	7/16/24	10/15/24	1/21/25	4/15/25
Mary Ann Remnet	●			
Linda Nguyen	●			
Jim Cunneen	●			
Paul Adams	●			
Randy Styner	⊙			
Mark Paredes	⊙			
Jose Castaneda	●			
Manuel Chavez	●			
Brendon Moeller	⊙			
Jeff Thompson	●			
Carah Reed	⊙			
Damon Tordini	●			
Kunal Mittal	⊙			
Steve Kozak	⊙			
Samara Ali-Ahmad	●			
Reza Hosseini	⊙			
Karalee Darnell	●			
Roy Shahbazian	⊙			
Daniel Soper	⊙			
Lorena Vidaurri	⊙			
Jamie Valencia	●			
Adam Zibell	●			
John Kinney	●			
Tyler Holst	●			
David Wheeler	●			
Alex Rounaghi	⊙			
Frank Murphy	⊙			
Kristen Jasko	⊙			
Dan Kalmick	⊙			
Mario Alvarado	●			
Susan Klaren	●			
Jennifer Rosales	⊙			
Hui Rorabaugh	N/A			