



Citizens Advisory Committee
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07
July 15, 2025 | 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. Approval of April Minutes <i>Action Item</i> | |
| 4. Chair and Vice Chair Elections | Allison Imler, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 5. Budget <i>(10 min) Presentation</i> | Anthony Baruch, <i>Financial Planning</i> |
| 6. Active Transportation <i>(10 min) Presentation</i> | Peter Sotherland, <i>Active Transportation</i> |
| 7. Long Range Transportation Plan <i>(15 min) Discussion</i> | Kristin Tso, <i>Planning</i> Marissa Espino, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 8. Coastal Rail Resiliency Study <i>(10 min) Presentation</i> | Chris Boucly, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 9. I-605/Katella Avenue Interchange <i>(10 min) Presentation</i> | Calina North, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 10. Update Reports <i>(5 min each)</i> | |
| • SR-91 Improvement Project | Nicolette Wright, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| • OC Streetcar | Tresa Oliveri, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| • Government Affairs | Kristin Jacinto, <i>Government Relations</i> |
| • Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee | Paul Adams, <i>Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee</i> |
| • Marketing | Amelia Hsu, <i>Marketing & Customer Engagement</i> |
| • Staff Liaison | Allison Imler, <i>Public Outreach</i> |
| 11. Public Comments | |
| 12. Committee Member Comments | |
| 13. Adjournment / Next Meeting: October 21, 2025 | |

Agenda Descriptions

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. Any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should contact the OCTA at (714) 560 5611, no less than two (2) business days prior to this meeting to enable OCTA to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

*Public Comments: At this time, members of the public may address the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the CAC, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person, unless different time limits are set by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the CAC.



Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
April 15, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
550 S. Main Street, Orange, CA

Members Present

Adam Zibell, *Fullerton Resident*

Brendon Moeller, *Orange Resident*

Carah Reed, *Santa Ana Resident*

Jim Cunneen, *Fountain Valley City Council*

John Kinney, *Laguna Niguel Resident*

Jose Castaneda, *Fullerton Resident*

Karalee Darnell, *Yorba Linda Resident*

Mario Alvarado, *Santa Ana Resident*

Paul Adams, *Santa Ana Resident*

Reza Hosseini, *Irvine Resident*

Roy Shahbazian, *California Community Colleges*

Samara Ali-Ahmad, *Newport Beach Resident*

Steve Kozak, *Tustin Planning Commission*

Tyler Holst, *Civil Engineer*

Members Absent

Alex Rounaghi, *Laguna Beach 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*

Hui Rorabaugh, *La Habra Resident*

Jamie Valencia, *City of Fullerton - INRAC*

Jeff Thompson, *Building Industry*

Jennifer Rosales, *Laguna Beach Resident*

Kristen Jasko, *Cal State Fullerton*

Lorena Vidaurri, *Santa Ana Resident*

Manuel Chavez, *Costa Mesa City Council*

Mark Paredes, *Garden Grove Resident*

Randy Styner, *Garden Grove Resident*

Susan Klaren, *Anaheim Resident*

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 July Minutes/Attendance Report

No motion was made to approve the January 21, 2025, minutes due to lack of quorum.

4. Measure M2 Ten-Year Review

Rose Casey, Planning, and Chris Boucly, Public Outreach, presented the overview. <This presentation is available upon request.>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked how much interest there is on the city-initiated community circulator part of M2 and how well that part of the program is going. Rose Casey responded it is going well. The cities that have it are pleased with it, are continuing to operate it, and have a continued interest in the funding program.

A committee member asked if there would be more calls going out for projects. Rose Casey responded the calls go out periodically and the next would be in 2028-2029.

5. Coastal Rail Emergency Projects

Chris Boucly, Public Outreach, presented the update. <This presentation is available upon request.>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if this was looking at future solutions or just focused on these four areas. Chris Boucly responded that these four stabilization areas came from an initial assessment done in 2023 to look at short- and mid-term solutions to erosion to protect the rail line up to 30 years. There will be another study by the State on longer term solutions for the rail.

A committee member asked how long the sand placement stays. Chris Boucly responded he did not know and it would be part of the environmental review.

A committee member asked about the relative cost between sand nourishment and the riprap placement. Chris Boucly responded OCTA has secured \$305 million in funding for these projects but there is nothing specific on the cost outlines for these projects.

A committee member asked if the direction of the repair would change if the sand placement became a higher cost when compared to the riprap. Chris Boucly responded he did not have an answer to that.

A committee member asked if the sand placement would be an ongoing cost. Chris Boucly responded that the sand nourishment work is to be a one-time effort.

A committee member asked if comments about moving the rail line inland or portions underground were moving forward into any of the upcoming planning or studies. Chris Boucly responded there are two parallel paths: OCTA is leading a study focused on the next 10 to 30 years, which will explore feasible solutions to address current and anticipated issues along the rail corridor. and the State is conducting a longer-term study that will examine broader options, including the potential for a new rail alignment or relocating segments of the rail line.

A committee member asked if a more ecologically friendly option is being considered as a result of the projected costs and public opinion on use of the riprap. Chris Boucly responded that the plan is to proceed with the riprap in order to stabilize the areas immediately.

A committee member commented that Orange County needed to be in the forefront of the planning and looking ahead to a more efficient and long-term solution. Rose Casey responded the riprap, sand and catchment wall are part of a comprehensive solution. Depending on the location, the riprap is needed for immediate protection of the corridor, and the Coastal Commission has issued an emergency coastal development permit. The longer-term study is very important and encompasses regional and statewide issues. The California State Transportation Agency is taking the lead and will be reaching out to all stakeholders.

A committee member asked who owns the rail line. Chris Boucly responded that OCTA does.

A committee member asked if there was a cost saving with the City of San Clemente with the sand replenishment. Rose Casey responded they have not determined yet about cost savings, but the city is looking at efficiencies such as differing sand sources.

A committee member asked about the impacts to service. Chris Boucly responded there is an estimate of about four weeks within the next couple of months.

A committee member commented that with Metrolink shut down, there is no alternate public transit solution to San Diego. Chris Boucly responded Amtrak will have bus bridges and Metrolink service during the week and will stop at Laguna Nigel and San Juan Capistrano.

6. 405 Express Lanes Update

Kirk Availa, Express Lanes General Manager, presented the update. <This presentation is available upon request.>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked what the projected timeline is for the payoff of the TIFIA loan. Kirk Availa responded that the loan has a fixed rate of 1.9% over the 40-year life of the loan. There is no interest for five years. From years five to ten, you only pay interest, and after year ten you pay principal and interest. If revenue projections hold, the loan payoff would be in about 30 years, ten years earlier than the 40-year life.

A committee member asked if the numbers include the projections for repair and maintenance. Kirk Availa responded all the estimations provided to the Federal Government included all expenses.

A committee member asked if Caltrans contributed to operations or maintenance of the freeway. Kirk Availa responded no, OCTA is fully responsible for the operations.

A committee member asked what plans they have to market to those still sitting in traffic. Kirk Availa responded it will take a while for individuals to get frustrated with sitting in traffic and start using the Express Lanes. They are continuing to market to the surrounding communities.

A committee member asked if there was capacity when the toll lanes start to get more utilized. Kirk Availa responded yes, they will look at traffic flows and use congestion pricing to help with volume and provide maximum throughput.

A committee member asked whether any configuration changes had been made in the area where SR-22 meets I-405, specifically affecting the westbound SR-22 approach to I-405. Kirk Availa responded he did not have the answer.

7. Update Reports

Long Range Transportation Plan – Marissa Espino, Public Outreach, presented the update.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no member comments.

Capital Improvements Projects – Chris Boucly, Public Outreach, presented the update.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no member comments.

Government Affairs – Kristin Jacinto, Government Relations, presented the update.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no member comments.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee – Paul Adams, Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee, presented the update. *The next meeting will be June 10, 2025.*

Committee Member Comments:

There were no member comments.

Marketing – Ryan Maloney, Marketing & Customer Engagement, presented the update.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no member comments.

Staff Liaison – Allison Imler, Public Outreach, presented the update.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no member comments.

8. Public Comments

There were no comments.

9. Committee Member Comments

A committee member commented complemented the OCTA staff on two public events held in Fullerton.

A committee member commented that they would like to see if car sharing apps were being utilized in Orange County.

A committee member commented that the bus passes students need to carry are often lost and the new system should be more app oriented.

A committee member commented on how freeway funding is set up and that it should be designed to include more sustainable long-term options; freeway-based transit initiatives such as freeway BRT like LA Metro J Line and Minneapolis METRO Orange Line.

10. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Chair Karalee Darnell adjourned the meeting. The next CAC meeting will be on July 15, 2025.

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