



Citizens Advisory Committee

July 16, 2019

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

550 South Main Street, Orange, California, 92863

Conference Room 07

Agenda

1. **Chairman's Remarks** Roy Shahbazian, *Chair, CAC*
2. **Innovation Update** (15 min) *Presentation* Kurt Brotcke, *Strategic Planning*
3. **Beach Boulevard Corridor Study Update** (20 min) *Discussion* Sam Sharvini, *Planning & Analysis*
Dan Phu, *Project Development*
4. **OC Flex Six Month Update** (15 min) *Presentation* Johnny Dunning, *Scheduling & Bus Operations*
Stella Lin, *Marketing & Customer Relations*
5. **2020 Budget Overview** (10 min) *Presentation* Victor Velasquez, *Financial Planning & Analysis*
6. **Update Reports** (5 minutes each)
 - I-405 Improvement Project Christina Byrne, *Public Outreach*
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Paul Adams, *Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee*
 - Marketing Stella Lin, *Marketing & Customer Relations*
 - Staff Liaison Christina Byrne, *Public Outreach*
7. **Committee Member Comments**
8. **Public Comments**
9. **Adjournment / Next Meeting:**
October 15, 2019

Agenda Descriptions/Public Comments on Agenda Items

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**Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
April 16, 2019
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
550 S. Main Street, Orange, Calif.
Conference Room 07**

Members Present

Paul Adams, *Fountain Valley Planning Commissioner*
Hamid Bahadori, *AAA of Southern California*
Kara Darnell, *Cal State Fullerton*
David Emerson, *Los Alamitos Traffic Cmsn.*
Dan Kalmick, *Huntington Beach Resident*
Steve Kozak, *Tustin Planning Commissioner*
Austin Lombard, *Tustin Planning Commissioner*
Derek McGregor, *Trabuco Canyon Advisory Comm.*
Michael McNally, *UC Irvine*

Victoria Michaels, *Anaheim-Resident/Small Business Org.*
Frank Murphy, *Orange Rotary*
Margaret Novak, *WTS/Ladera Ranch Maint. Corp.*
Lisandro Orozco, *Historic Santa Ana*
Nick Polichetti, *American Society of Civil Engineers*
Laurel Reimer, *Urban Planner*
Randy Styner, *Calif Governor's Office of Emergency Service*
Dianne Thompson, *Huntington Beach Chamber*

Members Absent

Kellie Aamodt, *UC Irvine/UPS*
Vince Buck, *Cal State Fullerton*
Min Chai, *Irvine Resident*
Stephanie Klopfenstein, *GG Neighborhood Assn/Cncl.*
Jessica Lomakin, *Tustin Resident*
Theodore Luckham, *Anaheim Resident*
Mark Paredes, *Garden Grove Planning Commission*
Sheldon Pines, *Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce*

Mike Posey, *Huntington Beach Resident*
Andrew Ramirez, *Santa Ana Resident*
Roy Shahbazian, *Bus Rider, Transit Advocate of OC*
John Taylor, *Rotary Club of San Juan Capistrano*
Jeff Thompson, *Tustin Planning Commission and BIA*
Damon Tordini, *Santa Ana Resident*
David Wheeler, *Laguna Hills Resident and Councilmember*

Gregory T. Winterbottom, *OCTA Board Member*

1. Welcome

Chairman Roy Shahbazian welcomed everyone to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Roy Shahbazian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Roy Shahbazian asked if there are any corrections to the January 15, 2019 CAC minutes.

A motion was made by Laurel Reimer, seconded by Dianne Thompson and carried unanimously to approve the January 15, 2019 CAC minutes.

B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Alice Rogan asked for nominations for the CAC Chair and Vice Chair. Michael McNally said Roy and Dan are doing a fantastic job, but encouraged the committee members to think about running for one of the positions. Dianne Thompspon asked if Roy and Dan would like to be reconsidered for Chair and Vice Chair. Roy and Dan both said they would like to continue. Dianne Thompspon nominated Roy Shahbazian to Chair and Dan Kalmick to Vice Chair of the CAC. Paul Adams seconded the nomination.

Dave Emerson asked about a number of committee members being termed out and whether the election should wait until after the new members come onboard. Alice Rogan said OCTA has thought about this and determined it was fair for the CAC members who know each other to cast their votes, rather than a new comer who would not be familiar with the individual CAC members.

A motion was made by, seconded by Paul Adams, and carried unanimously to elect Roy Shahbazian to Chair and Dan Kalmick to Vice Chair of the CAC.

4. Presentation and Discussion Items

A. Bristol Street Transit Corridor Study

Tresa Oliveri provided information on the public outreach for the corridor study which includes: stakeholder meetings, community meetings, surveys and other pop-up events. She said OCTA is doing outreach to find out how OCTA can improve the public's transit experience along the Bristol Street corridor.

Eric Carlson provided background on the corridor study. He said the Bristol Street Corridor was a one of the priority corridors out of the 11 transit opportunity corridors identified in the Transit Master Plan. This corridor extends from the Goldenwest Transportation Center along Westminster and Bristol to the UCI Campus. This study is focused on an eight mile segment from 17th Street near North Harbor to the John Wayne Airport. This study will look at different alignments and modes of transit. The OCTA board will see the different alternatives during the late summer and then staff will go back out to the public. Once all of this information is gathered a preferred alternative will go to the OCTA Board in early 2020 and then back to the public. The final recommendation will go to the OCTA Board in the summer of 2020.

Eric Carlson explained the Bristol Street Corridor has some of the highest quantities of transit ridership and has connections to high quality transit routes – Amtrak/Metrolink, John Wayne Airport and the OC Streetcar. Eric showed the current bus service operating in the corridor. He said at one end of the route there is high population and the other end has high employment. Eric said there are five mobility needs identified in this corridor and they will be used to evaluate the alternatives.

The CAC asked why there are six alternatives. Eric Carlson said staff was looking for a manageable number. He said most alternatives will be on Bristol and then there are a few options from Baker Street over to the John Wayne Airport.

The committee asked if the population at one end of the alignment is the same people going to the employment at the other end of the alignment. Eric Carlson said there is further analysis in the Purpose and Needs Report which goes into more detail on the ridership in the corridor. He said this report will be available on OCTA.net in the coming weeks.

The CAC asked if the six alternatives are a combination of alignment and modes. Eric Carlson said yes. The committee asked if one of the alternatives will likely be the Centerline option from years past. Eric said one alignment is very similar to the final locally preferred alternative for Centerline from Santa Ana Regional Transit Center to John Wayne Airport.

The committee asked about the timeline. Eric Carlson said in August staff will most likely be going to the OCTA Board with the draft alternatives and back to this committee in October along with other outreach in the fall of 2019 on these draft alternatives. The committee also asked if dedicated right-of-way will be looked at in the corridor. Eric said OCTA will be looking at bus or rail in dedicated lanes. Several CAC members said this is a great corridor to be looking at due to population, employment and other services in this area.

B. OC Streetcar Update

Tresa Oliveri provided background and then an update on the OC Streetcar project. She said OCTA issued the Notice to Proceed with Construction (NTPC) on March 4, 2019 to Walsh Construction. Recently, three parcels were acquired on Fifth Street at Raitt Street for the Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF). Utility relocation work is still underway and expected to mostly be done by August 2019. Tresa talked about public outreach. She said OCTA is taking the lead on letting neighbors know about the utility work. OCTA is reaching out to the business, providing training pieces, and advanced signing for the project. Tresa concluded her presentation by talking about the revised estimated revenue service date (RSD). She said the new date is February 2, 2022 which is approximately five months later than the RSD that was provided to the Board in July 2018 due to the Full-Funding Grant Agreement being delayed by the Federal Transit Administration.

The CAC asked about attendance and community outreach events. Tresa Oliveri said OCTA tries to make these meetings in different areas of the project area in the evenings and on Saturdays. She said when combined, these meetings generally get 60-75 people in attendance. Tresa said OCTA also sends out bi-weekly email notifications with updates about the area. She said staff also does targeted outreach for night work, parking and travel restrictions. The committee also asked if translation is provided at the meetings. Tresa said, yes, there are translators available and materials are also translated. Lisandro Orozco said he receives the email updates and it is laid out nicely and very easy to understand.

The committee asked if the RSD is pushed back, will the testing be pushed back. Tresa Oliveri said the first milestone is having the MSF and test rail available before the vehicles arrive. She said the testing will most likely be near the end of 2021. The committee asked when the public can expect to see rail being laid down. Tresa said that is currently pending.

C. FY19-20 Bus Service Plan

Gary Hewitt provided an overview of the FY 19-20 Bus Service Plan. He said the Bus Service Plan was built from the OC Bus 360° Plan. Some of the recommendations are considered major; therefore, need OCTA Board approval. He said public outreach was conducted to come to these recommendations.

The committee asked how does the Orange County Vanpool work. Gary Hewitt said usually a group of workers contracts for a van with Enterprise through OCTA and it is subsidized \$400 a month and must have 7 riders. Alice Rogan said OCTA usually works with the major employers to implement these programs.

The committee asked about Route 83. Gary Hewitt said this route is being proposed to change at one end due to the OC Streetcar in Santa Ana and at the other end of the route to service the Garden Walk. The committee asked what the advantages/disadvantages are of not servicing Disneyland. Gary Hewitt said it will still make a connection at Disneyland. He showed how exactly the route will work. This change will serve more employment. The CAC asked about service in the area between the resort area and ARTC. Gary described the OCTA service in the area and the Anaheim Resort Area Transit who is funded by the hotel tax.

The committee also asked about Route 53. Gary said the changes would affect Route 53x and some of the trips would go all the way into Irvine. The committee asked about the frequency in the core. Gary said it will stay the same.

The committee asked about the Bravo Route 560 and will this ever connect to the Blue Line. Gary Hewitt said the service to the transit center in that area was cut because there was a lot of duplicate service already there. OCTA decided to stop the service at the VA and not go any further.

The committee asked about changing the numbering system to be more clear to new riders. Gary Hewitt explained about the system used for route numbering. He said north/south routes are odd and east/west routes are even. Numbers in the 20's are the in the far west. He said if the county was a perfect grid, it would make more sense. 100 series routes are community routes, 200 series are express routes, etc.

D. I-5 Central Project SR-57 to SR-55

Niall Barrett provided an overview of the I-5 Central Project on the I-5 between SR-57 and SR-55. This is Project A in the OC Go (Measure M2) program. This project eliminates the existing bottlenecks on the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane, by adding a second lane. The total cost of the project is about \$41.5 million and is partially funded with congestion and air mitigation funding. On Monday night the drop ramp from Main Street into the HOV Lanes was closed permanently. This bridge and ramp will be completely demolished near the end of June/early July. He said much of this work will require night time closures.

Calina North spoke about the public outreach strategies. OCTA staff has been out to neighborhood associations, civic organizations, key stakeholders, colleges and has participated in community events. She showed some of the materials used to inform the public. She said emails and text alerts are sent to interested parties, we have information on social media and there is an interactive map on the OCTA website.

The committee asked how long ago the carpool structure was built. Niall Barrett said it was built in 1991. He said the drop lane is underutilized and safety is a concern as well.

The CAC asked about the concrete barriers being removed. Niall Barrett said around the SR-57 and Main Street there are barriers being removed and there are standards that need to be withheld when allowing motorist in the area of such work. He said there will be a considerable amount of signage in the area, so they know when to get out. Calina North said the interactive map will help as well. There will still be continuous access from the SR-57 to the I-5 via the HOV lanes. The CAC asked about the 17th Street off-ramp. Niall said it will shift a bit, but essentially be the same. The committee asked about flyovers and direct access to the carpool lanes on the north end of the project. Niall said it will be similar with plenty of signage. The committee asked about closures during Angels Games. Niall said we have looked at that, but there usually is not much traffic during the closure time and people are usually going away from the project area.

The CAC asked if it is harder to contact and get feedback from people on freeway projects than with other transit projects. Calina North said not necessarily, we use various methods such as targeted social media.

The committee asked about electronic signage. Niall Barrett said we have not used them yet, but they will be employed when the full closures get closer. The committee suggested starting to warn motorists earlier. Christina Byrne said those signs are for safety. She said we will use the signs as you approach the project area when the time is right.

Roy Shahbazian reminded the committee that the CAC acts as a liaison between OCTA and the general project so please pass along any feedback.

5. OCTA Staff Updates

- A. Beach Blvd. Corridor Study – Marissa Espino said OCTA and Caltrans are conducting this study in an effort to improve Beach Blvd. into a seamless transportation corridor from Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) in Huntington Beach to Whitter Blvd. in La Habra. Multi-modal solutions will be looked at in this corridor. Currently we are working on the baseline conditions report and beginning to work on the purpose and need report. The first round of public outreach will take place at the beginning of May. There will be an online survey forwarded to the CAC at that time. She said there will be pop-up tables along the corridor to inform commuters in the area of the study. In the fall, there will be another round of public outreach.

The CAC suggested the surveys be circulated to the city councils, so that they can get them to their constituents. Marissa Espino said we are working very closely with the cities and they will get the information.

The committee asked who the lead is on the project. Marissa Espino said we are working together on this study. The project is funded by Caltrans and OCTA is taking an equal role on the study. The CAC asked what if the cities want something different than the rules Caltrans has to follow. Marissa said Caltrans is very open to any input/all feedback.

- B. M2 Performance Assessment – Tamara Warren said the Measure M2 Performance Assessment looks at the efficiency, effectiveness, economic, and program results of the OCTA in delivering Measure M2. OCTA contracted with Sjoberg Evenshenk to assess the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. Sjoberg Evenshenk found that overall OCTA is managing the program very well with no major issues noted, just some general recommendations to enhance the program. She said staff will follow-up on the recommendations and report to the OCTA Board on how the recommendations were addressed.

The CAC asked how many freeway projects have been completed/about to be completed. Tamara Warren said projects are segmented and there are 27 projects. She said of those 27 projects, nine are complete, three are in construction and three are about to go into construction. Tami said the remaining nine are getting

environmentally cleared and OCTA will have them ready when funding becomes available.

The committee asked if the performance assessment looked at the fact that OCTA is not receiving as much sales tax money as originally projected. Tamara Warren said the assessment included how OCTA responded to the lower than expected sale tax revenue and were impressed with how OCTA responded to this pressure, by finding outside funding sources and how it looks like OCTA will be able to fulfill the promises made to the voters.

The committee asked how it is shown in the assessment if the cities are showing ineligible monies in their Maintenance of Efforts (MOE's). Tamara Warren said the assessment would look at how OCTA responded to the ineligible monies. The committee asked if the assessment helped to reveal the current problem. Tamara said no, but the next performance assessment will look at how OCTA responded. She said the issue was found during an audit and now OCTA and the Taxpayers Oversight Committee is looking at how to respond to that issue. Roy Shahbazian asked if next time the CAC hears a report on Measure M2, the CAC could get a whole overview of how Measure M2 is doing.

- C. Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee – Paul Adams said the subcommittee met on March 26, 2019. He said the subcommittee heard reports on May Bike Month Planning, Active Transportation Counts Program Update, Safe Routes to School Update, El Toro Interchange Project, Active Transportation Update, and I-405 Improvement Project Update. The next meeting will be July 18, 2019.

Paul Martin, from OCTA, handed out an update on Active Transportation. Paul highlighted the Partnerships with Police. He said this program specifically engages law enforcement officers with transportation professionals. OCTA has developed presentation modules for an audience of police officers to go over the top behaviors leading to crashes for automobiles and bicycles. These training sessions have officers leading presentations to officers and they highlight bicycle laws and vehicle codes. Paul Adams said the subcommittee is also looking at scooters and that will tie in.

The CAC asked who has not heard the presentation yet. Paul Martin said we are rescheduled to go to the City of Orange in May after a delay. He said we are seeking more funding to develop more content and we would like to develop a video, so that it can be shown anytime and not rely on scheduling. Paul said the California Highway Patrol in Sacramento would also like OCTA to do this presentation for them and then record that presentation for further distribution.

The committee asked if there are opportunities for a partnership with local funding sources. Paul Martin said he is trying to gather interest in order to secure more

funding. Michael McNally suggested contacting UCI's Police Department to see if they can help with funding.

D. Legislative Update- Christina Byrne said Lance Larson is unable to attend, but staff will send the CAC a link to the OCTA Board Legislative Update. The CAC asked about proposition 1273. Alice Rogan said OCTA does not have a position.

E. I-405 Improvement Project– Christina Byrne reported design of the project is 75% complete. OCTA has begun the falsework on Slater Avenue. She said there is pile driving starting this week on the Magnolia and Goldenwest bridges. The partial demolition of Bolsa and Westminster Boulevard is scheduled for late April/early May. There is an over-hang being built over the Santa Ana River in the spring. She said the first soundwalls are being built in Westminster. Christina said the I-405 Project mobile application has been launched.

The committee said they had difficulty finding if the I-405 was going to be completely closed down in either direction without going through and reading about every closure. It was suggested some sort of color coding system. Christina Byrne said OCTA can look into this.

F. Staff Liaison – Christina Byrne said recruitment for the CAC is ongoing and please let any friends or colleagues know if they are interested – especially in the fourth district. She thanked the outgoing members for their service.

6. Public Comments

No one from the public spoke.

7. Chair/Vice Chair Remarks

There were no remarks

8. Committee Member Comments

The committee said they liked the handouts; it made it easy to follow along. The committee also said the presentations were fantastic and thanked the OCTA staff. They also thanked Roy Shahbazian and Dan Kalmick for accepting reelection – they are doing a great job.

9. Adjournment/Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be on July 16, 2019.

**Citizens Advisory Committee
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

MEMBER	7/16/19
Randy Styner	
Mark Paredes	
Stephanie Klopfenstein	
Lisandro Orozco	
Andrew Ramirez	
Damon Tordini	
Patrick Brendon	
Dianne Thompson	
Javier Mejia	
Paul Adams	
Min Chai	
Jeff Thompson	
Steve Kozak	
Karalee Darnell	
Roy Shahbazian	
Theresa Harvey	
Laurel Reimer	
Nick Polichetti	
Victoria Michaels	
John Taylor	
Derek McGregor	
Margaret Novak	
David Wheeler	
John Kinney	
Kellie Aamodt	
Hamid Bahadori	
Frank Murphy	
Michael McNally	
Dan Kalmick	