



**Citizens Advisory Committee**  
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07  
October 18, 2022 | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- 1. Chairman’s Remarks** Lisandro Orozco, *Chair, CAC*
  
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** Lisandro Orozco, *Chair, CAC*
  
- 3. Approval of April Minutes / Attendance Report**  
*Action Item*
  
- 4. Long Range Transportation Plan Update** Greg Nord, *Planning*  
*(15 min) Discussion* Marissa Espino, *Public Outreach*
  
- 5. Update on Diversity Outreach and Inclusion Efforts** Elia Verduzco, *Diversity Outreach*  
*(10 min) Presentation*
  
- 6. Rail Projects Update** Chris Boucly, *Public Outreach*
  
- 7. Update Reports**  
*(5 min) Presentation*
  - Government Affairs Alexis Leicht, *Government Relations*
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Lisandro Orozco, *Vice Chair, Bike/Ped Subcommittee*
  - Marketing Ryan Armstrong, *Marketing*
  - Staff Liaison Christina Byrne, *Public Outreach*
  
- 8. Public Comments**
  
- 9. Committee Member Comments**
  
- 10. Adjournment / Next Meeting:**  
January 17, 2022

Agenda Descriptions

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**Citizens Advisory Committee  
Meeting Notes  
July 19, 2022  
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
550 S. Main Street, Orange, CA**

**Members Present**

**Adam Wood**, *Huntington Beach Resident / Building Industry*  
**Damon Tordini**, *Engineers w/o Borders / Santa Ana Res.*  
**Dan Kalmick**, *Huntington Beach City Council*  
**Daniel Soper**, *Cal State Fullerton*  
**David Wheeler**, *Laguna Hills City Council*  
**Derek McGregor**, *Trabuco Canyon Advisory Comm.*  
**Dianne Thompson**, *Huntington Beach Resident*  
**Jim Cunneen**, *Fountain Valley School Dist. Board of Trust.*  
**John Kinney**, *Laguna Niguel Traffic/Transp. Commission*  
**Karalee Darnell**, *Yorba Linda Planning Commission*

**Lisandro Orozco**, *Historic Santa Ana*  
**Manny Escamilla**, *Santa Ana Active Streets*  
**Marc Vukceovich**, *Costa Mesa Alliance for Better Streets*  
**Meredith Chillemi**, *LeadingAge*  
**Nick Polichetti**, *Placentia Resident*  
**Paul Adams**, *Santa Ana Resident*  
**Roy Shahbazian**, *California Community Colleges*  
**Tyler Holst**, *Civil Engineer*

**Members Absent**

**Amelia Castro**, *Anaheim Housing & Comm. Dev Comsn.*  
**Deepak Krishan**, *Irvine Resident*  
**Eddie Marquez**, *OC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce*  
**Frank Murphy**, *Orange Resident*  
**Jamey Federico**, *Dana Point City Council*  
**Jeff Thompson**, *Building Industry*  
**Kunal Mittal**, *Civil Engineer*

**Laurel Reimer**, *American Planning Assoc.: Orange Section*  
**Marie Laveaga**, *La Habra Chamber of Commerce*  
**Mark Paredes**, *Garden Grove Resident*  
**Pete Hardin**, *Costa Mesa Resident*  
**Randy Styner**, *Garden Grove Resident*  
**Steve Kozak**, *Tustin Planning Commission*

**1. Chairman's Remarks**

Chair Lisandro Orozco welcomed everyone to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting.

**2. Welcome New Members**

Chair Lisandro Orozco welcomed Manny Escamilla, Marc Vukceovich, and Tyler Holst to the committee.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Lisandro Orozco led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### **4. Approval of April Minutes/Attendance Report**

Chair Lisandro Orozco asked if there were any corrections to the April 19, 2022, CAC Minutes/Attendance Report.

*A motion was made by Dianne Thompson, seconded by David Wheeler, and carried unanimously to approve the April 19, 2022, CAC Minutes/Attendance Report.*

#### **5. Bus Restructuring Study**

Dan Phu presented the Bus Restructuring Study. He shared a summary of proposed modifications including frequency improvements, service hour expansions, and discontinuation of unproductive routes. He said they are looking to add a new community Route 164 on Irvine Boulevard and a new limited stop Bravo! Route 553 on Main Street. Ryan Maloney shared an update on outreach activities. He said the goal is to engage people where they are and give them the chance to provide input on the draft service plan. To reach diverse, disadvantaged communities outreach included multilingual communications. He said print and online materials were translated in Spanish and Vietnamese. Printed service plan booklets were made available on every OC bus and at a multitude of outreach events and activities throughout the county. Ryan said digital communications included a custom web portal, social media promotions, and a countywide digital advertising campaign. He said in-person outreach included bus ride-alongs and pop-up events at OCTA's transit centers, shopping centers, and community events. OCTA also hosted in-person and virtual community meetings with bilingual speakers fluent in Spanish and Vietnamese. Ryan highlighted results of the survey conducted during the outreach process. He shared that 60% of the responses supported the proposed changes to the individual routes and 22% were not in support of the draft service plan. He noted that the survey data is as of June 20<sup>th</sup> with 2,148 surveys collected. As of today (July 19<sup>th</sup>), there have been 4,300 surveys collected. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

##### Committee Member Comments:

Manny Escamilla asked if the revenue breakdowns for individual routes were available. Jorge Duran said most of OCTA's transit system is not self-sufficient and relies on outside sources of revenue. He said it is heavily subsidized because it is a public service, but the target is to provide a 20% farebox recovery. Marc Vukceovich asked when the proposed changes would go into effect. Dan said depending on resources, they would be incrementally implemented in early 2023 and finish late 2023. Damon Tordini asked how OCTA is utilizing the survey findings for longer term plans when most of the feedback is from current riders. Dan said because of low ridership post COVID-19, the proposed changes are short term, and any discontinuation of routes would be temporary. David Wheeler asked if the proposed changes would reduce cost per passenger mile. Dan said yes because they would improve frequency in denser areas.

## 6. M2 Overview

Francesca Ching provided an M2 overview. She said Measure M, also known as OC Go, is a half-cent transportation sales tax passed in 1990 for 20 years and renewed in 2006 for 30 years. The funds are distributed 25% transit, 32% streets, and 43% freeways. She added that 5% of the freeway funds are allocated to the Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) and 2% of the overall OC Go funds are allocated to the Environmental Cleanup Program (ECP). Francesca said three delivery plans were adopted to help deliver M2 over 30 years, with the latest being the Next 10 Delivery Plan.

### Committee Member Comments:

Manny Escamilla said he is concerned that mitigation is only happening in South Orange County and not in other parts. Dan Phu said OCTA has acquired seven preserves and have funded 12 habitat restoration projects throughout the county as part of the EMP. The ECP is a competitive grant program in which OCTA is administering funds to Orange County cities for individual projects.

## 7. Planning Studies Update

Marissa Espino gave an update of four different planning studies, starting with the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). She said staff is developing a plan scenario which has transportation system improvements above and beyond the M2 sunset scenario. These improvements are intended to achieve the LRTP goals which are referred to as the LRTP Tracks to Success. She said OCTA is looking to release the draft LRTP for public review in the late fall which will start another round of public outreach.

The second project update was on the South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study. She said they are in the third and final phase of the study in which they are evaluating a reduced set of multimodal solutions and recommending a locally preferred strategy that determines a long-term vision for South County.

Marissa also shared an update on the SR-91 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan. She said the goal of the study is to improve mobility options and provide a vision for the future of the corridor. This study also positions OCTA to compete for Senate Bill 1 congested corridor funds.

The final plan update was on the South Orange County Rail Station Feasibility Study. This study will assess the feasibility of a new passenger rail station between the San Clemente and Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo stations. If a station is not deemed feasible at the end of the first phase, then no further action will take place. If a station is deemed feasible, the study will proceed to the second phase.

Committee Member Comments:

Meredith Chillemi asked if the Senior Citizens Advisory Council and Office on Aging were included in the outreach process. Marissa said OCTA values involvement from all communities and works with community-based organizations, hosts stakeholder roundtables, and gets feedback from the Accessible Transit Advisory Committee (ATAC). Tyler Holst asked how far in advance we would need to prepare for an M3 with M2 funds ending in 2041. Greg Nord said a conversation around M3 is still premature, the goal is to figure out how to keep key Measure M programs in place and to look at a variety of potential funding sources. Lisandro Orozco asked what the objective of the SR-91 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan is. Marissa said the primary goal is to position OCTA to compete for Senate Bill 1 congested corridor funds and show that we are actively working on projects.

**8. 2023 Budget Update**

Anthony Baruch provided an overview of the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. He said the sales tax receipts are much higher than anticipated and that is expected to remain strong. The bus operations budget includes the capacity to add fixed-route service and accommodate increases in OC ACCESS trips. The Metrolink budget includes the capacity to reach pre-pandemic trip levels. The M2 Program continues to provide funding for the freeways, streets and roads, and transit modes consistent with the Next 10 Delivery Plan.

Committee Member Comments:

Nick Polichetti asked for an example of the non-toll revenue. Anthony said it is primarily violation payments as well as monthly charges for passes. Adam Wood asked what amount of OCTA's total budget comes from the state each year. Anthony said it is 51% of our overall revenue. Mark Vukceвич asked how much money from the budget goes towards infrastructure maintenance. Alice Rogan said Caltrans maintains the freeways and the cities maintain their streets and roads but can apply for grants through OCTA.

## 9. OC Streetcar Update

Jim Beil and Tresa Oliveri shared updates on the OC Streetcar Project, which is about 70% complete. In Segment 1, the Santa Ana River and Westminster bridges are substantially complete with the placement of concrete plinths and rails. He said the project reached a significant milestone with the completion of structural steel erection at the maintenance and storage facility (MSF) on May 10, 2022. In segment 4, the contractor worked extended hours so the westbound lane of Bush Street to French Street could reopen traffic as of June 9, 2022. Progress was also made on the French Street Platform and Sycamore Street Platform with the installation of overhead contact system foundations and poles. On segment 2B, all eight segments of the Eastbound track have already been poured by utilizing a modified track slab design. Upcoming construction includes preparation for track installation on Santa Ana Boulevard eastbound from Bristol Street to Flower Street, and Mortimer Street to Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center. Jim said cars 1-7 are in the final stages of manufacturing.

Tresa Oliveri said the second quarter outreach efforts included the continuation of construction notifications, expansion of the Eat Shop Play program, and a return to in-person public outreach meetings. OCTA staff led multiple presentations downtown, answering questions and addressing concerns. She said there has been extensive grassroots and door-to-door outreach to communicate individual elements of the project. OCTA worked with a local Spanish radio station to promote the Eat Shop Play program which has grown to more than 90 participants. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

### Committee Member Comments:

David Wheeler asked how many vehicles OCTA will have. Jim said there are eight, six of which will be running at one time. Derek McGregor asked if the project is on schedule. Jim said the project is behind schedule and the time of completion is projected to be spring of 2024. Damon Tordini asked if utility disruptions are complete. Jim said the water line disruptions are complete and the power outages are from projects Southern California Edison is working on.

## **10. Update Reports**

- Government Affairs – Alexis Leicht said OCTA has a sponsor bill this year that is helping secure ongoing funding for our free and reduced fare programs through Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). She said we have a revised budget that was agreed upon by the administration which is 15 billion in transportation funding for the state of California.
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee – Paul Adams said we are getting a lot of input from the cities regarding e-bikes. He said Kris Hewkin gave a recap of Bike Month and there is a comprehensive presentation online. He encouraged members of the CAC to join the subcommittee.
- Marketing – Ryan Maloney said a website with safe e-bike riding tips was launched. He said Orange Coast College was added to the College Pass Program as the final community college in OC to sign up. He added that September is OCTA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of bus service.
- Staff Liaison – Christina Byrne invited the CAC to an SR-55 groundbreaking on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **11. Public Comments**

No public comments.

## **12. Committee Member Comments**

No committee member comments.

## **13. Adjournment / Next Meeting:**

Chair Lisandro Orozco adjourned. The next meeting will be October 18, 2022.

**Citizens Advisory Committee  
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>7/19/22</b>	<b>10/18/22</b>	<b>1/17/23</b>	<b>4/18/23</b>
Adam Wood	●			
Amelia Castro	⊙			
Damon Tordini	●			
Dan Kalmick	●			
Daniel Soper	●			
David Wheeler	●			
Deepak Krishan	⊙			
Derek McGregor	●			
Dianne Thompson	●			
Eddie Marquez	⊙			
Frank Murphy	⊙			
Jamey Federico	⊙			
Jeff Thompson	⊙			
Jim Cunneen	●			
John Kinney	●			
Karalee Darnell	●			
Kunal Mittal	⊙			
Laurel Reimer	⊙			
Lisandro Orozco	●			
Manny Escamilla	●			
Marc Vukceovich	●			
Marie Laveaga	⊙			
Mark Paredes	⊙			
Mary Ann Remnet	<b>N/A</b>			
Meredith Chillemi	●			
Nick Polichetti	●			
Paul Adams	●			
Pete Hardin	⊙			
Randy Styner	⊙			
Roy Shahbazian	●			
Steve Kozak	⊙			
Tyler Holst	●			