



ORANGELINE HIGH SPEED MAGLEV

ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, CA 90723

Buffet Dinner – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call and Introduction of Attendees
4. Public Comments
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2008
6. Appointment of Authority Vice Chair
7. Report on Southern California Association of Governments approval of 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and related items; consider possible action
8. Report on action taken by the City Council of the City of Glendale to become a member of the Orangeline Development Authority
9. Approval of Warrant Register
10. Communication Items to the Authority Board
11. Communication Items from the Authority Board
12. Adjournment – Next meeting June 11, 2008

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

City of Downey Councilman and Board Chair Kirk Cartozian called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Chair reported a change in the order of the Agenda. Item 9 (Closed Session) would be postponed until after Item 12 (Communication Items from the Authority Board).

The Chair welcomed back Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos Councilmember and Steve Hofmeyer, City of Paramount Councilmember.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Perfitt, City of Downey, led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

Board Members:

Kirk Cartozian – Authority Chair, Councilmember, City of Downey
Frank Gurulé – Vice Mayor, City of Cudahy
W. Michael McCormick – Councilmember, City of Vernon
Tony Lima – Councilmember, City of Artesia
Steve Hofbauer – Councilmember, City of Palmdale
Daryl Hofmeyer – Councilmember, City of Paramount
Scott Larsen – Councilmember, City of Bellflower
Maria Davila – Councilmember, City of South Gate
Bruce Barrows – Vice Mayor, City of Cerritos
Marsha McLean – Councilmember, City of Santa Clarita
John Noguez – Councilmember, City of Huntington Park
Ana Rosa Rizo – City of Maywood

Others:

Dorothy King – Councilmember, City of Bellflower
Albert Perdon – Executive Director, Orangeline Development Authority
Sharad Mulchand – Transportation Planning Manager, MTA
Yvette Abich – Legal Counsel, Colantuono & Levin
Ron Bates – City Manager, City of South Gate
Dean Grose – Councilmember, City of Los Alamitos
Troy Edgar – Councilmember, City of Los Alamitos
Eduardo Vega – City of Cerritos
Greg Nord – Orange County Transportation Authority
Rory Burnett – City of Vernon
John Perfitt – City of Downey
Steve Lefever – City of South Gate
Maria Shafer – Minute Secretary
Ian Pari – City of Santa Clarita

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City of Downey Councilman and Board Chair Kirk Cartozian opened public comments for those in the audience who wished to address the Authority on other than agenda items. There was no response and the public comments section of the meeting was closed.

ITEM 5 - APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2008

MOTION: City of Vernon Councilmember Michael McCormick moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2008 as corrected. City of Palmdale Councilmember Steve Hofbauer seconded the motion, which carried, with City of Cerritos Vice Mayor Bruce Burrows abstaining.

In response to an inquiry from City of Santa Clarita Councilmember McLean, Executive Director Al Perdon reported that the Orangeline High Speed Maglev project is in the Los Angeles Metro Long Range Transportation Strategic Plan. Mr. Perdon will follow up with Member McLean and added an effort is being made to extend the definition of the project from Palmdale to Orange County rather than from Los Angeles to Orange County.

Item 6 - RECOGNITION OF LOS ALAMITOS CITY COUNCILMEMBERS TROY EDGAR AND DEAN GROSE AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICE CHAIR

Board Chair Cartozian reported that the City of Los Alamitos is no longer an active member of the Board. The Board recognized and commended City of Los Alamitos Councilmembers Troy Edgar and Dean Grose for their enthusiasm and efforts in support of the Orangeline High Speed Maglev project. Members of the Board as well as Mr. Perdon expressed their appreciation to both for their contributions, direction and leadership.

Mr. Edgar acknowledged the support of Mr. Grose and encouraged continued involvement. He addressed the RTP process and expressed appreciation to the Executive Director. He opined the project will be a success and noted that it is getting a lot of momentum, fits the profile for meeting the needs of the corridor and is ahead of its time.

The Chair announced the position of Vice Chair to the Board, vacant and called for nominations.

City of South Gate Councilmember Maria Davila nominated City of Santa Clarita Councilmember Marsha McLean, who expressed appreciation but declined because of her busy schedule.

City of Cudahy Vice Mayor Frank Gurulé nominated City of Vernon Councilmember Mike McCormick. City of Huntington Park Councilmember John Noguez seconded the nomination.

City of Santa Clarita Mayor McLean nominated City of Palmdale Councilmember Steve Hofbauer. However, Mr. Hofbauer respectfully declined.

City of Palmdale Councilmember Hofbauer nominated City of Cerritos Vice Mayor Bruce Burrows.

The Chair reported the item will be brought back for action at the next regular meeting of the Board.

CONSENSUS: Members of the Board concurred to receive and file the report.

ITEM 7 - MARCH 26, 2008 INVESTOR AND DEVELOPER CONFERENCE

Mr. Perdon reported briefly on the recent Investor and Developer Conference and expressed his appreciation for the support of participating Authority Board members and of State Officials. He commended Maryann Maloney and Robert Bower for their work in making the conference a success. Maryann Maloney briefed the Authority Board on the conference.

The Chair noted there was a good turnout from the private community.

Member McLean commented on attending investors and inquired regarding follow up actions to be taken.

Mr. Perdon reported that among the next steps is the development of a formal Request for Proposal.

City of Bellflower Councilmember Scott Larsen introduced City of Bellflower Councilmember Dorothy King.

Ensuing discussion pertained to points of interest from the private community.

Member Larsen stated private investors are looking for appropriate legislation.

Mr. Perdon explained further research is needed and that additional information is being sought. He added that he has been working with Assemblyman Hector de la Torre who supports the project. Mr. Perdon noted the private sector is concerned about risks and rider-ship; who controls the risks and how they can be mitigated.

City of Artesia Councilmember Tony Lima congratulated Member McLean for her presentation as well as City of South Gate Director of Community Development Steve Lefever. He felt the conference was positive and encouraging.

The Chair added that although resources are limited, outreach will continue.

City of Cerritos Vice Mayor Bruce Barrows reported that Dan Dunmoyer, Cabinet Secretary and Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, commented positively that so many cities are working together towards one end. Mr. Barrows stressed the need to have the Governor on board with the project and encouraged Members to reinforce efforts to secure the Governor's support.

ITEM 8 - APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

Brief discussion ensued regarding correction of the records clarifying the Treasurer's Report General Fund ending cash balance.

MOTION: City of Bellflower Councilmember Scott Larsen moved to approve the Warrant Register as prepared by the Director of Finance and recommended for approval by the Treasurer, for the period of March 13, 2008 to April 9, 2008. City of Cudahy Mayor Frank Gurulé seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

ITEM 9 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS DRAFT 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) ADOPTION AND SPECIAL SCAG T&CC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 11, 2008 AT 12:00 NOON; CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION

The Chair introduced the item and stressed the importance of Board Members attending the aforementioned meeting to show support.

It was noted there was enough doubt raised at the last meeting of the SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee to defer taking action to recommend approval of the 2008 RTP; also, minutes from a key SCAG meeting, of value to the Orangeline High Speed Maglev Project, were not available.

Ensuing discussion pertained to stated SCAG staff concerns regarding the Orangeline and why the project should be removed from the RTP, including lack of availability of rights-of-way; also discussed was the need to stay focused on why the cities originally supported the Orangeline High Speed Maglev Project.

Member McLean distributed a list of comments that need to be presented during the meeting by Authority Member Cities.

Brief discussion followed regarding the possibility of SCAG having a quorum at the meeting. The importance of allowing all Member Cities to comment was noted. Discussion continued regarding the differences between the Orangeline High Speed Maglev Project and other projects in the RTP.

Member Larsen suggested the Authority provide responses to questions raised. Member McLean suggested a call from Linda Sanchez's office to the Executive Director of SCAG pointing out that a Federal grant has been awarded to the Orangeline.

The Chair called for each Member City to have a representative at the upcoming SCAG meeting.

Member McLean noted that OCTA raised concerns about the Orangeline based on the report of a single OCTA staff member; she noted that the Orangeline project was analyzed by fourteen different cities and by the Authority's development partner, the ARCADIS Team.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of an ARCADIS representative attending or providing a written comment to SCAG. The importance of providing to SCAG the credentials for ARCADIS was noted.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS TO THE AUTHORITY BOARD

Mr. Perdon reported receiving a letter from the City of Huntington Beach requesting to be withdrawn as a supporting agency; their City Council had not considered the project for quite some time since the City Council originally took an action endorsing the initial Orangeline project studies. The letter included an invitation for the Authority to make a presentation to the City Council. He added that, despite the concerns that have been raised by OCTA, there is considerable interest among Orange County cities in the Orangeline High Speed Maglev Project.

Mr. Edgar pointed out the letter was sent by a member of OCTA and SCAG and not the result of City Council action. He noted that OCTA is driving a wedge between Orange County cities and the Authority and suggested press comments after SCAG action be taken into account.

Member McLean suggested the issues need to be framed clearly, that a script be written and that the position is that the entire project must stay in the financially constrained Regional Transportation Plan.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS FROM THE AUTHORITY BOARD

City of South Gate Councilmember Maria Davila announced her City has a new Mayor and Vice Mayor and the City is very supportive of the project.

City of Bellflower Councilmember Scott Larsen reported he will arrange for an alternate to attend the upcoming SCAG meeting if he is unable to go.

City of Cudahy Vice Mayor Frank Gurulé reported that Cudahy has a new Mayor and that he is the new Vice Mayor.

City of Cerritos Vice Mayor Bruce Barrows commented on the upcoming election regarding Proposition 98. He suggested that the Authority also take a position against the proposition.

Member McLean announced an upcoming fundraiser reception by the League of California Cities supporting Proposition 99.

City of Huntington Park Councilmember John Noguez announced an upcoming gathering to introduce, John A Perez, candidate to the 46th Assembly District. He suggested that the Authority have a display table regarding the Orangeline High Speed Maglev Project.

The Chair announced a presentation will be made on April 15, 2008 before the City Council of the City of Glendale, which will be considering a possible action approving membership of the City of Glendale in the Authority; he encouraged Board Members to attend.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel: Initiation of Litigation (Government Code sec. 54956.9(c): One (1) Case

The general assembly recessed at 8:14 p.m. It reconvened at 8:45 p.m. It was noted there were no reportable actions taken during the Closed Session of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Orangeline Development Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

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TO: Members of the Orangeline Development Authority

FROM: Kirk Cartozian, Chair

DATE: May 14, 2008

SUBJECT: Appoint Vice Chair

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority Board considers appointment of one of its members to fill the position of Vice Chair.

DISCUSSION

The Vice Chair position is currently vacant. The Vice Chair serves the functions of the Chair if the Chair is not available to carry out the duties. It is recommended that the Authority Board considers appointment of a Vice Chair.

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TO: Members of the Orangeline Development Authority

FROM: Albert Perdon, Executive Director

DATE: May 14, 2008

SUBJECT: Report on Southern California Association of Governments approval of 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and related items; consider possible action

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority Board considers the oral report by Chairman Cartozian and considers possible actions.

DISCUSSION

At its meeting of May 8, 2008, the Southern California Association of Governments adopted the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan in the City of Ontario. The Chair will provide an oral report on the action taken and on the related events leading up to and following the Regional Council decision.

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FROM: Albert Perdon, Executive Director

DATE: May 14, 2008

SUBJECT: Report on action taken by the City Council of the City of Glendale to become a member of the Orangeline Development Authority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority Board reviews the oral report.

DISCUSSION

At its meeting of April 13, 2008, the City Council of the City of Glendale approved a motion for the City of Glendale to join and become an active member of the Orangeline Development Authority.

A delegation of Authority Board members, led by Authority Board Chair Kirk Cartozian, attended the meeting and encouraged the City to become a member of the Authority.

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TO: Members of the Orangeline Development Authority
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DATE: May 14, 2008
SUBJECT: Warrant Register

RECOMMENDATION

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ATTACHMENT:

- 1. Warrant Register for April 10, 2008 through May 14, 2008 (will be provided at the Board meeting).

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