

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

City of Cerritos Mayor and Authority Board Chair Bruce Barrows called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City of Bellflower Councilmember Scott Larsen led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

Authority Board Members:

Bruce Barrows – Authority Chair, Mayor, City of Cerritos
Marsha McLean – Authority Vice Chair, Councilmember, City of Santa Clarita
Tony Lima – Mayor Pro Tem, City of Artesia
Scott Larsen – Councilmember, City of Bellflower
Frank Gurulé – Vice Mayor, City of Cudahy
Luis Marquez – Councilmember, City of Downey
Ana Rizo – Councilmember, City of Maywood
Daryl Hofmeyer – Councilmember, City of Paramount
Bill DeWitt – Mayor, City of South Gate
Maria Davila – Councilmember, City of South Gate
Mike McCormick – Councilmember, City of Vernon
Richard Malsano – Councilmember, City of Vernon

Others:

Art Gallucci – City Manager/Interim Executive Director – City of Cerritos/OLDA
Sharad Mulchand – Transportation Planning Manager, MTA, L.A. County
Ron Bates – City Manager, City of South Gate
Rory Burnett – Finance Director, City of Vernon
Jack Joseph – GCCOG
Mark Hunter – Administrative Analyst, City of Santa Clarita
Oscar Magaña – Guest, City of Maywood
Pamela Mendoza, Administrative Assistant, City of Cerritos
Maria Shafer – Minute Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City of Cerritos Mayor and Board Chair Bruce Barrows 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 portion of the meeting was closed.

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ITEM 5 – APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2009 AND MARCH 11, 2009

MOTION: City of Bellflower Councilmember Larsen moved to approve the minutes from the meetings of February 11, 2009 and March 11, 2009, as submitted. City of South Gate Councilmember Davila seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

ITEM 6 – APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTERS AND TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 11, 2009 AND MARCH 12, 2009 THROUGH APRIL 8, 2009

MOTION: City of Bellflower Councilmember Larsen moved to approve the Warrant Registers and Treasurer's Reports for: February 12, 2009 through March 11, 2009 and March 12, 2009 through April 8, 2009. City of Artesia Mayor Pro Tem Lima seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

ITEM 7 – OC/LA INTERCOUNTY TRANSPORTATION STUDY, CONCEPTUAL ALTERNATIVES REPORT

Mr. Gallucci noted the information being reported is what has transpired between Los Angeles and Orange County and what OLDA is doing in collecting information as it relates to the study and keeping the Board involved on issues as it relates to the study. OLDA is very cognizant of the issues due to the fact that Orange County has different concerns than OLDA does as it relates to the study. Orange County is more interested in busses.

He added that OLDA is looking to have a study by OCTA, MTA and the Orangeline collectively to provide an analysis.

The Chair referenced recent meetings held by the OCTA who wants to set up a subcommittee and it was mentioned the Orangeline has the ability to participate as any resident would. He added it was important to have the Orangeline included and also noted the importance of exerting influence on Supervisors to make sure that MTA and SCAG will adhere to what has been agreed (i.e., remaining technology neutral).

Discussion followed regarding ridership and cost figures used in the analysis, which is not favorable to OLDA.

Mr. Gallucci reported meeting with Supervisor Knabe recently to discuss the Orangeline and the project being technology-neutral. The latter was a key point which is allowing Supervisor Knabe to look at the Orangeline differently. Supervisor Knabe indicated he was pleased with that change in the Orangeline position. He also indicated he is looking to assist in other areas including how he can help OLDA in getting the money owed by the MTA. Mr. Gallucci encouraged appropriate Member Cities to contact Supervisor Knabe in support of OLDA.

Discussion followed regarding the need for a conditional contract regarding the Pacific Electric right-of-way on the Los Angeles County side that can be used as collateral in discussions in Washington, D.C. The Chair noted that until OLDA has some part of the right-of-way, it will be difficult to obtain Federal funding.

Ensuing discussion pertained to the importance of continuing to be technology-neutral, doing a joint study with the MTA and OCTA and the need to move forward; not wait for a study, but make a case before all the money is gone.

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The Chair suggested making a motion to have the Orangeline included in studies between the MTA and OCTA. Vice Chair McLean noted the importance of becoming more involved in their meetings.

Discussion followed regarding appealing to the new Executive Director of the MTA, scheduling a meeting with a few Board Members, and continuing to work with MTA officials.

MOTION: City of Vernon Councilmember McCormick moved to direct staff to formerly ask the OCTA for the Orangeline Development Authority be included as a participating entity in their report; and ask for a meeting for Mr. Gallucci and the new Executive Director of the MTA and ask for their support and help in obtaining money owed to OLDA. City of Bellflower Councilmember Larsen seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

Brief discussion followed regarding continuing to work with MTA officials.

ITEM 8 – IMPACT AND UPDATE – ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDING

Mr. Gallucci introduced the item and deferred to GCCOG Representative Jack Joseph for a report.

Mr. Joseph presented an oral report on the status of Economic Stimulus funding including the Orangeline Earmark, Measure R and the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Inter-County Feasibility.

He reported the MTA has placed in its fiscal year 2009/2010 budget, the funds to match OCTA for the inter-county study.

Brief discussion followed regarding the amount of money involved and working on getting the City of Santa Ana to join OLDA which may be an encouragement to the OCTA to start participating.

Mr. Joseph reported the old Federal earmark has been in the State Transportation Improvement Fund for several years with the MTA as the sponsoring agency. He added the MTA did that as a "place holder" because OLDA does not qualify to have a master agreement with Caltrans which is necessary in order for the Federal funds to flow from the State to a local agency. Caltrans needs to know there is a source of funds that the State can tap into in the event there are disallowed costs. The OLDA exists on volunteer contributions by its Member Cities and that has been a hang up in getting a master agreement.

He added the MTA would remain as the project sponsor and guarantor to the State in exchange for taking responsibility for Federal reporting and retaining 5% of the funds to cover administrative funds. In turn, the MTA would enter into a sub-agreement with one of the Member Cities to implement the project.

Discussion followed regarding the Authority versus another city being the signator and entering into an agreement by the MTA to take sponsorship of the project.

MOTION: City of Downey Councilmember Marquez moved to authorize Interim Executive Director Gallucci to enter into an agreement with the MTA. City of Bellflower Councilmember Larsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Joseph continued presenting a status update on Measure R. He reported the MTA Board is looking to advance an MTA policy motion that would free up planning funds to do early feasibility studies on this and other projects scheduled for later implementation. In particular, MTA is looking at forming private/public partnerships involving alternative technology.

Discussion followed regarding working with new Executive Director of the MTA and other representatives to encourage participation with OLDA.

MOTION: City of Bellflower Councilmember Larsen moved to direct staff to contact the Executive Director of the MTA and other appropriate representatives to ask for their help in supporting OLDA for Measure R funds. City of Cudahy Vice Mayor Gurulé seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

Brief discussion followed regarding setting a meeting with MTA Executive Director Diane DuBois to get her support.

ITEM 9 – REVISION OF ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LETTERHEAD

Examples of the proposed new letterhead and language for OLDA were presented for review and discussion. City of Cerritos Administrative Assistant Mendoza presented examples of current and proposed letterheads, highlighting the changes made.

Discussion followed regarding the various options presented, the future possibility of renaming the Authority and the addressed used for the Orangeline Development Authority.

MOTION: City of Maywood Councilmember Rizo moved to approve the letterhead and language suggested in Attachment 3 of the Agenda Report dated April 8, 2009. City of Cudahy Vice Mayor Gurulé seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

ITEM 10 – CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT TO RETAIN A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST IN REVIEWING AND SECURING FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE MONIES AVAILABLE FOR THE INTERCITY HIGH SPEED RAIL SERVICE

Interim Executive Director Gallucci introduced the item and requested the opportunity to enter into a contract for a maximum of \$10,000 to retain a consultant (Commonwealth Research Associates, LLC) to assist in reviewing and securing Federal funding from the monies available for the intercity high speed rail service in Washington, D.C.

The Chair provided a brief background on the qualifications of Chris Brady, President of Commonwealth Research Associates.

MOTION: City of Artesia Mayor Pro Tem Lima moved to approve the Interim Executive Director's request to enter into a contract with Commonwealth Research Associates, LLC, for a maximum of \$10,000 to assist the Orangeline in obtaining Federal funding and establish contacts in Washington, D.C.

ITEM 11 – AN INFORMATION REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING RECENT FUNDING REQUESTS SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD RELATING TO FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDING

Mr. Gallucci reported submitting an application for \$2 million on behalf of OLDA without prior approval and asked for approval subsequent to the application.

MOTION: City of Bellflower Councilmember Larsen moved to approve the submittal of an application for \$2 million on behalf of OLDA by the Interim Executive Director. City of South Gate Councilmember Davila seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

Mr. Gallucci then requested permission to apply for \$15 million for an EIR study.

MOTION: City of Bellflower Councilmember Larsen moved to approve submittal of an application for \$15 million, by Interim Executive Director Gallucci on behalf of OLDA, for an EIR study. City of Artesia Mayor Pro Tem Lima seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

ITEM 12 – CONSIDERATION OF A MEETIG LOCATION FOR FUTURE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETINGS

Discussion followed regarding locations for future Orangeline Development Authority Board meetings.

City of Vernon Councilmember McCormick reported the availability of a venue for the next meeting of the Authority.

Brief discussion followed regarding trying the venue in Vernon.

CONSENSUS: Members of the Orangeline Development Authority concurred to schedule the next meeting of the Board in the City of Vernon.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

City of Bellflower Councilmember Larsen reported the City of Bellflower recently asked outside service providers to decrease their fees by 5% and suggested the Board do the same.

It was noted that hours for the General Counsel have already been decreased.

CONSENSUS: Members of the Board concurred to request outside service providers to decrease their fees to the Board by 5%.

In response to an inquiry by City of Downey Councilmember Marquez, the Chair provided a status update the retention of an Executive Director for the Board. He reported that the goal is to make a recommendation by the next Board meeting.

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COMMUNICATION ITEMS TO THE BOARD

The Chair presented a short video regarding demonstrating the noise level benefits of the Maglev in comparison with automobile traffic and rail. He also provided an update of a recent visit by Board Members to General Atomics in San Diego.

Brief discussion followed regarding the possibility of scheduling another trip to General Atomics for Members who were unable to attend the recent visit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Orangeline Development Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary

Chair

Approved: May 13, 2009