



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 16, 2018

TO: CITY COUNCIL / CITY MANAGER

FROM: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL HARBOR BOULEVARD TRANSIT CORRIDOR
STUDY

SUMMARY

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) staff will provide the City Council with a presentation on the Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Corridor Study (Harbor Study) including background on the study and its results to date.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

DISCUSSION

In August 2015, OCTA initiated the Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Corridor Study to analyze transit options in the Harbor Boulevard corridor. This study evaluated twelve conceptual transit alternatives that include a variety of alignment, mode and feature options in order to identify the concepts that offer the most significant transportation benefits and also receive the widest community support. The modes evaluated include: enhanced bus, bus rapid transit, streetcar and rapid streetcar. These transit modes cover a range of implementation costs and ridership levels. The attached OCTA Transit Committee Agenda Package contains a detailed discussion of the study and its findings. The Harbor Study Draft Final Report is available on OCTA's website for the project: www.octa.net/harbordocuments.

As identified by OCTA, the next steps include "offering council presentations to each of the corridor cities to receive comments. The team will continue to work with the corridor cities' staff to identify key issues to be addressed in the next study phase. The Harbor

Boulevard Transit Corridor Study reports will be made available on the study webpage for public review and comment. Input received from the cities, public and stakeholders will be incorporated into the final report and help inform next steps. The feedback received will be reported back to the OCTA Board. The top ranked alternatives have the potential to provide significant transportation benefits and compete well for state and federal funding programs.

As the county transit agency, OCTA cannot move alternatives forward without support from the corridor cities. With Board approval, OCTA staff will be presenting the study results to the local city councils and the stakeholder working group for feedback. If sufficient support develops around a few alternatives, OCTA could recommend those be advanced to the next step of the process, which would be a detailed environmental review.

However, if consensus is not developed, OCTA may need to spend additional time discussing project concerns with cities and refining alternatives to develop sufficient support. OCTA may also consider making lower cost, lower impact transit improvements in the study area which are more under OCTA's direct control."

To facilitate public review of the OCTA material, the City published two press releases on the City website and through social media providing links for the public to obtain more information on the Harbor Study. A link to the Transit Committee Agenda Package was also posted on the City website.

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – PowerPoint Presentation
- Attachment 2 – OCTA Transit Committee Agenda Package, December 14, 2017
- Attachment 3 – Press Release, November 29, 2017
- Attachment 4 – Press Release, January 2, 2018