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*Orange County Transportation Authority
550 South Main Street
Orange, California
June 23, 2021 1:30pm*



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Call to Order

Self-Introductions

1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Technical Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes from the April 28, 2021 meeting.

Regular Items

2. 2022 Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines Update – Alfonso Hernandez

Overview

Measure M2 allocates net revenues for the development of various competitive programs which provide funding for transit, environmental cleanup, and local streets and roads projects. Funding for local streets and roads projects is anticipated to be made available, subject to Board of Directors approval, through a 2022 call for projects for the Regional Capacity Program and Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program. Staff has updated the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines and is seeking direction to advance these proposed revisions to the Orange County Transportation Authority's Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

Recommendation

Recommend for Board of Directors, approval of proposed updates to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines.

Discussion Items

3. Discussion and Potential Distribution of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 Funding – Ben Ku

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 Title IV of Division M, Public Law 116-260, which was signed into law on December 27, 2020, appropriated funding for Highway Infrastructure Programs to mitigate revenue loss due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Orange County Transportation Authority would like Technical Advisory Committee input regarding the potential distribution of funds to local agencies for street and road rehabilitation and maintenance.



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Recommendation

Provide Technical Advisory Committee input to staff regarding the potential distribution of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation funds to local agencies for street and road rehabilitation and maintenance.

4. Transit Supportive Design Guidelines – Kevin Khouri

5. Correspondence

OCTA Board Items of Interest - Please see Attachment A.
Announcements by Email – Please see Attachment B.

6. Committee Comments

7. Caltrans Local Assistance Update

8. Staff Comments

9. Items for Future Agendas

10. Public Comments

11. Adjournment

The Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to convene on the fourth Wednesday of each month, at 1:30 p.m., at OCTA Headquarters



April 28, 2021 Minutes



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Voting Representatives Present:

Shaun Pelletier	City of Aliso Viejo
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Nardy Khan	County of Orange
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Jaime Lai	City of Yorba Linda

Orange County Transportation Authority
550 S. Main Street, Room 09
Orange, CA
April 28, 2021 1:30 PM

Guest Present:

Oliver Luu, Caltrans
Anh Nghiem, Caltrans

Staff Present:

Kia Mortazavi
Kurt Brotcke
Adriann Cardoso
Joe Alcock
Charvalen Alacar
Dustin Sifford
Cynthia Morales

Voting Representatives Absent:

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Nabil S. Henein	City of Buena Park
Doug Dancs	City of Cypress
Hye Jin Lee	City of Fountain Valley
William (Bill) Murray	City of Garden Grove
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The April 28, 2021 meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) TAC was called to order by Vice-Chair Pelletier at 1:30 p.m. and self-introductions were made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stack motioned to approve the OCTA TAC's meeting minutes from the March 24, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Sethuraman seconded the motion and the item was approved with no further discussion.

REGULAR ITEMS

2. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs – March 2021 Semi-Annual Review – Charvalen Alacar

Ms. Alacar provided an overview of proposed project adjustments requests for OCTA's March 2021 Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs (CTFP) Semi-Annual Review.

Ms. Alacar stated that in total, seventy-nine project adjustments were being advanced for TAC, and ultimately OCTA Board consideration and approval. She then provided a brief summary of recommended project adjustment requests, which included:

- 16 project award delays;
- 11 timely-use of funds extensions for CTFP projects;
- 9 timely-use of funds extensions for Local Fair Share allocations;
- 16 timely-use of funds extensions for Senior Mobility Program allocations;
- 10 scope changes;
- 11 transfers of savings;
- 1 cancellation; and
- 5 "other" requests

Ms. Alacar noted that the COVID-19 pandemic, for the third consecutive Semi-Annual Review cycle, continued to impact local jurisdictions abilities to conduct normal business. She also indicated that these impacts were most pronounced in the project delays and timely use of funds extension requests categories. Ms. Alacar also stated that given COVID-19, staff was also proposing an exception to the CTFP Guidelines requirement specifying Project X Tier 1 projects not be granted project award delays.

Mr. Galvez motioned to approve the item, and it was seconded by Ms. Khan. The item passed with no further discussion.



Discussion Item

3. Correspondence

- OCTA Board Items of Interest – Please see Attachment A
- Announcements Sent by Email – Please see Attachment B

4. Committee Comments - No comments

5. Caltrans Local Assistance Update - Oliver Luu

Mr. Luu announced that the deadline to submit allocation and time extension requests for the June, 2021 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting was April 25, 2021 and June 20, 2021 for the August 2021 CTC meeting.

Next, Mr. Luu stated that the new inactive invoicing quarter had begun on April 1, 2021. He stated that if local jurisdictions have inactive invoice(s) on the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) inactive project list, it could result in impacts to project reimbursements. He also stated that the FHWA was considering more punitive measures for local jurisdictions who have continual inactive invoices.

Next, Mr. Luu indicated that Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 10 projects had been approved. He further noted that these projects would be state funded, unlike in previous years, but clarified that project delivery requirements would still be the same as in previous HSIP cycles.

Mr. Luu then stated that the FHWA now requires that Form FHWA-1273, which is part of Exhibit 12-G, be physically included in federal-aid construction contracts.

Mr. Luu then mentioned upcoming Local Assistance trainings including—the Federal Aid Series and Resident Engineer's Academy.

He then concluded by stating that all local jurisdictions are required to comply with all Title VI requirements. He also noted that last month that the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Headquarters released a list of projects with upcoming project end dates (PEDs) and asked that local jurisdictions check Caltrans' website to see if they have any projects that would require PED extensions. He then stated that any work done after the PED would not eligible for reimbursement.

Ms. McWade then asked if there was any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) guidance for local jurisdictions related to water or street components.

Mr. Luu stated that he was not aware of anything, but would follow up.

Ms. Khan inquired if inactive invoices were still a persistent problem. She also asked if there was a list that is sent out to notify local jurisdictions of inactive invoices.



Mr. Luu replied that every quarter formal letters are sent out notifying local jurisdictions with inactive invoices.

Next, Ms. Nghiem provided an overview of recent updates to Active Transportation Program (ATP) Guidelines. She stated that minor scope modifications and non-infrastructure (NI) projects could now be accommodated within the program but would need to be approved by Caltrans. She also provided guidance on how to conduct and report on required counts during the pandemic and clarified that final counts were due 18 days after the conclusion of all project-related activities.

Ms. Nghiem then discussed the ATP Cycle 5 projects and stated that there were no Orange County projects awarded during call. She then referenced the Active Transportation Resource Center webpage and noted that it was both a guide and resource for local jurisdictions as they plan for and implement future active transportation projects.

6. Staff Comments

Mr. Sifford started his presentation by responding to Ms. McWade's previous question on ARPA. He stated that ARPA did not explicitly allow funds to be used on local streets and roads but noted that it was logical to assume that this was included in Congress' intent for the legislation. However, he mentioned that treasury officials would not formally commit to this premise and stated that it was an ongoing issue that OCTA's Government Relations staff was tracking. He also said that the first round of funding was expected to be disbursed on May 12th, but again clarified that as of yet, there had been no guidance or updates on potential funding distributions.

Mr. Sifford then provided an update on California Senate Bill 640 (SB 640), which would allow two or more eligible local jurisdictions to jointly propose projects for Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) local streets and roads projects. He also noted that the bill was fairly clean and straightforward. Mr. Sifford also stated that OCTA did not currently have a position on the bill but mentioned that if this is something that the cities of Orange County plan on using, OCTA could take a support position on the bill.

Ms. McWade asked if there was language in the bill specifying percentage of roadway ownership amongst potential applicant jurisdictions.

Mr. Sifford stated that based on the language of the bill, local jurisdictions have flexibility to partner with any other eligible local jurisdictions to carry out a project. He added that there could potentially be additional strings added by the CTC once guidelines are developed.

Ms. McWade then stated that she was interested in seeing local jurisdictions support SB 640.



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Mr. Galvez asked if Caltrans would be used as a conduit in providing ARPA funds to local jurisdictions.

Mr. Sifford replied that ARPA funding would come directly from the Treasury Department (Treasury) and would flow through a modified version of a housing program directly to cities for eligible uses. He then added that whether or not these funds can be used for local streets and roads will be determined through Treasury Guidance Documents.

Mr. Stack then stated that the cooperation between local jurisdictions, as envisioned by SB 640, was a good thing and could help facilitate improvements between local jurisdictions.

Mr. Sifford replied that OCTA also saw it as a good thing and did not see downside to the additional authority or the ways that local jurisdictions would be using it.

Mr. Alcock then provided an M2 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) ordinance amendment update. He stated that on April 12, 2021, OCTA's Board authorized staff to initiate the process of again amending the M2 Ordinance to extend MOE flexibility, via a proportional share option, for an additional fiscal year. He also stated that a public hearing notice had been issued and stated that OCTA would be conducting a final public hearing on May 24, 2021. Mr. Alcock indicated that if the amendment was finalized by the Board at that meeting, OCTA would then transmit the adopted amendment to local jurisdictions immediately after, and the amendment would become effective 45 days later.

Mr. Alcock then announced that that the M2 Environmental Cleanup Tier 1 call for projects would close on May 6, 2021 at 5:00 pm. He also stated that required M2 eligibility submittals for the first phase of the M2 eligibility cycle, were due to OCTA by June 30, 2021.

Mr. Sethuraman asked if the MOE procedure would be the same as previous year.

Mr. Alcock stated it would be the same as fiscal year 2021, meaning that the proportional share option would be available.

Mr. Sethuraman asked if local jurisdictions would still be required to submit MOE certification forms.

Mr. Alcock replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Sethuraman then asked what OCTA expected to see in December when M2 Expenditure Reports will be due.

Mr. Alcock stated that OCTA will be looking to confirm that local jurisdictions either met the MOE Benchmark dollar amount or the specified MOE proportional share of General Fund Revenue (GFR) as identified in the M2 Eligibility Guidelines.



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Mr. Sethuraman then asked if OCTA was asking local jurisdictions to meet the full MOE requirement in the current fiscal year.

Mr. Alcock replied that for the current fiscal year, local jurisdictions would have the option to meet the MOE Benchmark dollar amount or the proportional share of GFRs option.

There was no further discussion.

7. **Items for Future Agendas – None**
8. **Public comments – None**
9. **The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.**



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Item# 2

2022 Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines Update



June 23, 2021

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Orange County Transportation Authority Staff

Subject: 2022 Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines Update

Overview

Measure M2 allocates net revenues for the development of various competitive programs which provide funding for transit, environmental cleanup, and local streets and roads projects. Funding for local streets and roads projects is anticipated to be made available, subject to Board of Directors approval, through a 2022 call for projects for the Regional Capacity Program and Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program. Staff has updated the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines and is seeking direction to advance these proposed revisions to the Orange County Transportation Authority's Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

Recommendation

Recommend to the Board of Directors, approval of proposed updates to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines.

Background

The Regional Capacity Program (RCP) provides Measure M2 Project O funding for improvements to the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH). The program also provides funding for intersection improvements and other projects to help improve street operations and reduce congestion.

The Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (RTSSP) provides Measure M2 Project P funding for multi-agency, corridor-based signal synchronization throughout Orange County.

These programs allocate funds through a competitive process and target projects that improve traffic by considering factors such as degree of congestion relief, cost effectiveness, and project readiness.

The Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs (CTFP) guidelines serve as the mechanism through which Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) staff administer the RCP and RTSSP, as well as other competitive transit (Projects S, T, and V) and environmental cleanup (Project X) programs. The CTFP Guidelines identify procedures and requirements that local agencies are required to follow to apply for M2 funding and to seek reimbursement following award of funds. These guidelines were first approved by the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) on March 22, 2010 and were most recently updated and approved in January 2021.

Discussion

As part of original CTFP Guidelines approval in 2010, the Board made provisions to modify and adjust the guidelines as needed. In anticipation of Board approval of the 2022 RCP and RTSSP annual call for projects (call) later this year, staff has comprehensively reviewed the Guidelines and made updates to facilitate program administration and the 2022 call.

A general summary of proposed changes is provided below. For a more detailed summary of proposed changes see Attachment A, which provides a table of proposed changes as well as Attachment B, which provides a marked-up version of the Guidelines in track changes format.

Guidelines updates for this call cycle primarily consisted of date changes and updates to reflect a 2022 call, clarifying call funding amounts, and making other minor clarifications, where appropriate. The most significant of the proposed clarifications, and those already presented to the Technical Steering Committee (TSC) include the following:

- Noting that hard copy attachments for preliminary plans, drawings, and specifications must be a minimum size of 11 x 17 inches.
- Updating Pacific Coast Highway Corridor Segmentation for Project P scoring purposes; and
- Adding language to clarify that for Project P applications, which designate OCTA as the lead agency, points for implementation within 12 months cannot be claimed for scoring purposes.

This CTFP guidelines revision also includes a minor change to Chapter 6, Community Based Transit/Circulators, to acknowledge changes that were made by the Board in January 2021 and a link is provided to the staff report which describes the changes. The Chapter 6 changes have no bearing on the proposed 2022 O and P call but are included because this is the first opportunity

to amend the Guidelines, since the Board's most recent actions with regard to the Project V program.

On June 9, 2021 these proposed changes were presented to the TSC and it approved these changes with the following additional modifications, which it requested be considered by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC):

- Revise Project O grading language to specify that, grading outside of Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) Right of Way (ROW) can be considered eligible but will be evaluated by OCTA on a case-by-case basis and must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations). OCTA had amended this language in the previous Guidelines update. However, the TSC requested more specificity, which is now proposed.
- Revise Project P "Current Project Status" scoring criteria to allow a larger group of applications to claim application points for signal retiming. Accordingly, draft language has been added to allow projects previously funded through the Measure M Signal Improvement Program to also receive retiming points.

If these proposed changes are approved by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), they will be advanced to the OCTA Regional Planning and Highways Committee and to the OCTA Board for further consideration as part of staff's request to initiate the 2022 call, which is anticipated to proceed according to the timeline identified below.

- Board authorization to issue call: August 2021
- Application submittal deadline: October 21, 2021
- TSC/TAC Review: February/March 2022
- Committee/Board approval: May 2022

Summary

The CTFP Guidelines serve as the mechanism OCTA uses to administer the RCP and RTSSP as well as other competitive funding programs. In anticipation of a potential 2022 annual call for projects for the RCP and RTSSP programs, staff is seeking approval of proposed modifications to these guidelines. If approved by the TAC, these proposed updates will be submitted to the OCTA RP&H and subsequently to the OCTA Board for review and final approval as part of a 2022 call for projects authorization request later this year.

Attachments

- A. 2022 CTFP Guidelines (Projects O and P) – Proposed Changes List
- B. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs, Guidelines Excerpt,
Proposed Revisions

2022 CTFP Guidelines (Project O and P) – Proposed Changes List				
No.	Chapter	Section	Page No.	Proposed Change
1	Ch. 6	2021 Program Revisions	6-1	<p>Added the following language:</p> <p>2021 Program Revisions On January 25, 2021, the Board authorized the revision of certain Project V program requirements primarily required as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and the need to update several program requirements. These changes focused upon modifying the program’s minimum performance requirements, allowing for annual subsidy escalation, and implementing recent internal audit recommendations. These changes will be fully incorporated into these Guidelines during the next Project V call for projects. However, until that time, for the latest program modifications and requirements, please refer to the January 25, 2021 staff report, which can be found at:</p> <p>https://octa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4748502&GUID=1D11B36F-02B3-4A94-9C8E-C3EE9AB6D275&Options=&Search=</p>
2	Ch. 6	Project Requirements – Operations and Maintenance (O&M)	6-7	<p>Added the following language, “For the for latest OCA Board approved Project V minimum performance standards (approved on January 25, 2021), please see the following link:”</p> <p>https://octa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4748502&GUID=1D11B36F-02B3-4A94-9C8E-C3EE9AB6D275&Options=&Search=</p>
3	Ch. 7	2022 Call for Projects	7-3	<p>Updated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the year for the call for projects to 2022; the call’s funding target language to reflect \$32 million, but also noted that Project O recommendations may be higher or lower depending on the projects submitted; and the three-year programming period (FY22/23 – FY24/25)
4	Ch. 7	Applications	7-4	Noted that local jurisdictions are required to submit both online and hardcopy applications for the 2022 call for projects by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021.
5	Ch. 7	Applications	7-4	Added language to clarify that hardcopy attachments of supporting plans, drawings, and/or specifications must be in a minimum size of 11 x 17 inches.
6	Ch. 7	Additional Information	7-10	Added language to clarify that hardcopy attachments of preliminary plans, if available, should be included in hard copy attachments at a minimum size of 11x17.
7	Ch. 7	Application Review Process	7-13	<p>Updated proposed call schedule to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board authorization to issue call: August 2021 Application submittal deadline: October 21, 2021 TSC/TAC Review: February/March 2022 Committee/Board approval: May 2022
8	Ch.7	Potentially Eligible Items	7-16	<p>Clarified that:</p> <p>Rough grading can be considered eligible, so long as it supports MPAH improvement(s) within the ROW and does not supplant developer (or any other project obligations). Any proposed rough grading outside of the MPAH ROW, will be evaluated by OCTA on a case-by-case basis but must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations).</p>
9	Ch.7	Ineligible Expenditures	7-17	<p>Clarified that:</p> <p>Grading outside of the roadway ROW not related to a TCE or ROW agreement is generally considered ineligible but can be evaluated by OCTA on a case by case basis, but must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations).</p>
10	Ch.7	Selection Criteria, New Facilities, & LOS Improvement	7-21 7-25 7-35 7-46	Updated deadline date for “new” facilities/modeling and alternative analysis methodology requests to September 9, 2021.

2022 CTFP Guidelines (Project O and P) – Proposed Changes List				
No.	Chapter	Section	Page No.	Proposed Change
11	Ch. 7	Ineligible Items	7-31	Clarified that: Grading outside of the roadway ROW not related to a TCE or ROW agreement is generally assumed to be ineligible but can be evaluated by OCTA on a case by case basis, but must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations).
12	Ch. 7	Ineligible Items	7-32	Clarified that: Rough grading can be considered eligible, so long as it supports MPAH improvement(s) within the ROW and does not supplant developer (or any other project obligations). Any proposed rough grading outside of the MPAH ROW, will be evaluated by OCTA on a case-by-case basis but must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations).
13	Ch. 7	Potentially Eligible Items	7-43	Clarified that: Rough grading can be considered eligible, so long as it supports MPAH improvement(s) within the ROW and does not supplant developer (or any other project obligations). Any proposed rough grading outside of the MPAH ROW, will be evaluated by OCTA on a case-by-case basis but must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations).
14	Ch. 7	Ineligible Projects	7-44	Clarified that: Grading outside of the roadway ROW not related to a TCE or ROW agreement is generally assumed to be ineligible but can be evaluated by OCTA on a case by case basis but must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations).
15	Ch. 8	Overview	8-1	Updated the year for call for projects year to 2022
16	Ch. 8	2022 Call for Projects	8-2	Updated the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the year for the call for projects to 2022; and the call's funding target language to reflect \$8 million, but also noted that Project P recommendations may be higher or lower depending on the projects submitted
17	Ch. 8	Applications	8-3	Noted that applications for the 2022 call for projects are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021.
18	Ch. 8	Other Application Materials	8-5	Updated the year to 2022 for the Supplemental Application requirement.
19	Ch. 8	Application Review and Program Adoption	8-8	Updated proposed call schedule to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board authorization to issue call: August 2021 Application submittal deadline: October 21, 2021 TSC/TAC Review: February/March 2022 Committee/Board approval: May 2022
20	Ch. 8	Selection Criteria- Project Scale – Note	8-14 - 8-15	Added the following note: <p>Note: Due to the length of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and the fact that broad portions of it are a Caltrans' owned facility, for project scoring purposes only, the "Percent of Main Corridor Being Retimed" scoring criteria (identified in Table 8-1) can be divided into the four following segments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> San Gabriel River (Los Angeles County Line) to North of Goldenwest Street Goldenwest Street to School State Park South of School State Park to Doheny Park Road South of Doheny Park Road to San Diego County Line <p>If an application is proposed to span two or more segments of PCH the "Percent of Main Corridor Being Retimed" calculation will be based upon the number of signals in the project application divided by total number of signals in the applicable segments.</p>

2022 CTFP Guidelines (Project O and P) – Proposed Changes List				
No.	Chapter	Section	Page No.	Proposed Change
21	Ch. 8	Selection Criteria – Current Project Status - Note	8-15	Added the following note: “Note: Applications that designate OCTA as the lead agency are not eligible to claim implementation within 12 months.”
22	Ch. 8	Table 8-1 Point Breakdown	8-16	Under current project status category revised language to state “Re-timing 75% of prior RTSSP project or Measure M Signal Improvement Program funded project.

Acronyms

CTFP – Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program

OCTA – Orange County Transportation Authority

Board – Board of Directors

O&M – Operations and Maintenance

TSC – Technical Steering Committee

TAC – Transportation Advisory Committee

PCH – Pacific Coast Highway

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Chapter 6 – Community-Based Transit/Circulators (Project V)

2021 Program Revisions

On January 25, 2021, the OCTA Board authorized the revision of certain Project V program requirements primarily required as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and the need to update several program requirements. These changes focused upon modifying the program’s minimum performance requirements, allowing for annual subsidy escalation, and implementing recent internal audit recommendations. These changes will be fully incorporated into these Guidelines during the next Project V call for projects. However, until that time, for the latest program modifications and requirements, please refer to the January 25, 2021 staff report, which can be found at:

<https://octa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4748502&GUID=1D11B36F-02B3-4A94-9C8E-C3EE9AB6D275&Options=&Search=>

Overview

The M2 Project V - Community-Based Transit/Circulators Program establishes a competitive process to enable local jurisdictions to develop community-based local transit services that complement regional transit services and meet needs in areas not adequately serviced by regional transit. Projects must meet specific criteria in order to compete for funding through this program. In addition, local jurisdictions will be required to demonstrate the ability to provide funding match for capital and ongoing local share of O&M using non-OCTA resources. Public-private partnerships are encouraged but not required. However, such efforts need to be applied for by a CTFP eligible local agency. Local jurisdictions are also encouraged to partner with each other.

Regional Transit: Regional Transit services are provided by OCTA, specifically through routes 1 through 99 (and excluding those route sections that perform less than 10 boardings per RVH). Additional information on OCTA routes and schedules can be accessed from OCTA website at www.octa.net.

General Policy Objectives

- To provide community transit service that is safe, clean and convenient.
- To encourage new, well-coordinated, flexible transportation systems customized to each community’s needs.
- To develop local bus transit services such as community-based circulators, shuttles, and bus trolleys that complement regional bus and rail service.
- To meet transportation needs in areas not served by regional transit.

Operations and Maintenance (O&M)

OCTA has established an operating reserve as part of this program that may be used to support the costs of O&M for fixed-route, community shuttles, and seasonal services. The operating reserve is subject to the following requirements:

- Service performance will be evaluated on a quarterly basis. [For the latest OCTA Board approved Project V minimum performance standards \(approved on January 25, 2021\), please see the following link:](#)

<https://octa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4748502&GUID=1D11B36F-02B3-4A94-9C8E-C3EE9AB6D275&Options=&Search=>

The minimum performance standards for fixed-route, community shuttles, and seasonal services are calculated by dividing boardings (B) by the Revenue Vehicle Hour (B/RVH) as detailed in the following table:

Minimum Performance Standards: Fixed-Route, Community Shuttles, and Seasonal Services		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3+
Meet or exceed 6 B/RVH by end of Year 1 ²	Maintain 6 B/RVH each reporting period and; Meet or exceed 10 B/RVH by end of Year 2	Maintain 10 B/RVH each reporting period

- Performance standards for shared ride-hailing services will be determined specifically for each service and may be based on a cost per user, cost per mile, or other applicable performance measure.
- After Year 1, services that perform below the minimum performance standard for two or more reporting periods will be evaluated for cancellation.
- As part of the Project V service, local agencies must develop strategies to measure ridership satisfaction and on-time performance and must achieve an 85% on-time performance on an ongoing basis, and rider satisfaction must be 90% satisfied based on customer surveys.
- Awarded agencies must submit O&M costs and ridership and fare performance data to OCTA on a quarterly basis. The OCTA Transit Committee will be provided with summarized information from these reports on a semi-annual basis.
- The OCTA subsidy allows awarded agencies to be reimbursed on a pro-rata basis, but not to exceed \$9 per boarding/user or 90 percent (90%) of net operating and maintenance costs³ (after deducting fares and non-OCTA subsidies), whichever is

² One year from the first day of operating the Project V funded service

³ Net Operating Costs include Regular and ongoing marketing, but no longer include Initial Marketing Costs to Establish Service.

Chapter 7 – Regional Capacity Program (Project O)

Overview

The RCP (Project O) is a competitive program that will provide more than \$1 billion over a thirty-year period. The RCP replaces the Measure M local and regional streets and roads competitive programs (1991-2011).

Although each improvement category described in this chapter has specific eligible activities, the use of RCP funding is restricted to and must be consistent with the provisions outlined in Article XIX and the California State Controller’s [Guidelines Relating to Gas Tax Expenditures](#) (March 2019). These Guidelines are available at the following link: https://sco.ca.gov/Files-AUD/gas_tax_guidelines31219.pdf.

The MPAH serves as the backbone of Orange County’s arterial street network. Improvements to the network are required to meet existing needs and address future demand. The RCP is made up of three (3) individual program categories which provide improvements to the network:

- The ACE improvement category complements freeway improvement initiatives underway and supplements development mitigation opportunities on arterials throughout the MPAH.
- The ICE improvement category provides funding for operational and capacity improvements at intersecting MPAH roadways.
- The FAST focuses upon street to freeway interchanges and includes added emphasis upon arterial transitions to interchanges.

Projects in the arterial, intersection, and interchange improvement categories are selected on a competitive basis. All projects must meet specific criteria in order to compete for funding through this program.

Also included under the RCP is the Regional Grade Separation Program (RGSP), which is meant to address vehicle delays and safety issues related to at-grade rail crossings. Seven rail crossing projects along the MPAH network were identified by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to receive TCIF. TCIF allocations required an additional local funding commitment. The RGSP captures these prior funding commitments. Future calls for projects for grade separations are not anticipated.

Funding Estimates

Funding will be provided on a pay-as-you go basis. The RCP will make an estimated \$1.1 billion (in 2005 dollars) available during the 30-year M2 program. Programming estimates are developed in conjunction with periodic calls for projects. Funding is shared with intersection, interchange and grade separation improvement categories. No predetermined funding has been set aside or established for street widening.

Programming Approach

Programming decisions are based upon project prioritization ranking, feasibility and readiness. Each round of funding has resulted in a diverse range of activities, cost and competitive score. Funding applications may seek financial assistance for planning, engineering, ROW, construction or a combination of these activities. Effective grant programs include a combination of project development as well as implementation projects. In order to ensure continued distribution of funding opportunities between small and large-scale projects, a tiered funding approach will be used.

Typically, OCTA has made approximately \$32 million available for each RCP (Project O) programming cycle. Category 1 projects are limited to those projects requesting \$5 million or less. Category 2 projects are defined as those requesting more than \$5 million in Measure M2 funds.

Tiered Funding Approach: The two-tiered funding (Tier 1 and Tier 2) approach will only be applicable to the RCP. This approach is proposed to prioritize high scoring projects while providing a balanced program with funding availability for small and large projects. The first tier is for projects scoring 50 points or higher, and the second tier is for all projects after first satisfying the Tier I ranking. Within Tier 1, two categories would be established with 60 percent (60%) (Category 1) of the M2 funds available for smaller projects (requesting \$5 million or less), and 40 percent (40%) (Category 2) of the M2 funds available for larger projects (requesting \$5 million or more). This approach is intended to broaden the distribution of M2 funds to higher scoring/lower cost projects and retain the ability to fund larger projects without placing formal funding caps on allocations. Any M2 funds not programmed in Tier I will be designated for Tier 2 allocation. A funding split between small and large projects is not recommended for Tier 2.

Applications may be for any project phase provided it represents a meaningful, logical terminus and is consistent with scoping from a previously funded project if applicable (i.e., if engineering was previously funded, the ROW and/or construction request must be for the same project scope).

	Category 1 (60%)	Category 2 (40%)
Tier I >=50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 - \$5 million • Score at least 50 points • Logical, standalone project • Unallocated balance shifts to Tier II for programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5+ million request • Score at least 50 points • Logical, standalone project • Unallocated balance shifts to Tier II for programming
Tier II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance of unallocated funds from Tier I prioritization • Request can be of any dollar value to compete in Tier II • Multiple segments of the same project cannot be submitted under both categories. 	

2022 Call for Projects

Contingent on OCTA Board approval, the 2022 Call for Projects (call) for the RCP (Project O) and Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (Project P), will make approximately \$40 million in M2 funds available to support street and roads and signal synchronization improvements across Orange County. The target for this program is \$32 million, but recommendations for Project O may be higher or lower depending on the projects submitted.

Funding will be provided for the three RCP funding programs: ACE, ICE, and FAST. Chapter 7 details the specific program’s intent, eligible project expenditures, ineligible project expenditures, and additional information that may be needed when applying for funds. Each section should be read thoroughly before applying for funding. Application should be prepared for the program that best fits the proposed project.

For this call, OCTA shall program projects for a three-year period (FY 22/23 – 24/25), based upon the current estimate of available funds. For specifics on the funding policies that apply to this call, refer to the Program Precepts as found in Section IV of these guidelines.

Applications

In order for OCTA to consider a project for funding, applications will be prepared by the lead agency. A separate application package must be completed for each individual project. Multiple variations of the same project (i.e. with different local match rates) will not be considered. If funding is requested under multiple program components for a

single project (i.e. arterials and intersections) a separate application must be prepared for each request. OCTA shall require agencies to submit both online and hardcopy applications for the 2022 call for projects by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021**. **Late and/or incomplete submittals will not be accepted.**

Since each funding program has slightly different application requirements, an "Internal Application Checklist Guide" has been provided for the three programs under the RCP (Exhibits 7-1, 7-2, and 7-3). The checklist guide identifies the basic forms and documentation required for each of the program components. In addition, items required at the time of project submittal are differentiated from supplemental items due later. The appropriate **checklist must be provided as a cover sheet for each application submitted**. For any items that are required for the candidate project or program that are missing or incomplete, an explanation should be included in a cover letter with the application. In addition to this checklist guide, please review the **Attachments/Additional Information** section of each program component for a description of supplementary documentation which may be required to support your agency's project application in specific cases.

Additionally, **three (3) unbound hardcopies** of the application and any supporting documentation must be submitted to OCTA by the application deadline. Please note, hardcopies of the supporting plans, drawings and/or specifications are to be in a minimum size of 11 x 17 inches.

Hardcopy applications should be mailed to:

OCTA
Attention: Alfonso Hernandez
600 S. Main Street
P.O. Box 14184 Orange, CA 92863-1584

Hardcopy applications can be hand delivered to:

600 S. Main Street
Orange, CA 92868

Exhibit 7-1

Arterial Capacity Enhancement (ACE)

CTFP Application Checklist Guide

Planning – Environmental & Engineering

- CTFP Online Application – submitted through OCFundtracker
- Project Description, Scope of Work and Project Limits
- Cost Estimate for Complete Project - ALL PHASES
- General Application Sample Resolution
- ADT Counts and LOS Calculations
- Aerial Photo w/ Proposed Improvements Shown

Right-of-Way

- CTFP Online Application – submitted through OCFundtracker
- Project Description Detail (include plat maps and legal descriptions for proposed acquisitions)
- Detailed right-of-way Acquisition/Disposal Plan using the OCTA provided right-of-way acquisition/disposal plan form available for download at <https://ocfundtracker.octa.net>.
- Cost Estimate for Complete Project - ALL PHASES
 - Estimated right-of-way Cost by Parcel (Land, Improvements Taken, Severance, Goodwill, Incidental Expenses)*
- General Application Sample Resolution
- CEQA Compliance Form (CE, Negative Declaration, EIR)
- Aerial Strip Map w/ Existing and Proposed Improvements Shown
 - Include right-of-way Improvements and Parcels to be Acquired
- Preliminary Construction Layout Plans*
- ADT and LOS Calculations

Construction

- CTFP Online Application – submitted through OCFundtracker
- Project Construction Specifications
- Cost Estimate for Complete Project - ALL PHASES
- General Application Sample Resolution
- CEQA Compliance Form (CE, Negative Declaration, EIR)
- Project Development Documents - Project Report or Materials Report *
- Approved Project Construction Plans*
- ADT and LOS Calculations

NOTE: To qualify for the 10 percent (10%) local match discount for measurable improvement of PCI, please include documentation from the last two PMP biennial Measure M Eligibility submittals that provide average PCI for Overall System.

****Items are due after first application review. OCTA staff will contact you regarding those projects that will require this additional information.***

Exhibit 7-2

Intersection Capacity Enhancement (ICE)

CTFP Application Checklist Guide

Planning – Environmental & Engineering

- CTFP Online Application – submitted through OCFundtracker
- Project Description, Scope of Work and Project Limits
- Cost Estimate for Complete Project - ALL PHASES
- General Application Sample Resolution
- Peak Hour Turning Movement Counts, LOS Calculations, and ADT for each leg of the intersection
- Aerial Photo w/ Proposed Improvements Shown

Right-of-Way

- CTFP Online Application – submitted through OCFundtracker
- Project Description Detail (include plat maps and legal descriptions for proposed acquisitions)
- Detailed right-of-way Acquisition/Disposal Plan using the OCTA provided right-of-way acquisition/disposal plan form available for download at <https://ocfundtracker.octa.net>.
- Cost Estimate for Complete Project - ALL PHASES
 - Estimated right-of-way Cost by Parcel (Land, Improvements Taken, Severance, Goodwill, Incidental Expenses) *
- General Application Sample Resolution
- Peak Hour Turning Movement Counts, LOS/ICU Calculations, and ADT for each leg of the intersection
- CEQA Compliance Form (CE, Negative Declaration, EIR)
- Aerial Strip Map w/ Existing and Proposed Improvements Shown
 - Include right-of-way Improvements and Parcels to be Acquired
- Preliminary Construction Layout Plans*

Construction

- CTFP Online Application – submitted through OCFundtracker
- Project Construction Specifications
- Cost Estimate for Complete Project - ALL PHASES
- General Application Sample Resolution
- Peak Hour Turning Movement Counts, LOS Calculations, and ADT for each leg of the intersection
- CEQA Compliance Form (CE, Negative Declaration, EIR)
- Project Development Documents - Project Report or Materials Report *
- Approved Project Construction Plans*

NOTE: To qualify for the 10 percent (10%) local match discount for measurable improvement of PCI, please include documentation from the last two PMP biennial Measure M Eligibility submittals that provide average PCI for Overall System.

****Items are due after first application review. OCTA staff will contact you regarding those projects that will require this additional information.***

Exhibit 7-3

Freeway Arterial/Streets Transition (FAST)

CTFP Application Checklist Guide

Planning – Environmental & Engineering

- CTFP Online Application – submitted through OCFundtracker
- Project Description, Scope of Work and Project Limits
- Cost Estimate for Complete Project - ALL PHASES
- General Application Sample Resolution
- Peak Hour Turning Movement Counts, LOS Calculations, ADT for arterial and ramp exit volumes
- Caltrans Letter of Support
- Aerial Photo w/ Proposed Improvements Shown

Right-of-Way

- CTFP Online Application – submitted through OCFundtracker
- Project Description Detail (include plat maps and legal descriptions for proposed acquisitions)
- Detailed right-of-way Acquisition/Disposal Plan using the OCTA provided right-of-way acquisition/disposal plan form available for download at <https://ocfundtracker.octa.net>.
- Cost Estimate for Complete Project - ALL PHASES
 - Estimated right-of-way Cost by Parcel (Land, Improvements Taken, Severance, Goodwill, Incidental Expenses) *
- General Application Sample Resolution
- Peak Hour Turning Movement Counts, LOS Calculations, and ADT for each leg of the intersection
- CEQA Compliance Form (CE, Negative Declaration, EIR)
- Aerial Strip Map w/ Existing and Proposed Improvements Shown
 - Include right-of-way Improvements and Parcels to be Acquired
- Preliminary Construction Layout Plans*

Construction

- CTFP Online Application – submitted through OCFundtracker
- Project Construction Specifications
- Cost Estimate for Complete Project - ALL PHASES
- General Application Sample Resolution
- Peak Hour Turning Movement Counts, LOS Calculations, and ADT for each leg of the intersection
- CEQA Compliance Form (CE, Negative Declaration, EIR)
- Project Development Documents - Project Report or Materials Report*
- Approved Project Construction Plans*
- Appropriate agreements between Caltrans and the project lead agency need to be in draft form and/or in place.

NOTE: To qualify for the 10 percent (10%) local match discount for measurable improvement of PCI, please include documentation from the last two PMP biennial Measure M Eligibility submittals that provide average PCI for Overall System.

****Items are due after first application review. OCTA staff will contact you regarding those projects that will require this additional information.***

Attachments

OCFundtracker Application

Agencies must submit a copy of the OCFundtracker application and scoring information with all application submittals. This document is created within the OCFundtracker web-based application.

"Project Cost Estimate" Form

Include a separate attachment listing all expenditures and costs for the project. Accurate unit prices and a detailed description of work, including design, will be critical when the candidate project is reviewed. For example, design applications should include major tasks that will be performed. ROW cost estimate should include parcel information (including project area needed), improvements taken, severance damages, ROW engineering, appraisal and legal costs. Construction should include a listing of all bid items including a maximum 10 percent (10%) allowance for contingencies and a maximum 15 percent (15%) allowance for construction engineering/project management. The anticipated disbursement of costs (e.g., Agency, Other, Non-Eligible) must also be completed. Agencies should reference the program from which funding is expected to be allocated when completing this portion of the form. Each of the funding programs described in these guidelines may have differing matching fund requirements.

If more than one project phase is requested to be funded, a separate project cost estimate form is to be completed for each phase, or each phase must be clearly indicated, and a subtotal prepared on this form. Separate forms should also be prepared if funding for project phases is being requested over multiple fiscal years.

"Sample Resolution" Form

A resolution or minute action must be approved by the local jurisdiction's governing body prior to the Board approval of grant funds. A sample resolution is included as Exhibit 7-4. Local agencies, at a minimum, must include items a-h. The mechanism selected shall serve as a formal request for CTFP funds and states that matching funds will be provided by the agency, if necessary. All project requests must be included in this action. **If a draft copy of the resolution is provided, the local jurisdiction must also provide the date the resolution will be finalized by the local jurisdiction's governing body.**

ROW Acquisition/Disposal Plan

For all projects requesting ROW phase funding, a detailed plan for acquisition/disposal of excess right-of-way, along with any reasonable labor costs expected, must be included. The ROW acquisition/disposal plan and labor cost estimate must be submitted using the

“ROW acquisition/disposal plan” form provided by OCTA and available for download at <https://ocfundtracker.octa.net>.

Project Summary Information

For each application that is recommended for funding, the agency shall submit a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the pertinent project information for TAC review and discussion purposes. The presentation shall be no more than three (3) slides and should contain, at a minimum, a project description, project benefits, location map, and cost estimate. **OCTA staff will request the PowerPoint when/if a project is recommended for funding.**

Pavement Management Supporting Documentation

The M2 Ordinance provides for a 10 percent (10%) reduction in the required local match if the agency can either:

- a. Show measurable improvement of paved road conditions during the previous reporting period defined as an overall weighted (by area) average system improvement of one Pavement Condition Index (PCI) point with no reduction in the overall weighted (by area) average PCI in the MPAH or local street categories;

or

- b. Road pavement conditions during the previous reporting period within the highest 20% of the scale for road pavement conditions in conformance with OCTA Ordinance No. 3, defined as a PCI of 75 or higher, otherwise defined as in “good condition”.

If an agency is electing to take the 10 percent (10%) local match reduction, **supporting documentation indicating either the PCI improvement or PCI scale must be provided.**

Additional Information

The following documentation should be included with your completed project application:

If a project includes more than one jurisdiction and is being submitted as a joint application, one agency shall act as lead agency and must provide a resolution of support from the other agency.

1. Letters of support for the candidate project (optional).
2. Geotechnical\materials reports for all applicable candidate projects (e.g., widening, intersection improvement, new roadway). The reports should contain sufficient detail for an accurate assessment of improvements needed and costs, since funding will be jeopardized if a project is unable to meet proposed schedule and costs.

3. Preliminary plans, if available for the project. The plans (1"=40' preferred) should be included in hard copy attachments at a minimum size of 11 x 17 inches and include:
 - a. Existing and proposed ROW (include plat maps and legal descriptions for proposed acquisitions).
 - b. Agency boundaries, dimensions and station numbers.
 - c. Existing and proposed project features such as: pavement width and edge of pavement, curb, gutter and sidewalk, raised median, driveway reconstruction, signal pole locations, etc.
 - d. Typical cross sections.
 - e. Proposed striping.
 - f. Structural sections per the materials report.
 - g. Proposed traffic signals, storm drains, bridges, railroad crossing improvements, safety lighting, etc.
 - h. If requesting funds for traffic signals, include a traffic signal warrant(s) prepared by the City Traffic Engineer or City Engineer.
 - i. If the project includes construction, relocation, alteration or widening of any railroad crossing or facility, include a copy of the letter of intent sent to the railroad, a copy of which must be sent to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Any project including work of interest to a railroad will not be considered for eligibility until the railroad and PUC have been notified.
 - j. If the project is proposed as a staged project and additional funds will be necessary in subsequent calls for projects, the preliminary project statement should be accompanied with a complete preliminary estimate and schedule for the completion of the entire project.
 - k. If the project is proposed as a safety improvement, provide justifying accident data for the past three years and show the expected decrease in intersection or mid-block accident rate.
4. Current 24-hour traffic counts (taken for a typical mid-week period within the preceding 12-month period) for the proposed segment. Projects submitted without "current counts" will be considered incomplete and non-responsive.

Exhibit 7-4

Sample Resolution for Candidate Orange County Comprehensive Transportation Programs Projects

A resolution of the _____ City Council approving the submittal of _____ improvement project(s) to the Orange County Transportation Authority for funding under the Comprehensive Transportation Program

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____ HEREBY RESOLVES, DETERMINES, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS THAT:

- (a) WHEREAS, the City of _____ desires to implement the transportation improvements listed below; and
- (b) WHEREAS, the City of _____ has been declared by the Orange County Transportation Authority to meet the eligibility requirements to receive M2 "Fair Share" funds; and
- (c) WHEREAS, the City's Circulation Element is consistent with the County of Orange Master Plan of Arterial Highways; and
- (d) WHEREAS, the City of _____ will not use M2 funds to supplant Developer Fees or other commitments;
- (e) WHEREAS, the City/County must include all projects funded by Net Revenues in the seven-year Capital Improvement Program as part of the Measure M2 Ordinance eligibility requirement.
- (f) WHEREAS, the City of _____ will provide a minimum in __% in matching funds for the _____ project as required by the Orange County Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines; and
- (g) WHEREAS, the Orange County Transportation Authority intends to allocate funds for transportation improvement projects, if approved, within the incorporated cities and the County; and
- (h) WHEREAS, the City/County authorizes a formal amendment to the seven-year Capital Improvement Program to add projects approved for funding upon approval from the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors, if necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council of the City of _____ hereby requests the Orange County Transportation Authority allocate funds in the amounts specified in the City's application to said City from the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs. Said funds, if approved, shall be matched by funds from said City as required and shall be used as supplemental funding to aid the City in the improvement of the following street(s):

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL on _____, 20____.

SIGNED AND APPROVED on _____, 20____.

City Clerk

Mayor

*Required language a-h

Application Review Process

OCTA staff will conduct a preliminary review of all applications for completeness and accuracy, request supplemental information (i.e., plans, aerial/strip maps, CEQA forms) for projects that appear to rank well during initial staff evaluations, and prepare a recommended program for the TSC. In addition, OCTA may hire a consultant(s) to verify information within individual applications such as, but not limited to, project scope, cost estimates, ADT and LOS. These applications will be selected through a random process.

The following guidelines will be used in reviewing project applications. Any application that does not meet these minimum guidelines must include an explanation of why the guidelines were not met:

1. The travel lane width should be no less than 11 feet (12 feet if adjacent to a raised median or other obstruction) for all arterial highways.
2. For divided roadways, the minimum median width should be no less than 10 feet to allow for turning movements. Divided roadways are defined as those with either a painted or raised median.
3. Arterial highways that are designated for uses in addition to automobile travel (e.g., bicycle, pedestrian, parking) shall provide additional ROW consistent with local jurisdiction standards to facilitate such uses.
4. An eight-lane roadway should provide for a continuous median, protected dual or single left-turn pockets as warranted at signalized intersections, single left-turn pockets at non-signalized intersections, and a right-turn lane at signalized intersections where determined necessary by traffic volumes. ROW for a free right-turn lane should be provided at locations warranted by traffic demand.
5. A six-lane divided roadway should provide a continuous median, protected dual or single left-turn pockets as warranted by existing traffic at all signalized intersections, and single left-turn pockets at non-signalized intersections. A right-turn option lane should also be provided as warranted by traffic demand.
6. A four-lane divided roadway should provide a continuous median, protected dual or single left-turn pockets at all signalized intersections, and a left-turn pocket at all non-signalized intersections. A right-turn lane should also be provided as warranted by traffic demand.
7. A four-lane undivided roadway shall provide for a single left-turn pocket at all intersections as warranted by traffic demand.

Applications will be reviewed by OCTA for consistency, accuracy and concurrence. Applications determined complete in accordance with the program requirements will be

scored, ranked and submitted to the TSC, TAC and Board for consideration and funding approval.

Local agencies awarded funding will be notified as to which projects have been funded and from what sources after the Board takes action. A tentative call schedule is detailed below:

Board authorization to issue call: August 202¹

Application submittal deadline: October 2¹, 202¹

TSC/TAC Review: February/March 202²

Committee/Board approval: May 202²

Funding

M2 RCP (Project O) funding will be used for this call.

The CTFP Guidelines include a provision that allows applicants to request ROW and/or construction funding prior to completion of the planning phase (including final design) provided that the phase is underway, substantially complete and the agency will complete the activities within six months of the start of the new phase programmed year. **A thorough review of eligible activities is not always possible during the call for projects evaluation period. As a result, it is possible that cost elements contained within an application and included in a funding recommendation may ultimately be deemed ineligible for program participation. The applicant is responsible for ensuring projects are implemented according to eligible activities contained within the program guidelines.**

Arterial Capacity Enhancements (ACE)

Overview

The MPAH serves as the backbone of Orange County's arterial street network. Improvements to the network are required to meet existing needs and address future traffic demand. The ACE improvement category complements freeway improvement initiatives underway, supplements development mitigation activities and enables improvements based upon existing deficiencies.

Projects in the ACE improvement category are selected on a competitive basis. Projects must meet specific criteria in order to compete for funding through this program.

Objectives

- Complete MPAH network through gap closures and construction of missing segments
- Relieve congestion by providing additional roadway capacity where needed
- Provide timely investment of M2 Revenues
- Leverage funding from other sources

Project Participation Categories

The ACE category provides capital improvement funding (including planning, design, ROW acquisition and construction) for capacity enhancements on the MPAH for the following:

- Gap closures – the construction of a roadway to its full MPAH build-out for the purpose of connecting two existing ends of that roadway by filling in a missing segment or for completing the terminus of an MPAH roadway. This applies to increased roadway capacity only as it relates to vehicular traffic.
- Roadway widening where additional capacity is needed
- New roads / extension of existing MPAH facility

Eligible Activities

- Planning, environmental clearance
- Design
- ROW acquisition
- Construction (including curb-to-curb, lighting, drainage, etc.)

Potentially Eligible Items

Below is a list of potentially eligible items. However, final determination of the eligibility of all project related costs will be made at the time of reimbursement. Prior to the submittal of an application for funding, or at any point in the project life cycle, local agencies may meet with OCTA staff to review the eligibility of project related costs.

Application review and approval does not guarantee the eligibility of all items.

- Direct environmental mitigation for projects funded by ACE (subject to limitations identified in precepts)
- Storm drains/catch basins/detention basins/bioswales/other pollutant discharge mitigation devices
- Sound walls (in conjunction with roadway improvement mitigation measures)
- Aesthetic improvements including landscaping within the project ROW (eligible improvements up to 10 percent (10%) of construction costs, provided costs are reasonable for the transportation benefit)
- ITS infrastructure (advance placement in anticipation of future project)
- Rehabilitation and/or resurfacing of existing pavement when necessitated by proposed improvement (such as change in profile and cross section)
- Improvements to private property if part of a ROW settlement agreement
- Utility relocation where the serving utility has prior rights as evidenced by a recorded legal document
- Roadway grading within the ROW (inclusive of any TCE and/or ROW agreement related improvements) should not exceed a depth for normal roadway excavation (e.g. structural section). Additional grading will be considered on a case by case basis. Agencies shall provide supporting documentation (e.g. soils reports, ROW agreements) to justify the additional grading.
- Additional ROW to accommodate significant pedestrian volumes or bikeways shown on a Master Plan of Bikeways or in conjunction with the "Complete Streets" effort. These will be considered for eligibility on a case by case basis during the application process.
- Installation of a pedestrian activated traffic signal where necessitated by pedestrian traffic warrants or other engineering criteria.

Environmental mitigation will be allowed only as required for the proposed roadway improvement, and only as contained in the environmental document. Program participation in environmental mitigation shall not exceed 25 percent (25%) of the total eligible construction costs.

Longitudinal storm drains are eligible for program participation when the storm drain is an incidental part (cost is less than 25 percent (25%) of the total eligible construction cost) of an eligible improvement. Program participation shall not exceed 10 percent (10%) of the cost of storm drain longitudinal/parallel and main lines. Storm drain inlets, connectors, laterals and cross culverts shall have full participation in ACE Program funding. Storm drains outside standard MPAH ROW widths are not eligible, excluding catch basins within reasonable distance and in general proximity to a project intersection (e.g. within ten feet of the curb return). Catch basins and drainage systems extending into adjacent areas (including public streets) shall not be eligible past the first catch basin designated by aforementioned criteria.

The relocation of detention basins/bioswales are potentially eligible dependent on prior rights and will be given consideration on a case by case basis (see utility relocations below).

Soundwalls are eligible only if they are required as part of the environmental mitigation for the proposed project and the Measure M contribution to the cost of soundwalls shall not exceed 25 percent (25%) of the total eligible construction costs. Aesthetic enhancements and landscaping in excess of minimum environmental mitigation requirements are subject to limitations described in this section above.

Roadway grading is eligible for structural sections if within the standard MPAH cross section for the facility (inclusive of any TCEs). Rough grading can be considered eligible, so long as it supports MPAH improvement(s) within the ROW and does not supplant developer (or any other project obligations). Any proposed rough grading outside of the MPAH ROW, will be evaluated by OCTA on a case-by-case basis but must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations).

Utility Relocations

The expenses associated with the relocation of utilities are eligible for RCP reimbursement only when all conditions listed below have been met:

- The relocation is made necessary due to conflict with proposed improvements.
- The facility to be relocated is within the project right-of-way.
- It has been determined that the local agency is legally liable for either a portion of or all of the relocation costs.

Liability can be determined by property rights, franchise rights/agreements, state and local statutes/ordinances, permits, a finding by the local agency's counsel, or other recorded legal document. Documentation providing proof of the local agency's liability for the costs of utility relocation must be submitted with an initial payment request (see Chapter 9). Utilities funded through enterprise funds shall not be eligible for reimbursement.

If a relocation is eligible to be reimbursed, and to be performed by the utility owner or by the utility owner's contractor, the work should be included in the ROW phase costs and clearly identified in the project application submittal. For eligible relocations to be performed during the construction phase by the local agency's contractor, the work should be included in the plans and specifications similar to other construction activities. Adjustment of existing utilities to grade (e.g. water valves, manhole frames and covers), due to new roadway cross sections are not eligible in the construction phase subject to the limitations previously described. New or relocated fire hydrants are ineligible.

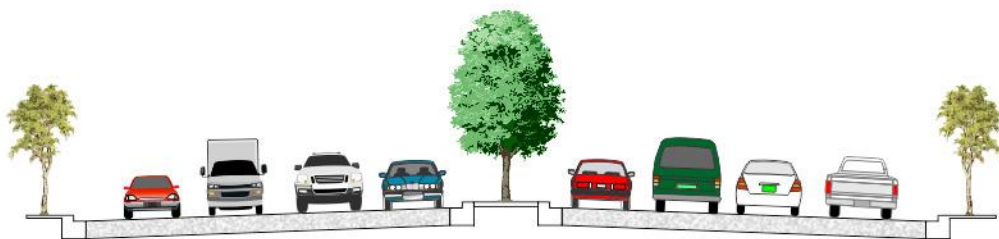
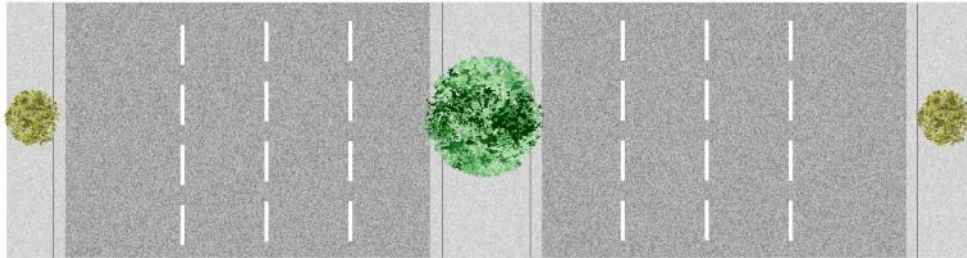
In all cases, eligible costs shall only include "in-kind" relocation. No reimbursements will be made for betterments above the cost of "in-kind" relocation. Additionally, costs submitted for program reimbursement must include any salvage credits received.

Ineligible Expenditures

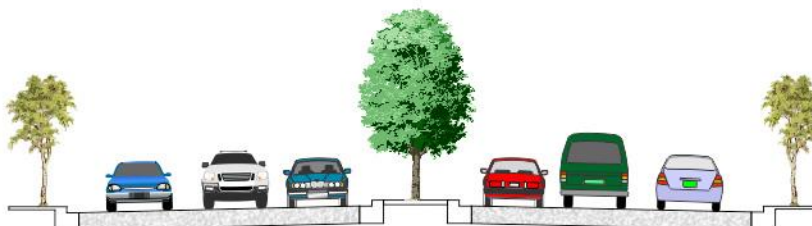
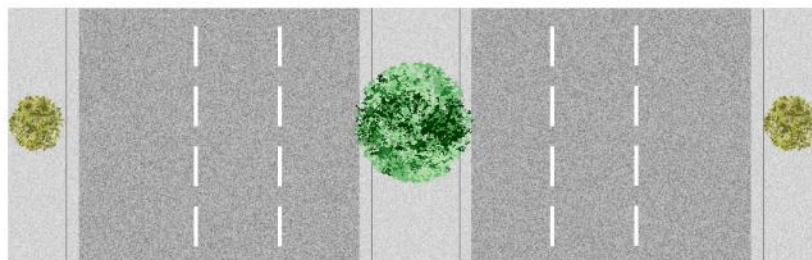
Items that are not eligible under the ACE Program are:

- Grading outside of the roadway ROW not related to a TCE or ROW agreement is generally considered ineligible but can be evaluated by OCTA on a case by case basis, but must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations).
- Rehabilitation (unless performed as component of capacity enhancement project)
- Reconstruction (unless performed as component of capacity enhancement project)
- Grade Separation Projects
- Enhanced landscaping, aesthetics and gateway treatments (landscaping that exceeds that necessary for normal erosion control and ornamental hardscape)
- ROW acquisition and construction costs for improvements greater than the typical ROW width for the applicable MPAH Roadway Classification. (See standard MPAH cross sections in Exhibit 7-5) Where full parcel acquisitions are necessary to meet typical ROW requirements for the MPAH classification, any excess parcels shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of these guidelines, State statutes as outlined in Article XIX and the California State Controllers Guidelines Relating to Gas Tax Expenditures.
- Utility Betterments
- Construction of new utilities

Exhibit 7-5 Standard MPAH Cross Sections

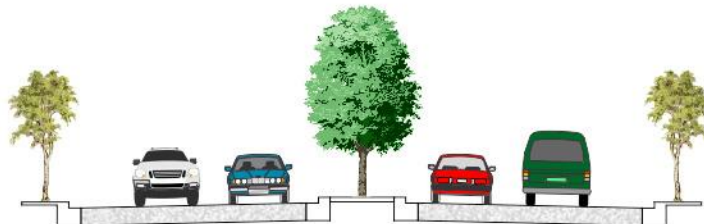
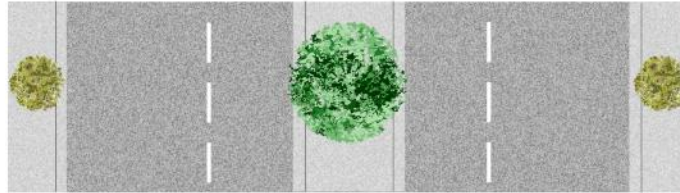


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144 FT
(8 LANES, DIVIDED)

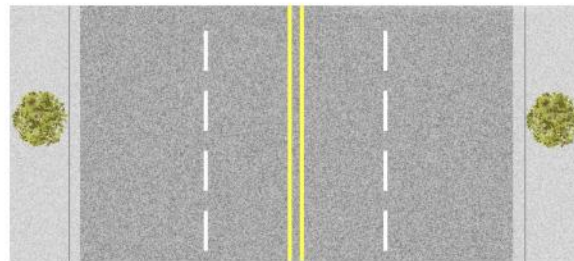


MAJOR
120FT
(6 LANES, DIVIDED)

Exhibit 7-5 *continued* Standard MPAH Cross Sections

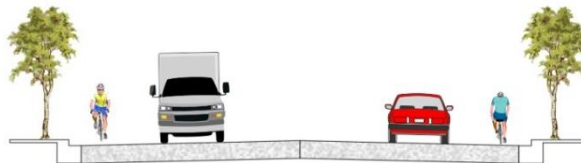
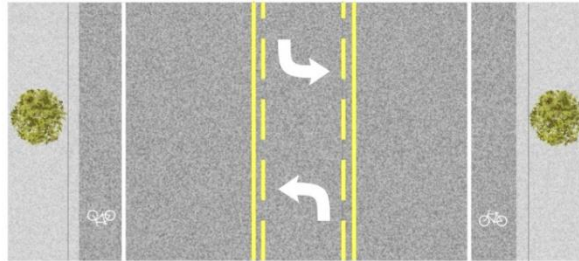


PRIMARY
100 FT
(4 LANES, DIVIDED)

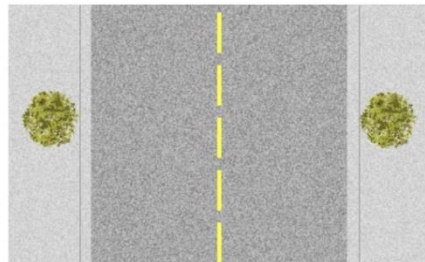


SECONDARY
80 FT
(4 LANES, UNDIVIDED)

Exhibit 7-5 *continued* Standard MPAH Cross Sections



DIVIDED COLLECTOR
80 FT
(2 LANES, DIVIDED)



COLLECTOR
56 FT
(2 LANES, UNDIVIDED)

Master Plan of Arterial Highway Capacities

Below are the approximate roadway capacities that will be used in the determination of LOS:

<u>Type of Arterial</u>	<u>Level of Service (LOS)</u>				
	A .51 - .60 v/c	B .61 - .70 v/c	C .71 - .80 v/c	D .81 - .90 v/c	E .91 - 1.00 v/c
8 Lanes Divided	45,000	52,500	60,000	67,500	75,000
6 Lanes Divided	33,900	39,400	45,000	50,600	56,300
4 Lanes Divided	22,500	26,300	30,000	33,800	37,500
4 Lanes (Undivided)	15,000	17,500	20,000	22,500	25,000
2 Lanes Divided	9,000	12,000	15,000	20,000	22,000
2 Lanes (Undivided)	7,500	8,800	10,000	11,300	12,500

Note: Values are maximum Average Daily Traffic

Selection Criteria

Specific selection criteria will be used to evaluate competitive program project applications. Emphasis is placed on existing usage, proposed Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), level of services benefits, local match rate funding and overall facility importance. Technical categories and point values are shown on Tables 7-1 and 7-2. Data sources and methodology are described below.

Projected/Current Average Daily Trips (ADT): Current ADT is the preferred method of measuring congestion. However, traffic counts projected to the year of opening for the project will be allowed as part of the competitive evaluation. These must be submitted along with current 24-hour traffic counts for the proposed segment for comparison purposes. The agency must submit the project’s projected ADT, current ADT, the delta, and justification of the increase. Regarding “current” counts, these are defined as those taken for a typical mid-week period within the preceding 12-months. Projects submitted without “current counts” will be considered incomplete and non-responsive. Project applications using projected ADT must use traffic counts taken within the preceding 12 months. Project applications not using projected ADT may use traffic counts taken within the 36 months preceding the release date of the current call. **Note:** New facilities must be modeled through OCTAM and requests should be submitted to OCTA a minimum of six (6) weeks prior to application submittal deadline. **This deadline is September 9,**

2021 for the 2022 Call for Projects. If modeling requests are not submitted six (6) weeks prior to the application submittal deadline, the application will not be considered. For agencies where event, weekend, or seasonal traffic presents a significant issue, Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) counts can be used, provided the agency gives sufficient justification for the use of AADT.

VMT: Centerline length of segment proposed for improvement multiplied by the existing ADT for the proposed segment length. Measurement must be taken proximate to capacity increase. VMT for improvements covering multiple discrete count segments are calculated on a weighted average basis.

Current Project Readiness: This category is additive. Points are earned for the highest qualifying designation at the time applications are submitted. Local agency should select the most current phase of the project.

- Environmental Approvals – applies where all environmental clearances have been obtained on the project.
- Preliminary design (35 percent (35%) level) – will require certification from the City Engineer and is subject to verification.
- Final Design (PS&E) – applies where the jurisdiction’s City Engineer or other authorized person has approved the final design.
- ROW (all offers issued) – applies where offers have been made for every parcel where acquisition is required and/or offers of dedication or orders of immediate possession have been received by the jurisdiction. Documentation of ROW possession will be required with application submittal.
- ROW (all easements and titles) – applies where no ROW is needed for the project or where all ROW has been acquired/dedicated.

Cost Benefit: Total project cost (including unfunded phases) divided by the existing ADT (or modeled ADT for new segments).

Funding Over-Match: The percentages shown apply to match rates above a jurisdiction’s minimum local match rate requirement. M2 requires a 50 percent (50%) local match for RCP projects. This minimum match can be reduced by up to 25 percentage points if certain eligible components are met. If a jurisdiction’s minimum match target is 30 percent and a local match of 45 percent (45%) is pledged, points are earned for the 15 percent (15%) over-match differential. The pledged amount is considered the committed match rate and will be required, at a minimum, from the local agency throughout the life of the project.

Transportation Significance: Roadway classification as shown in the current MPAH.

Operational Attributes (within the roadway): This category is additive. Each category, except Active Transit Routes, must be a new feature added as a part of the proposed project.

- Pedestrian Facilities: Placement of a new sidewalk where **none currently exists** along an entire segment of proposed project.
- Meets MPAH configuration: Improvement of roadway to full MPAH standard for the segment classification.
- Active Transit Route(s): Segments served by fixed route public transit service.
- Bus Turnouts: Construction of bus turnouts.
- Bike Lanes: Installation of new bike lanes
- Median (Raised): Installation of a mid-block raised median where none exists today. Can be provided in conjunction with meeting MPAH standards.
- Remove On-street Parking: Elimination of on-street parking in conjunction with roadway widening project. Can be provided in conjunction with meeting MPAH standards and installation of new bike lanes.
- Sustainability Elements: Includes the use of multiple complete street elements, the installation of solar lighting within the roadway cross section, or water conservation elements that reduce water consumption, compared to current usage within project limits; such as the replacement of existing landscaping with hardscape and/or "California Native" drought tolerant type landscaping; the replacement of existing sprinklers with drip irrigation systems; the installation of new "grey" or recycled water systems where such does not currently exist. Other elements of sustainability may be considered on a case by case basis. Points are awarded at construction phase only.
- Safety Improvements: Project features that increase the safety of pedestrians. These elements can include the new installation of; median barriers, curb extensions, residential traffic diverters, pedestrian crossing islands, pedestrian activated signals, crosswalk enhancements, safety signage, and the addition, modification, or improvement of existing pedestrian signals. Other elements of safety may be considered on a case by case basis.
- Other (Golf cart paths in conformance with California Vehicle Code and which are demonstrated to remove vehicle trips from roadway).

Improvement Characteristics: Select one characteristic which best describes the project:

- Gap Closures: the construction of a roadway to its full MPAH build-out for the purpose of connecting two existing ends of that roadway by filling in a missing segment or for completing the terminus of an MPAH roadway. This applies to increased roadway capacity only as it relates to vehicular traffic.
- New Facility/Extensions: Construction of new roadways.

- Bridge crossing: Widening of bridge crossing within the project limits to full MPAH width. Widening beyond MPAH shall not qualify for Project O funding.
- Adds capacity: Addition of through traffic lanes.
- Improves traffic flow: Installation of a median, restricting cross street traffic, adding midblock turn lanes, or elimination of driveways.

LOS Improvement: This category is a product of the existing or projected LOS based upon volume/capacity– or v/c -- and LOS improvement “with project”. **Projects must meet a minimum existing or projected LOS of “D” (.81 v/c) “without project” condition to qualify for priority consideration for funding.** Existing LOS is determined using current 24-hour traffic counts for the proposed segment. However, for projects where traffic volumes follow unconventional patterns, unidirectional volumes may be proposed as an acceptable alternate methodology for determining LOS. If unidirectional volumes are used for LOS calculations, ADT for the proposed direction of improvement shall serve as the basis for ADT, cost benefit and vehicle miles travelled (VMT) scoring categories. Projects that do not meet the minimum LOS “D” can be submitted but are not guaranteed consideration as part of the competitive process.

If during the competitive process, it is determined that additional programming capacity exists after all eligible projects with LOS “D” have been funded, a consideration of projects with a minimum LOS “C” (.71 v/c) may be undertaken. Such consideration will be at the discretion of OCTA. Projects with a LOS better than “C” (.70 v/c) will not be considered.

Application Process

Project grants are determined through a competitive application process. Local agencies seeking funding must complete a formal application and provide supporting documentation that will be used to evaluate the project proposal as outlined below. Detailed instructions and checklists are provided in this chapter.

Complete application

- Funding needs by phase and fiscal year
- Local committed match funding source, confirmed through city council resolution or minute order
- Supporting technical information (including current traffic counts)
- Project development and implementation schedule
- ROW status and detailed plan for acquisition/disposal of excess right-of-way. The ROW acquisition/disposal plan must be submitted using the “ROW acquisition/disposal plan” form provided by OCTA and available for download at <https://ocfundtracker.octa.net>.
- Any additional information deemed relevant by the applicant.

- Grants subject to Master Funding Agreement

Calls are expected to be issued on an annual basis, or as determined by the Board. Complete project applications must be submitted by the established due date to be considered eligible for consideration.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Projects must have an existing or projected LOS "D" (.81 v/c) or worse to qualify for priority consideration for funding in this program.

All project roadways must be identified on the MPAH network. Local streets not shown on the MPAH are not eligible for funding through this program.

New Facilities

New facilities must be modeled through OCTAM. A local agency planning on submitting a request for funding for a new facility must submit a modeling request a minimum of six (6) weeks prior to the application submittal deadline. If modeling requests are not submitted six (6) weeks prior to the application submittal deadline, the application associated with the related project will not be considered. Any request for modeling **must be submitted to OCTA no later than September 9, 2021** for the 2022 Call for Projects.

Facility Modeling: For consistency purposes, all proposed new facilities will be modeled by OCTA using the most current version of OCTAM. Applicants may supplement their application with a locally-derived model with OCTAM used for validation purposes. The facility will be modeled with the lane capacity reflected in the application.

Average Daily Trips Determination: OCTAM will provide an "existing" ADT using a "with project" model run under current conditions. The ADT for the proposed segment will serve as the ADT value to be considered in the application.

LOS Improvement: LOS on existing facilities may be positively or negatively affected by a proposed new roadway segment through trip redistribution. A current condition model run is generated "with" and "without" the proposed project. The intent is to test the efficacy of the proposed segment. A comparison of these before and after project runs (using current traffic volumes) yields potential discernable changes in LOS. The greatest benefit is generally on a parallel facility directly adjacent to the proposed project. Trip distribution changes generally dissipate farther from the project. For evaluation purposes, the segment LOS (determined through a simple volume / capacity calculation) for the "with" and "without project" will be used for the existing LOS and LOS improvement calculations.

Matching Funds

Local agencies are required to provide local match funding for each phase of the project. As prescribed by the M2 Ordinance, the minimum local match requirement is 50 percent (50%) with potential to reduce this amount if certain eligibility requirements are met. The amount pledged during the application process is considered the committed match rate and will be required, at a minimum, from the local agency throughout the life of the project. Actual project contributions by the local agency are dependent on final project costs and may not be equal to the committed match rate in the event of cost overruns. OCTA will not increase the funding grant to cover cost overruns. Ineligible expenditures do not contribute to the local match rate.

Other Application Materials

Supporting documentation will be required to fully consider each project application. In addition to the funding plan described above, local agencies will be required to submit the following materials:

Council Approval: A Council Resolution or Minute Order action authorizing request for funding consideration with a commitment of local match funding must be provided with the project application. **If a draft copy of the resolution is provided, the local agency must also provide the date the resolution will be finalized by the local agency's governing body.** A final copy of the City Council approved resolution must be provided at least four (4) weeks **PRIOR** to the consideration of programming recommendations by OCTA's Board of Directors.

Project Documentation: If proposed project has completed initial planning activities (such as PSR or equivalent, EIR, or design), evidence of approval should be included with the application. Satisfactory evidence includes project approval signature page, engineer-stamped site plan, or other summary information to demonstrate completion or planning phases. An electronic copy of the PSR and/or environmental document must be supplied as applicable. The applicant will be asked for additional detailed information if necessary, to adequately evaluate the project application.

Project Summary Information: With each application being recommended for funding, the agency shall submit a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the pertinent project information for review and discussion purposes. The presentation shall be no more than three (3) slides and should contain, at a minimum, a project description, project benefits, location map, and cost estimate. **OCTA staff will request the PowerPoint when/if a project is recommended for funding.**

Reimbursements

This program is administered on a reimbursement basis for capital improvements, planning, design, and ROW acquisition. Reimbursements will be disbursed upon review and approval of an acceptable initial payment submittal, final report, and consistency with Master Funding Agreement or cooperative agreement if federal funds are awarded. The reimbursement process is more fully described in Chapter 9 of this manual.

Project Cancellation

If a local agency decides to cancel a project, for whatever reason, the agency shall notify OCTA as soon as possible. Projects deemed infeasible during the planning phase shall bring that phase to a logical conclusion, file a final report, and cancel remaining phases so that remaining funds can be reprogrammed without penalty. All ROW funding received for property acquisition prior to cancellation shall be repaid upon cancellation even if property has been acquired. All construction funding received prior to cancellation shall be repaid upon cancellation.

Cancelled projects will be eligible to reapply upon resolution of issues that led to original project termination. Agencies can resubmit an application for funding consideration once either the cancellation of the existing funding grant has been approved by the OCTA Board or is in the process of approval through the semi-annual review. In the event the OCTA Board does not approve the cancellation, the lead agency will be required to withdraw the application.

Audits

All M2 payments are subject to audit. Local agencies must follow established accounting requirements and applicable laws regarding the use of public funds. Failure to submit to an audit in a timely manner may result in loss of future funding. Misuse or misrepresentation of M2 funding will require remediation, which may include repayment, reduction in overall grant, and/or other sanctions to be determined. Audits shall be conducted by OCTA's Internal Audit department or other authorized agent either through the normal annual process or on a schedule to be determined by the Board (see Chapter 10).

Proceeds from the sale of excess ROW acquired with program funding must be paid back to the project fund as described in Chapter 9 and the Master Funding Agreement.

Table 7-1
Regional Capacity Program
Street Widening Selection Criteria

Category	Points Possible	Percentage
Facility Usage		30%
Existing ADT	10	10%
Existing VMT	10	10%
Current Project Readiness	10	10%
Economic Effectiveness		15%
Cost Benefit	10	10%
Funding Over-Match	5	5%
Facility Importance		20%
Transportation Significance	10	10%
Operational Efficiency	10	10%
Benefit		35%
Improvement Characteristics	10	10%
Level of Improvement and Service	25	25%
Total	100	100%

Table 7-2 Street Widening Point Breakdown

ACE SCORING CRITERIA Point Breakdown for Arterial Capacity Enhancement Projects Maximum Points = 100

Facility Usage			Points: 30	
<u>Existing ADT Range</u>			<u>Points</u>	
45+	thousand		10	
40 – 44	thousand		8	
35 – 39	thousand		6	
30 – 34	thousand		5	
25 – 29	thousand		4	
20 – 24	thousand		3	
15 – 19	thousand		2	
10 – 14	thousand		1	
<10	thousand		0	
<u>VMT Range</u>			<u>Points</u>	
31+	thousand		10	
26 – 30	thousand		8	
22 – 25	thousand		6	
18 – 21	thousand		5	
14 – 17	thousand		4	
11 – 13	thousand		3	
08 – 10	thousand		2	
04 – 07	thousand		1	
<4	thousand		0	
<u>Current Project Readiness</u>			<u>Max Points: 10</u>	
ROW (All Easement and Titles)			5	
Final Design (PS&E)			4	
Environmental Approvals			2	
Preliminary Design (35%)			2	
ROW (All Offers Issued)			2	
Points are additive. Design and ROW limited to highest qualifying designation.				
Economic Effectiveness			Points: 15	
<u>Cost Benefit (Total \$/ADT)</u>			<u>Points</u>	
<u>Range*</u>				
< 49			10	
50 – 74			9	
75 – 99			7	
100 – 149			5	
150 – 199			4	
200 – 249			3	
250 – 299			2	
300 – 349			1	
350+			0	
Funding Over-Match (local match/project cost) minus minimum local match requirement.				
<u>Range*</u>			<u>Points</u>	
25+%			5	
20 – 24%			4	
15 – 19%			3	
10 – 14%			2	
05 – 09%			1	
00 – 04%			0	
*Range refers to % points above agency minimum requirement.				
Facility Importance			Points: 20	
<u>Transportation Significance Range</u>			<u>Points</u>	
Principal or CMP Route			10	
Major			8	
Primary			6	
Secondary			4	
Collector			2	
<u>Operational Attributes (within the roadway)</u>			<u>Max Points: 10</u>	
Pedestrian Facilities (New)			3	
Meets MPAH Configs.			3	
Bike Lanes (New)			3	
Active Transit Route(s)			2	
Bus Turnouts			2	
Median (Raised)			2	
Remove On-Street Parking			2	
Safety Improvements			2	
Sustainability Elements			2	
Other			2	
Benefit			Points: 35	
<u>Improve Characteristics</u>			<u>Points</u>	
Gap Closure			10	
New Facility/Extension			8	
Bridge Crossing			8	
Adds Capacity			6	
Improves Traffic Flow			2	
LOS Improvement			<u>Max Points: 25</u>	
<u>Existing LOS Starting Point Range (LOS Imp x LOS Starting Pt)</u>			<u>Points</u>	
1.01+			5	
.96 – 1.00			4	
.91 – .95			3	
.86 – .90			2	
.81 – .85			1	
<.81			0	
LOS Improvements with Project (exist. Volume)				
<u>Existing LOS Starting Point Range</u>			<u>Points</u>	
.20+			5	
.16 – .20			4	
.10 – .15			3	
.05 – .09			2	
.01 – .05			1	
<.01			0	

Intersection Capacity Enhancements (ICE)

Overview

The MPAH serves as the backbone of Orange County's arterial street network. Intersections at each intersecting MPAH arterial throughout the County will continue to require improvements to mitigate current and future needs. The ICE improvement category complements roadway improvement initiatives underway and supplements development mitigation opportunities.

Projects in the ICE improvement category are selected on a competitive basis. Projects must meet specific criteria in order to compete for funding through this program.

For the purposes of the ICE improvement category, the limits of an intersection shall be defined as the area that includes all necessary (or planned) through lanes, turn pockets, and associated transitions required for the intersection. Project limits of up to a maximum of 600 feet for each intersection leg are allowable. Projects that, due to special circumstances, must exceed the 600-foot limit, shall include in their application the request for a technical variance. The project shall be presented to the TSC by the local agency to request approval of the variance.

Objectives

- Improve MPAH network capacity and throughput along MPAH facilities
- Relieve congestion at MPAH intersections by providing additional turn and through lane capacity
- Improve connectivity between neighboring jurisdictions by improving operations
- Provide timely investment of M2 revenues

Project Participation Categories

The ICE category provides capital improvement funding (including planning, design, ROW acquisition and construction) for intersection improvements on the MPAH network for the following:

- Intersection widening – constructing additional through lanes and turn lanes, extending turn lanes where appropriate, and signal equipment
- Street to street grade separation projects

Eligible Activities

- Planning, environmental clearance
- Design (plans, specifications, and estimates)
- ROW acquisition

- Construction (including bus turnouts, curb ramps, median, and striping)

Potentially Eligible Items

Below is a list of potentially eligible items. However, final determination of the eligibility of all project related costs will be made at the time of reimbursement. Prior to the submittal of an application for funding, or at any point in the project life cycle, local agencies may meet with OCTA staff to review the eligibility of project related costs.

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- Required environmental mitigation for projects funded by ICE
- Storm drains/catch basins/detention basins/bioswales/other pollutant discharge mitigation devices
- Sound walls (in conjunction with roadway improvement mitigation measures)
- Aesthetic improvements including landscaping within the project ROW (eligible improvements up to 10 percent (10%) of construction costs, provided costs are reasonable for the transportation benefit)
- Signal equipment (as incidental component of program), including the installation or upgrade of pedestrian countdown heads
- Bicycle detection systems
- Rehabilitation and/or resurfacing of existing pavement when necessitated by proposed improvement (such as change in profile and cross section)
- Improvements to private property if part of a ROW settlement agreement
- Utility relocation where the serving utility has prior rights as evidenced by a recorded legal document and are located within the roadway right-of-way.
- Roadway grading within the ROW (inclusive of any TCEs and/or ROW agreement related improvements) should not exceed a depth for normal roadway excavation (e.g. structural section). Additional grading will be considered on a case by case basis. Agencies shall provide supporting documentation (e.g. soils reports, ROW agreements) to justify the additional grading.

Ineligible Items

- Grading outside of the roadway ROW not related to a TCE or ROW agreement is generally assumed to be ineligible but can be evaluated by OCTA on a case by case basis, but must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations).
- ROW acquisition greater than the typical ROW width for the applicable MPAH Roadway Classification. Additional turn lanes not exceeding 12 feet in width needed to maintain an intersection LOS D requiring ROW in excess of the typical ROW width for the applicable MPAH classification shall be fully eligible. Where full

parcel acquisitions are necessary to meet typical ROW requirements for the MPAH classification any excess parcels shall be disposed of in accordance with State statutes and the acquisition/disposal plan submitted in accordance with these guidelines.

- Enhanced landscaping and aesthetic improvements (landscaping that exceeds that necessary for normal erosion control and ornamental hardscape).

Environmental mitigation will be allowed only as required for the proposed roadway improvement and only as contained in the environmental document. Program participation in environmental mitigation shall not exceed 25 percent (25%) of the total eligible project costs.

Longitudinal storm drains are eligible for program participation when the storm drain is an incidental part (cost is less than 25 percent (25%) of the total eligible improvement cost) of an eligible improvement. Program participation shall not exceed 10 percent (10%) of the cost of storm drain longitudinal/parallel and main lines. Storm drain inlets, connectors, laterals and cross culverts shall have full participation in ICE improvement category funding. Storm drains outside standard MPAH ROW widths are not eligible, excluding catch basins within reasonable distance and in general proximity to a project intersection (e.g. within ten feet of the curb return). Catch basins and drainage systems extending into adjacent areas (including public streets) shall not be eligible past the first catch basin.

Soundwalls are eligible only if they are required as part of the environmental clearance for the proposed project and shall not exceed 25 percent (25%) of the total eligible project costs. Aesthetic enhancements and landscaping in excess of minimum environmental mitigation requirements are subject to limitations described in the "Potentially Eligible Item" section above.

The relocation of detention basins/bioswales/other pollutant discharge mitigation devices are potentially eligible dependent on who has prior rights and will be given consideration on a case by case basis (see utility relocations below).

Roadway grading is eligible for structural sections if within the standard MPAH cross section for the facility (inclusive of any TCEs). Rough grading can be considered eligible, so long as it supports MPAH improvement(s) within the ROW and does not supplant developer (or any other project obligations). Any proposed rough grading outside of the MPAH ROW, will be evaluated by OCTA on a case-by-case basis but must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations).

Utility Relocations

The expenses associated with the relocation of utilities are eligible for RCP reimbursement only when all conditions listed below have been met:

- The relocation is made necessary due to conflict with proposed improvements.
- The facility to be relocated is within the project right-of-way.
- It has been determined that the local agency is legally liable for either a portion of or all of the relocation costs.

Liability can be determined by property rights, franchise rights/agreements, state and local statutes/ordinances, permits, a finding by the local agency's counsel, or other recorded legal document. Documentation providing proof of the local agency's liability for the costs of utility relocation must be submitted with an initial payment request (see Chapter 9). Utilities funded through enterprise funds shall not be eligible for reimbursement.

If a relocation is eligible to be reimbursed, and to be performed by the utility owner or by the utility owner's contractor, the work should be included in the ROW phase costs and clearly identified in the project application submittal. For eligible relocations to be performed during the construction phase by the local agency's contractor, the work should be included in the plans and specifications similar to other construction activities. Adjustment of existing utilities to grade (e.g. water valves, manhole frames and covers), due to new roadway cross sections are generally eligible in the construction phase.

In all cases, eligible costs shall only include "in-kind" relocation. No reimbursements will be made for betterments above the cost of "in-kind" relocation. Additionally, costs submitted for program reimbursement must include any salvage credits received.

Selection Criteria

Specific selection criteria will be used to evaluate competitive program project applications. Emphasis is placed on existing usage, LOS benefits, local match funding, and overall facility importance. Technical categories and point values are shown on Tables 7-3 and 7-4. Data sources and methodology are described below.

Projected/Current Average Daily Trips (ADT): Current ADT is the preferred method of measuring congestion. However, traffic counts projected to the year of opening for the project will be allowed as part of the competitive evaluation. These must be submitted along with current 24-hour traffic counts for the proposed segment for comparison purposes. The agency must submit the project's projected ADT, current ADT, the delta, and justification of the increase. Regarding "current" counts, these are defined as those taken for a typical mid-week period within the preceding 12-months. Project applications using projected ADT must use traffic counts taken within the preceding 12 months. Project applications not using projected ADT may use traffic counts taken within the preceding 36 months. Project applications without "current" counts will be deemed incomplete and non-responsive. Average ADT for the east and west legs of the intersection will be added to the average ADT for the north and south legs.

For agencies where event or seasonal traffic presents a significant issue, AADT counts can be used, provided the agency gives sufficient justification for the use of AADT.

Current Project Readiness: This category is additive. Points are earned for each satisfied readiness stage at the time applications are submitted. Local agency should select the most current phase of the project.

- Environmental Approvals – applies where all environmental clearances have been obtained on the project.
- Preliminary design (35 percent (35%) level) – will require certification from the City Engineer and is subject to verification.
- Final Design (PS&E) – applies where the jurisdiction’s City Engineer or other authorized person has approved the final design.
- ROW (all offers issued) – applies where offers have been made for every parcel where acquisition is required and/or offers of dedication or orders of immediate possession have been received by the jurisdiction. Documentation of ROW possession will be required with application submittal.
- ROW (all easements and titles) – applies where no ROW is needed for the project or where all ROW has been acquired/dedicated.

Cost Benefit: Total project cost (included unfunded phases) divided by the existing ADT (or modeled ADT for new segments).

Funding Over-Match: The percentages shown apply to match rates above a jurisdiction’s minimum match rate requirement. M2 requires a 50 percent (50%) local match for RCP projects. This minimum match can be reduced by up to 25 percentage points if certain eligible components are met. If a jurisdiction’s minimum match target is 30 percent (30%) and a local match of 45 percent (45%) is pledged, points are earned for the 15 percent (15%) over-match. The pledged amount is considered the committed match rate and will be required, at a minimum, from the local agency throughout the life of the project.

Coordination with Contiguous project: Projects that complement a proposed arterial improvement project with a similar implementation schedule earn points in this category. This category is intended to recognize large projects that segregate intersection components from arterial components for funding purposes.

Transportation Significance: Roadway classification as shown in the current MPAH.

Operational Attributes (within the roadway): This category is additive. Each category must be a new feature added as a part of the proposed project.

- Bike Lanes: Extension of bike lanes through intersection
- Bus Turnouts: Construction of a bus turnout as a new feature.
- Lowers density: Addition of through travel lanes.

- Channels traffic: Addition and/or extension of turn pockets (other than free right turn).
- Free right turn: installation of new free right or conversion of an existing right turn to free right
- Protected/permissive left turn: Convert from protected to protected/permissive
- Pedestrian Facilities: Placement of a new sidewalk if none currently exists.
- Grade separations: Street to street grade separations and do not apply to rail grade separation projects which are covered by the grade separation program category.
- Sustainability Elements: Includes the use of multiple complete street elements, the installation of solar lighting within the roadway cross section, or water conservation elements that reduce water consumption, compared to current usage within project limits; such as the replacement of existing landscaping with hardscape and/or "California Native" drought tolerant type landscaping; the replacement of existing sprinklers with drip irrigation systems; the installation of new "grey" or recycled water systems where such does not currently exist. Other elements of sustainability may be considered on a case by case basis. Points are awarded at construction phase only.
- Safety Improvements: Project features that increase the safety of pedestrians. These elements can include the new installation of: median barriers, curb extensions, residential traffic diverters, pedestrian crossing islands, pedestrian activated signals, crosswalk enhancements, safety signage, and the addition, modification, or improvement of existing pedestrian signals. Other elements of safety may be considered on a case by case basis.

LOS Improvement: This category is a product of the existing or projected LOS based upon v/c and LOS improvement "with project" using ICU calculation with 1,700 vehicles per lane per hour and a .05 clearance interval. Calculations will be based upon "current" arterial link and turning movement counts projected to opening year. **Projects must meet a minimum existing or projected LOS of "D" (.81 v/c) to qualify for priority consideration for funding.** Existing LOS is determined using peak hour traffic counts/turning movements AM/PM peak periods for the proposed segment utilizing ICU methodology and using 1,700 vehicles per lane/per hour and a .05 clearance interval.

For projects where traffic volumes follow unconventional patterns (e.g. unidirectional congestion, large disparity between AM and PM peaks, etc.) HCM 2010 may be proposed as an alternate methodology for determining LOS. HCM calculations must use SYNCHRO and be supported with complete calculation documentation using standard industry approaches and current signal timing plans. If an alternative methodology is proposed, all analysis **must be submitted to OCTA for review no later than September 9, 2021** for the 2022 Call for Projects. OCTA will contract with an independent third-party

firm to review the technical analysis. The cost for the review will be charged to the applicant.

Projects that do not meet the minimum LOS "D" can be submitted but are not guaranteed consideration as part of the competitive process.

If during the competitive process, it is determined that additional programming capacity exists after all eligible projects with LOS "D" have been funded, a consideration of projects with a minimum LOS "C" (.71 v/c) may be undertaken. Such consideration will be at the discretion of OCTA. Projects with a LOS better than "C" (.70 v/c) will not be considered.

Application Process

Project grants are determined through a competitive application process. Local agencies seeking funding must complete a formal application and provide supporting documentation that will be used to evaluate the project proposal as outlined below. Detailed instructions and checklists are provided in this chapter.

- Complete application
 - Funding needs by phase and fiscal year
 - Local match funding source, confirmed through city council resolution or minute order
 - Supporting technical information (including current arterial link and turning movement counts)
 - Project development and implementation schedule
 - ROW status and a detailed plan for acquisition/disposal of excess right-of-way. The ROW acquisition/disposal plan must be submitted using the "ROW acquisition/disposal plan" form provided by OCTA and available for download at <https://ocfundtracker.octa.net>.
 - Any additional information deemed relevant by the applicant
- Grants subject to master funding agreement

Calls for projects are expected to be issued on an annual basis, or as determined by the Board. Complete project applications must be submitted by the established due date to be considered eligible for consideration.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Projects must have an existing or projected LOS "D" (.81 v/c) or worse to qualify for priority consideration for funding in this program.

All project roadways must be identified on the MPAH network. Local streets not shown on the MPAH are not eligible for funding through this program.

Matching Funds

Local agencies are required to provide local match funding for each phase of the project. As prescribed by the M2 Ordinance, the minimum local match requirement is 50 percent (50%) with potential to reduce this amount if certain eligibility requirements are met. The amount pledged during the application process is considered the committed match rate and will be required, at a minimum, from the local agency throughout the life of the project. Actual project contributions by the local agency are dependent on final project costs and may not be equal to the committed match rate in the event of cost overruns. OCTA will not increase the funding grant to cover cost overruns. Ineligible expenditures do not contribute to the local match rate.

Other Application Materials

Supporting documentation will be required to fully consider each project application. In addition to the funding plan described above, local agencies will be required to submit the following materials:

Council Approval: A Council Resolution or Minute Order action authorizing request for funding consideration with a commitment of local match funding must be provided with the project application. **If a *draft* copy of the resolution is provided, the local agency must also provide the date the resolution will be finalized by the local agency's governing body.** A final copy of the City Council approved resolution must be provided at least four (4) weeks **PRIOR** to the consideration of programming recommendations by OCTA's Board of Directors.

Project Documentation: If proposed project has completed initial planning activities (such as PSR or equivalent, EIR, or design), evidence of approval should be included with the application. Satisfactory evidence includes project approval signature page, engineer-stamped site plan, or other summary information to demonstrate completion or planning phases. An electronic copy of the PSR and/or environmental document must be supplied as applicable. The applicant will be asked for additional detailed information only if necessary, to adequately evaluate the project application.

Project Summary Information: With each application being recommended for funding, the agency shall submit a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the pertinent project information for review and discussion purposes. The presentation shall be no more than three (3) slides and should contain, at a minimum, a project description, project benefits, location map, and cost estimate. **OCTA staff will request the PowerPoint when/if a project is recommended for funding.**

Reimbursements

This program is administered on a reimbursement basis for capital improvements, planning, design, and ROW acquisition. Reimbursements will be disbursed upon review

and approval of an acceptable initial payment submittal, final report and consistency with Master Funding Agreement or cooperative agreement. The reimbursement process is more fully described in Chapter 9 of this manual.

Project Cancellation

If a local agency decides to cancel a project, for whatever reason, the agency shall notify OCTA as soon as possible. Projects deemed infeasible during the planning phase shall bring that phase to a logical conclusion, file a final report, and cancel remaining phases so that remaining funds can be reprogrammed without penalty. ROW funding received for property acquisition prior to cancellation shall be repaid upon cancellation even if property has been acquired. Construction funding received prior to cancellation shall be repaid upon cancellation.

Cancelled projects will be eligible for re-application upon resolution of issues that led to original project termination.

Audits

All M2 payments are subject to audit. Local agencies must follow established accounting requirements and applicable laws regarding the use of public funds. Failure to submit to an audit in a timely manner may result in loss of future funding. Misuse or misrepresentation of M2 funding will require remediation which may include repayment, reduction in overall grant, and/or other sanctions to be determined. Audits shall be conducted by OCTA's Internal Audit department or other authorized agent either through the normal annual process or on a schedule to be determined by the Board (see Chapter 10).

Proceeds from the sale of excess ROW acquired with program funding must be paid back to the project fund as described in Chapter 9 and the Master Funding Agreement.

**Table 7-3
Regional Capacity Program
Intersection Improvement Selection Criteria**

Category	Points Possible	Percentage
Facility Usage		25%
Existing ADT	15	15%
Current Project Readiness	10	10%
Economic Effectiveness		20%
Cost Benefit	10	10%
Funding Over-Match	5	5%
Coordination with Contiguous Project	5	5%
Facility Importance		30%
Transportation Significance	10	10%
Operational Efficiency	20	20%
Benefit		25%
LOS Improvement	25	25%
Total	100	100%

Table 7-4 Intersection Widening Point Breakdown

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Point Breakdown for Intersection Capacity Enhancement Projects Maximum Points = 100

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Freeway Arterial/Streets Transitions (FAST)

Overview

The MPAH serves as the backbone of Orange County's arterial street network. Current and future needs at existing interchanges along MPAH highways and freeways will need to be addressed in order to improve connectivity between freeways and MPAH arterials. The interchange improvement program complements roadway improvement initiatives underway as well, and supplements development mitigation opportunities.

Projects in the FAST improvement category are selected on a competitive basis. Projects must meet specific criteria in order to compete for funding through this program.

Objectives

- Improve transition to and from Orange County freeways with emphasis on MPAH performance
- Provide timely investment of M2 revenues

Project Participation Categories

The FAST category provides capital improvement funding (including planning, design, ROW acquisition and construction) for interchange improvements on the MPAH network for the following:

- MPAH facility interchange connections to Orange County freeways (including on-ramp, off-ramp and arterial improvements)

Eligible Activities

- Planning, environmental clearance
- Design
- ROW acquisition
- Construction (including ramps, intersection and structural improvements/reconstruction incidental to project)
- Signal equipment (as incidental component of the program)

Potentially Eligible Items

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- Direct environmental mitigation for projects funded by FAST (details below)
- Storm drains/catch basins/detention basins/bioswales/other pollutant discharge mitigation devices (details below)
- Aesthetic improvements including landscaping within the project ROW (eligible improvements up to 10 percent (10%) of construction costs, provided costs are reasonable for the transportation benefit)
- Rehabilitation and/or resurfacing of existing pavement when necessitated by proposed improvement (such as change in profile and cross section)
- Improvements to private property if part of a ROW settlement agreement
- Utility relocation where the serving utility has prior rights as evidenced by a recorded legal document
- Roadway grading within the ROW shall not exceed a depth for normal roadway excavation (e.g. structural section) or as required by TCEs, and/or ROW agreement related improvements. Additional grading will be considered on a case by case basis. Agencies shall provide supporting documentation (e.g. soils reports, ROW agreements) to justify the additional grading.
- Auxiliary lanes if necessitated by interchange improvements
- Soundwalls (in conjunction with roadway improvement mitigation measures)

Environmental mitigation will be allowed only as required for the proposed roadway improvement, and only as contained in the environmental document. Program participation in environmental mitigation shall not exceed 25 percent (25%) of the total eligible project costs.

Longitudinal storm drains are eligible for program participation when the storm drain is an incidental part (cost is less than 25 percent (25%) of the total eligible improvement cost) of an eligible improvement. Program participation shall not exceed 10 percent (10%) of the cost of storm drain longitudinal/parallel and main lines. Storm drain inlets, connectors, laterals and cross culverts shall have full participation in FAST improvement category funding. Storm drains outside standard MPAH ROW widths are not eligible, excluding catch basins within reasonable distance and in general proximity to a project intersection (e.g. within ten feet of the curb return). Catch basins and drainage systems extending into adjacent areas (including public streets) shall not be eligible past the first catch basin.

Soundwalls are eligible only if they are required as part of the environmental mitigation for the proposed project and shall not exceed 25 percent (25%) of the total eligible project cost. Aesthetic enhancements and landscaping in excess of minimum environmental mitigation requirements are eligible at up to 10 percent (10%) of the total eligible construction costs, provided costs are reasonable for the transportation benefit.

The relocation of detention basins/bioswales are potentially eligible dependent on prior rights and will be giving consideration on a case by case basis (see utility relocations below).

Roadway grading is eligible for structural sections if within the standard MPAH cross section for the facility (inclusive of any TCEs). Rough grading can be considered eligible, so long as it supports MPAH improvement(s) within the ROW and does not supplant developer (or any other project obligations). Any proposed rough grading outside of the MPAH ROW, will be evaluated by OCTA on a case-by-case basis but must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations).

Utility Relocations

The expenses associated with the relocation of utilities are eligible for RCP reimbursement only when:

- The relocation is made necessary due to conflict with proposed improvements.
- The facility to be relocated is within the project right-of-way.
- It has been determined that the local agency is legally liable for either a portion of or all of the relocation costs.

Liability can be determined by property rights, franchise rights/agreements, state and local statutes/ordinances, permits, a finding by the local agency's counsel, or other recorded legal document. Documentation providing proof of the local agency's liability for the costs of utility relocation must be submitted with an initial payment request (see Chapter 9). Utilities funded through enterprise funds shall not be eligible for reimbursement.

If a relocation is eligible to be reimbursed, and to be performed by the utility owner or by the utility owner's contractor, the work should be included in the ROW phase costs and clearly identified in the project application submittal. For eligible relocations to be performed during the construction phase by the local agency's contractor, the work should be included in the plans and specifications similar to other construction activities. Adjustment of existing utilities to grade (e.g. water valves, manhole frames and covers), due to new roadway cross sections are generally eligible in the construction phase.

In all cases, eligible costs shall only include "in-kind" relocation. No reimbursements will be made for betterments above the cost of "in-kind" relocation. Additionally, costs submitted for program reimbursement must be reduced by any salvage credits received.

Ineligible Projects

- Seismic retrofit projects (unless combined with eligible capacity enhancements)

- Grading outside of the roadway ROW not related to a TCE or ROW agreement is generally assumed to be ineligible but can be evaluated by OCTA on a case by case basis but must be tied to the MPAH improvement(s) and not supplant developer (or any other project obligations).
- Enhanced landscaping, aesthetics and gateway treatments (landscaping that exceeds that necessary for normal erosion control and ornamental hardscape).

Selection Criteria

Specific selection criteria will be used to evaluate competitive program project applications. Emphasis is placed on existing usage, level of services benefits, local match funding and overall facility importance. Technical categories and point values are shown on Tables 7-5 and 7-6. Data sources and methodology are described below.

Projected/Current Average Daily Trips (ADT): Current ADT is the preferred method of measuring congestion. However, traffic counts and ramp volumes projected to the year of opening for the project will be allowed as part of the competitive evaluation. These must be submitted along with current 24-hour traffic counts for the proposed segment for comparison purposes. The agency must submit the project's projected ADT, current ADT, the delta, and justification of the increase. Regarding "current" counts, these are defined as those taken for a typical mid-week period within the preceding 12-months. Project applications using projected ADT must use traffic counts taken within the preceding 12 months. Project applications not using projected ADT may use traffic counts taken within the preceding 36 months. Project applications without "current" counts will be deemed incomplete and non-responsive. Average ramp intersection volume for each interchange ramp will be used for the current counts. New facilities will rely on projected ramp volume based upon Caltrans approved projection.

For agencies where event or seasonal traffic presents a significant issue, AADT counts can be used, provided the agency gives sufficient justification for the use of AADT.

Current Project Readiness: This category is additive. Points are earned for each satisfied readiness stage at the time applications are submitted. Local agency should select the most current phase of the project.

- Environmental Approvals – applies where all environmental clearances have been obtained on the project.
- Preliminary design (35 percent (35%) level) – will require certification from the City Engineer and is subject to verification.
- Final Design (PS&E) – applies where the jurisdiction's City Engineer or other authorized person has approved the final design.
- ROW (all offers issued) – applies where offers have been made for every parcel where acquisition is required and/or offers of dedication or orders of immediate

possession have been received by the jurisdiction. Documentation of ROW possession will be required with application submittal.

- ROW (all easements and titles) – applies where no ROW is needed for the project or where all ROW has been acquired/dedicated.

Cost Benefit: Total project cost (including unfunded phases) divided by the existing ADT (or modeled ADT for new segments).

Funding Over-Match: The percentages shown apply to match rates above a jurisdiction's minimum local match requirement. M2 requires a 50 percent (50%) local match for RCP projects. This minimum match can be reduced by up to 25 percentage points if certain eligible components are met. If a jurisdiction's minimum match target is 30 percent (30%) and a local match of 45 percent (45%) is pledged, points are earned for the 15 percent (15%) over-match. The pledged amount is considered the committed match rate and will be required, at a minimum, from the local agency throughout the life of the project.

Coordination with Freeway Project: Interchanges planned to coincide with or accommodate programmed freeway improvements receive points in this category.

Transportation Significance: Roadway classification as shown in the current MPAH.

Operational Attributes (within the roadway): This category is additive. Each category, except Active Transit Routes, must be a new feature added as a part of the proposed project.

- Eliminate left turn conflicts: Ramp intersection reconfiguration which does not permit left turns onto ramps.
- Coordinated signal: Ramp intersections within a coordinated corridor where coordination did not previously exist.
- Add turn lanes: Increase in number of turn lanes on arterial.
- Add traffic control: Signalization of ramp intersection.
- Enhanced ramp storage: Extension or widening of existing ramp to improve off-street storage capacity.
- Pedestrian facilities: Add crosswalk and/or sidewalk to ramp or bridge crossing within context of interchange improvements.
- Active Transit Route: facility contains a currently active OCTA transit route
- Sustainability Elements: Includes the use of multiple complete street elements, the installation of solar lighting within the roadway cross section, or water conservation elements that reduce water consumption, compared to current usage within project limits; such as the replacement of existing landscaping with hardscape and/or "California Native" drought tolerant type landscaping; the replacement of existing sprinklers with drip irrigation systems; the installation of new "grey" or recycled water systems where such does not currently exist. Other elements of

sustainability may be considered on a case by case basis. Points are awarded at construction phase only.

- **Safety Improvements:** Project features that increase the safety of pedestrians. These elements can include the new installation of: intersection median barriers, curb extensions, pedestrian crossing islands, crosswalk enhancements, safety signage, and the addition, modification, or improvement of existing pedestrian signals. Other elements of safety may be considered on a case by case basis.

LOS Improvement: This category is a product of the existing or projected LOS based upon v/c and LOS improvement "with project" for arterial based improvements and ICU for intersection-based improvements. **Projects must meet a minimum existing or projected LOS of "D" (.81 v/c) to qualify for priority consideration for funding.** Existing LOS is determined using current 24-hour traffic counts for arterials and peak hour turning movements at intersections for the proposed segment. However, for projects where traffic volumes follow unconventional patterns (e.g. unidirectional congestion, large disparity between AM and PM peaks, etc.) alternate methodologies for determining LOS can be proposed. If HCM 2010 is proposed for intersections as an alternative methodology, all analysis **must be submitted to OCTA no later than September 9, 2022** and the cost for independent review shall be reimbursed by the applicant. Projects that do not meet the minimum LOS "D" can be submitted but are not guaranteed consideration as part of the competitive process.

If during the competitive process, it is determined that additional programming capacity exists after all eligible projects with LOS "D" have been funded, a consideration of projects with a minimum LOS "C" (.71 v/c) may be undertaken. Such consideration will be at the discretion of OCTA. Projects with a LOS better than "C" (.70 v/c) will not be considered.

Improvement Characteristics: Select the attribute that best fits your project definition.

- **New facility:** New interchange where none exists.
- **Partial facility:** New interchange which does not provide full access.
- **Interchange reconstruction:** improvement of existing interchange to provide additional arterial capacity (widening of overcrossing or undercrossing).
- **Ramp reconfiguration:** Widening of ramp or arterial to improve turning movements or other operational efficiencies.
- **Ramp metering:** Installation of metering on ramp.

Application Process

Project grants are determined through a competitive application process. Local agencies seeking funding must complete a formal application and provide supporting documentation that will be used to evaluate the project proposal as outlined below.

- Complete application

- Funding needs by phase and fiscal year
- Local match funding source
- Supporting technical information
- Project development and implementation schedule
- ROW status and a detailed plan for acquisition/disposal of excess right-of-way. The ROW acquisition/disposal plan must be submitted using the "ROW acquisition/disposal plan" form provided by OCTA and available for download at <https://ocfundtracker.octa.net>.
- Any additional information deemed relevant by the applicant
- Grants subject to a Master Funding Agreement or cooperative agreement if federal funds are awarded

Calls for projects are expected to be issued on an annual basis, or as determined by the OCTA Board of Directors. Complete project applications must be submitted by the established due date to be considered eligible for consideration.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Projects must have an existing or projected LOS "D" (.81 v/c) or worse to qualify for priority consideration for funding in this program. Worst peak hour period is used for this evaluation and eligibility purposes.

Matching Funds

Local agencies are required to provide local match funding for each phase of the project. As prescribed by the M2 Ordinance, a 50 percent (50%) minimum local match is required. A lower local match may be permitted if certain eligibility criteria are met. The amount pledged during the application process is considered the committed match rate and will be required, at a minimum, from the local agency throughout the life of the project. Actual project contributions by the local agency are dependent on final project costs and may not be equal to the committed match rate in the event of cost overruns. OCTA will not increase the funding grant to cover cost overruns. Ineligible expenditures do not contribute to the local match rate.

Reimbursements

This program is administered on a reimbursement basis for capital improvements, planning, design, and ROW acquisition. Reimbursements will be disbursed upon review and approval of an acceptable initial payment submittal, final report and consistency with Master Funding Agreement. The reimbursement process is described in Chapter 9.

Caltrans Coordination

Caltrans is not eligible to submit applications or receive payment under this program. Only cities or the County of Orange may submit applications and receive funds. This program was designed to benefit local agencies.

Coordination with Caltrans will be essential for most, if not all, of the projects submitted for this program. Local agencies should therefore establish contacts with the Caltrans District 12 Office (Project Development Branch) to ensure that candidate projects have been reviewed and approved by Caltrans. All other affected agencies should be consulted as well.

Agencies submitting projects for this program must have confirmation from Caltrans that the proposed improvement is consistent with other freeway improvements as evidenced by an agreement or other formal document.

Applications should be submitted so that interchange projects are done in conjunction with construction of other freeway improvements whenever possible. However, if the interchange project can be done in advance of the freeway project, verification and/or supporting documentation must be submitted showing the interchange improvement has merit for advanced construction and that it will be compatible with the freeway design and operation. Additionally, the interchange improvements should take into account the ultimate freeway improvements if the interchange is to be improved in advance.

Project Cancellation

If a local agency decides to cancel a project, for whatever reason, the agency shall notify OCTA as soon as possible. Projects deemed infeasible during the planning phase shall bring that phase to a logical conclusion, file a final report, and cancel remaining phases so that remaining funds can be reprogrammed without penalty. ROW funding received for property acquisition prior to cancellation shall be repaid upon cancellation even if property has been acquired. Construction funding received prior to cancellation shall be repaid upon cancellation.

Cancelled projects will be eligible for re-application upon resolution of issues that led to original project termination.

Audits

All M2 payments are subject to audit. Local agencies must follow established accounting requirements and applicable laws regarding the use of public funds. Failure to submit to an audit in a timely manner may result in loss of future funding. Misuse or misrepresentation of M2 funding will require remediation which may include repayment, reduction in overall grant, and/or other sanctions to be determined. Audits shall be conducted by OCTA's Internal Audit department or other authorized agent either through

the normal annual process or on a schedule to be determined by the Board (see Chapter 10).

Proceeds from the sale of excess ROW acquired with program funding must be paid back to the project fund as described in Chapter 9 and Master Funding Agreement.

Other Application Materials

Supporting documentation will be required to fully consider each project application. In addition to the funding plan described above, local agencies will be required to submit the following materials:

Council Approval: A Council Resolution or minute order authorizing request for funding consideration with a commitment of local match funding must be provided with the project application. **If a draft copy of the resolution is provided, the local agency must also provide the date the resolution will be finalized by the local agency's governing body.** A final copy of the City Council approved resolution must be provided at least four (4) weeks **PRIOR** to the consideration of programming recommendations by OCTA's Board of Directors.

Project Documentation: If proposed project has completed initial planning activities (such as PSR or equivalent, EIR, or design), evidence of approval should be included with the application. Satisfactory evidence includes project approval signature page, engineer-stamped site plan, or other summary information to demonstrate completion of planning phases. An electronic copy of the PSR and/or environmental document must be supplied as applicable. The applicant will be asked for additional detailed information only if necessary, to adequately evaluate the project application.

Project Summary Information: With each application being recommended for funding, the agency shall submit a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the pertinent project information for review and discussion purposes. The presentation shall be no more than three (3) slides and should contain, at a minimum, a project description, project benefits, location map, and cost estimate. **OCTA staff will request the PowerPoint when/if a project is recommended for funding.**

**Table 7-5
Freeway/Arterial Street Transitions
Interchange Improvement Selection Criteria**

Category	Points Possible	Percentage
Facility Usage		20%
Existing ADT	10	10%
Current Project Readiness	10	10%
Economic Effectiveness		25%
Cost Benefit	10	10%
Matching Funds	10	10%
Coordination with Freeway Project	5	5%
Facility Importance		25%
Transportation Significance	10	10%
Operational Efficiencies	15	15%
Benefit		30%
Existing LOS	10	10%
LOS Reduction w/ Project	10	10%
Improvement Characteristics	10	10%
Total	100	100%

Table 7-6 Interchange Improvement Point Breakdown

FAST SCORING CRITERIA Point Breakdown for Freeway/Arterial Street Transitions Projects Maximum Points = 100

Facility Usage Points: 20			Facility Importance Points: 25		
ADT Range*			Transportation Significance Range		
		Points			Points
55+	thousand	10	Principal or CMP Route		10
50 – 54	thousand	9	Major		8
45 – 49	thousand	8	Primary		6
40 – 44	thousand	6	Secondary		4
35 – 39	thousand	4	Collector		2
30 – 34	thousand	3			
25 – 29	thousand	2			
20 – 24	thousand	1			
<10 – 19	thousand	0			
*Arterial plus daily ramp exit volume			Operational Attributes (within the roadway) Max Points: 15		
Current Project Readiness Max Points: 10			Eliminate Left Turn Conflict		3
ROW (All Easement and Titles)		6	Add Turn Lanes		3
ROW (All Offers Issued)		4	Enhanced Ramp Storage		3
Final Design (PS&E)		4	Pedestrian Facilities (New)		3
PA/ED		2	Coordinated Signal		2
Project Study Report or Equiv.		1	Safety Improvements		2
			Sustainability Elements		2
			Add Traffic Control		1
Points are additive. ROW is the highest qualifying designation.			Benefit Points: 30		
Economic Effectiveness Points: 25			LOS Improvement Max Points: 20		
Cost Benefit (Total \$/ADT) Range*			Calculation: Avg. LOS Imp + Avg. LOS Starting Point		
		Points	LOS Reduction w/ Project (existing Volume) Range		
< 20		10			Points
20 – 39		8	.20+		10
40 – 79		6	.16 – .19		8
80 – 159		4	.10 – .15		6
160 – 319		2	.05 – .09		4
320 – 640		1	<.05		2
>640		0	Existing LOS Range		
Funding Over-Match (local match/project cost) minus minimum local match requirement.					Points
		Points	1.06+		10
30+%		10	1.01 – 1.05		8
25 – 29%		8	0.96 – 1.00		6
20 – 24%		6	0.91 – 0.95		4
15 – 19%		4	0.86 – 0.90		2
10 – 14%		2	0.81 – 0.85		1
00 – 09%		1	Improvement Characteristics Max Points: 10		
Range refers to % points above agency minimum requirement			Improvement Characteristics		
Coordination with Freeway Mainline Improvements					Points
Project Range			New Facility (Full Interchange)		10
Yes		5	New Facility (Partial Interchange)		8
No		0	Interchange Reconstruction		6
			Ramp Reconfiguration		4
			Ramp Metering		2

Regional Grade Separation Program (RGSP)

Background

Seven rail crossing projects along the MPAH network were identified by the CTC to receive Trade Corridors Improvement Funds (TCIF). These TCIF allocations required an additional local funding commitment. To meet this need, the Board approved the commitment of \$160 million in RCP (Project O) funds to be allocated from M2. The RGSP captures these prior funding commitments.

Future calls for projects for grade separations are not anticipated.

Chapter 8 – Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (Project P)

Overview

The RTSSP (Project P) includes competitive funding for the coordination of traffic signals across jurisdictional boundaries including project based operational and maintenance funding. OCTA will provide funding priority to programs and projects, which are multi-jurisdictional in nature.

The RTSSP is based on the Traffic Signal Synchronization Master Plan (Master Plan). The Board adopted the Master Plan as an element of the MPAH on July 26, 2010. The Master Plan defines the foundation of the RTSSP. The Master Plan consists of the following components:

- Regional signal synchronization network
- Priority corridors for accelerated signal synchronization
- Definition of Traffic Forums
- Model agreements presenting roles and responsibilities for Project P
- Signal synchronization regional assessment every three years
 - NOTE: For Call for Projects 2022, Priority Corridors are an eligible inclusion, but no additional points will be awarded. A Priority Corridor is on the Signal Synchronization Network.

The Master Plan will be reviewed and updated by OCTA. Local agencies are required to adopt and maintain a Local Traffic Signal Synchronization Plan (Local Plan) that is consistent with the Master Plan and shall issue a report on the status and performance of its traffic signal synchronization activities. Details on both the Master Plan and requirements for Local Plan development are available in the "Guidelines for the Preparation of Local Signal Synchronization Plans". A hard copy of these guidelines can be requested from OCTA.

The remainder of this chapter details the key components of the RTSSP:

- Funding guidelines for the competitive call for projects
- 2022 Call for Projects

Projects compete for funding as part of the RTSSP. Projects submitted by local agencies as part of the call must meet specific criteria. Projects are rated based on scoring criteria and are selected based on their competitive ratings.

Objectives

- Synchronize traffic signals across jurisdictions
 - Monitor and regularly improve the synchronization.
 - Synchronize signals on a corridor, intersecting crossing arterial and/or route basis reflecting existing traffic patterns in contiguous zones or road segments that have common operations.

2022 Call for Projects

Contingent on OCTA Board approval, the 2022 Call for Projects (call) for the RCP (Project O) and Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (Project P), will make approximately \$40 million in M2 funds available to support street and roads and signal synchronization improvements across Orange County. The target for this program is \$8 million, but recommendations for Project P may be higher or lower depending on the projects submitted.

The following information provides an overview of the 2022 RTSSP (Project P) Call for Projects:

1. Projects must result in new, optimized, and field-implemented coordination timing.
2. Project shall be a single contiguous corridor or set of contiguous corridors related to each other. Multiple corridors and related systems of corridors that form a “grid” may be submitted as a single optimized timing project. However, the total number of corridors per project will be limited to three (3) and the total number of intersections between these corridors are limited to fifty (50).
3. Projects selected will be programmed after July 1 of the programmed year (July 1 – June 30).
4. Project delays resulting in a time extension request will fall within the process outlined in the CTFP Guidelines.
5. Projects are funded for a grant period of three (3) years and are divided into two phases:
 - a. Primary Implementation (PI) – includes the required implementation of optimized signal timing as well as any signal improvements proposed as part of a project. A report is required at the conclusion of this phase to document work completed during the PI phase. This PI Report shall be submitted with the final report.
 - b. Ongoing Operations and Maintenance (O&M) – includes the required monitoring and improving optimized signal timing in addition to any optional communications and/or detection support. O&M will begin after the optimized signal timing is implemented and be required for the remainder of the project (typically 2 Years). A O&M Report is required at the conclusion of this phase to document work completed during the O&M phase and shall be submitted with the final report.

6. Projects shall include a Before and After Study. This study shall collect morning, mid-day, and evening peak periods using travel times, average speeds, green lights to red lights, stops per mile, and the derived corridor synchronization performance index (CSPI) metric. This information shall be collected both before and after signal timing changes have been implemented and approved by all agencies. The study shall compare the information collected both before and after the timing changes. Comparisons should identify the absolute and percent differences for the entire corridor, by segment, direction, and time period. Segments will be defined by major traffic movements as observed during the project (e.g. commuting segments between freeways, pedestrian-friendly segments in a downtown area, etc.). The Before and After study shall also include field inventory, count data, modeling data, and Greenhouse Gas calculations. The Before and After Study shall be submitted as part of the PI Report.
7. Any corridor or portion of a corridor funded through this call cannot re-apply for funding until the three-year grant period or commitment to operate signal synchronization beyond the three-year grant period is completed, whichever ends later and a final report has been submitted to OCTA.
8. This chapter identifies the selection criteria for projects, eligible activities, minimum project requirements, data compatibility required as part of any funded project, and other key information.

Additional details of the specific program's intent, eligible project expenditures, ineligible project expenditures, and additional information that may be needed when applying for funds are included in this chapter. Each section should be read thoroughly before applying for funding. Applications should be prepared for the program that best fits the proposed project.

For specifics on the funding policies that apply to this call, refer to the Program Precepts as found in Section IV of these guidelines.

Applications

In order for OCTA to consider a project for funding, applications will be prepared by the local agency responsible for the project application. OCTA shall require agencies to submit applications for the call for projects by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021**. Late and/or incomplete submittals will not be reviewed or considered. The local agency responsible for the project application must submit the application and any supporting documentation via OCFundtracker as outlined below.

A separate application package must be completed for each individual project and uploaded to OCFundtracker. **Three (3) unbound printed copies and one electronic copy on a USB, thumb drive, memory stick, or via electronic file upload and/or email** of each complete application shall also be mailed or delivered to:

Orange County Transportation Authority
550 South Main Street
P.O. Box 14184
Orange, California 92863-1584
Attn: Alfonso Hernandez
Email: AHernandez@octa.net

Application Process

Project grants are determined through a competitive application process administered by OCTA. Agencies seeking funding must complete an online application, a supplemental application in the OCTA's latest format, and provide supporting documentation that will be used to evaluate the project proposal as outlined below. Key information to be provided as part of the application process includes:

- Funding needs by phase and fiscal year
- Percent match rate including funds type, source, and description (minimum 20 percent (20%))
- Lead agency (default – local agency)
- Lead and supporting agencies' contact information
- Supporting technical information
- Project development and implementation schedule
- Environmental clearances and other permits
- Any additional information deemed relevant by the applicant
- Complete photographic field review (including cabinet interiors and communication facilities) for all projects that exceed one million dollars in capital improvements. Original photos shall be uploaded to OCFundtracker or included with electronic copy of application.

A call for projects for the funding cycle will be issued as determined by the Board. Complete project applications must be submitted by the established due dates to be considered eligible for consideration.

An application should be submitted for a single corridor or route corridor project. Multiple corridors that form a "grid" may be submitted as separate or single project(s). However, the total number of corridors per route or grid corridor projects will be limited to three (3) and the total number of intersections between these corridors are limited to fifty (50). A single corridor project not proposed as a connected route or grid project may be submitted and is not subject to the 50-intersection limit. The following instructions should be used in developing project applications.

Applications will be reviewed by OCTA for consistency, accuracy, and concurrence. Once applications have been completed in accordance with the Program requirements, the

projects will be scored, ranked, and submitted to the TSC, TAC, and the Board for consideration and funding approval. OCTA reserves the right to evaluate submitted project costs for reasonableness as part of the review and selection process and suggest potential revisions to make the cost more appropriate. Grants will be subject to funding agreements with OCTA.

Other Application Materials

Supporting documentation is required to fully consider each project application. A Supplemental Application (available on the OCTA website and OCFundtracker) is required to be completed for each project application and included in the electronic submittal. **Any Supplemental Application not submitted in the 2022 format will NOT be considered.** The template is distributed with other application materials at the issuance of the Call for Projects. In addition to the funding plan described above, local agencies will be required to submit additional materials.

Lead Agency: Eligible jurisdictions consistent with Measure M2 ordinance definitions and requirements.

Participating Agencies: All participating agencies must be identified and adopted City Council resolutions or Minute Order actions authorizing the participating agency's support of the project under the lead agency must be included. If the application claims Caltrans as a participant, then it shall contain a letter of support from Caltrans for the specific project and letters of support from all applicable agencies pledging to sign a cooperative agreement with Caltrans at the start of the project. The lead agency shall also pledge this commitment in the cover letter of the application. The required Caltrans fee will be a line item in the improvements list. The applicable agencies will be required to cover the required 20% match for the Caltrans line items. All agencies that have a Caltrans intersection/ramp in their jurisdiction are required to sign a cooperative agreement with Caltrans in order for the entire project to claim Caltrans as a participant.

Council Approval: A Council Resolution or Minute Order action authorizing request for funding consideration with a commitment of project local match funding must be provided with the project application from all participating agencies. **If a draft copy of the resolution is provided, the local agency must also provide the date the resolution will be finalized by the local agency's governing body.** A final copy of the City Council approved resolution must be provided at least four (4) weeks **PRIOR** to the consideration of programming recommendations by OCTA's Board of Directors.

Lead Agency

This Program is administered through a single lead agency: See Lead Agency definition above.

Local Agency Lead: Only the lead agency will receive payments in accordance with the CTFP Guidelines regarding payment for costs related to project for optimized signal timing development, capital improvements, planning, and related design. Payments will be disbursed consistent with Chapter 9. The lead agency is responsible for reimbursing other agencies as part of the effort. Additionally, the lead agency is also responsible for ensuring that all agencies participating in the project provide the local match proposed in the project application.

OCTA Lead: OCTA may, at the request of the involved local agencies, act as the lead agency for RTSSP projects. If the involved local agencies would like OCTA to implement a project on the signal synchronization network, the local agency shall work cooperatively with OCTA to develop the scope of work and cost elements of the project. For example, accounting for OCTA's administrative and project management efforts by incorporating an additional 10 percent of the total project cost when calculating the Cost Benefit of the project. The lead local agency shall contact OCTA with **a written request at least four weeks prior to deadline for submittal of the project grant application**. Applications must be prepared by a designated local agency acting in a lead capacity during grant preparation. Applications must include a complete photographic field review (as outlined above) when submitted. The application will be scored using the criteria outlined in the following sections. Based on local agency interest and OCTA resource availability, a limited number of projects can be developed and implemented by OCTA.

If any projects that are designated as OCTA led are awarded funding, OCTA will then be responsible for implementation of the project, including optimized signal timing development, capital improvements, planning, and related design. OCTA will implement the project based on the cost estimates developed in the application. Project elements may be modified based on final costs with the agreement of all participating agencies. OCTA will be responsible for ensuring that all agencies participating in the project provide the local match as identified in the project application (minimum 20 percent (20%)).

OCFundtracker Application Components

Final applications **MUST** be submitted via OCFundtracker and in hard copy format. Selection criteria must be inputted as part of the OCFundtracker online application and includes the following categories of information:

Transportation Significance, Cost Benefit, Project Characteristics, Maintenance of Effort, Project Scale, Project Scale, Number of Local Agencies, Current Project Status, and Funding Match Rate.

Application Review and Program Adoption

OCTA staff will conduct a preliminary review of all applications for completeness and accuracy, may request supplemental information for projects during initial staff

evaluations, and prepare a recommended program of projects for the TSC. In addition, OCTA may hire a consultant(s) to verify information within individual applications including, but not limited to, project scope, cost estimates, vehicle miles traveled, and average daily traffic.

Final programming recommendations will be provided to the TSC and TAC for approval. Recommendations will be presented to the Board, who will approve projects for funding under the CTFP.

Local agencies awarded funding will be notified as to which projects have been funded and from what sources after the Board takes action. A tentative call schedule is detailed below:

Board authorization to issue call: August 2021

Application submittal deadline: October 21, 2021

TSC/TAC Review: February/March 2022

Committee/Board approval: May 2022

Checklist Guide

The "Project P Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Application Checklist" has been provided for the RTSSP (Exhibit 8-1). The checklist identifies the basic documentation required for the program. In addition to items required at the time of project submittal, additional items that are not specified may be requested later. The checklist should be provided as a table of contents for **each** application submitted. For any items that are required for the candidate project or program that are missing or incomplete, an explanation should be included in a cover letter with the application.

Sample Resolution Form

A resolution or minute action must be approved by the local agency's governing body. A sample resolution is included as Exhibit 8-2. Local agencies, at a minimum, must include items a-h from the sample resolution. The mechanism selected shall serve as a formal request for RTSSP funds and will state that matching funds will be provided by the agency, if necessary. All project requests (i.e., multiple corridors proposed for RTSSP funds) must be included in this action.

Project Definition

Local agencies are required to submit complete projects that, at minimum, result in field-implemented coordinated timing. Project tasks that are eligible for funding can consist of design, engineering, construction, and construction management. Partial projects that include design improvements, but do not field implement the improvements are ineligible.

Projects must consist of a corridor along the priority corridor network, signal synchronization network, or the MPAH. Projects previously awarded RTSSP funding must be complete with a Final Report submitted to OCTA. Projects can be the full length of the corridor or a segment that complies with the project requirements identified later in the chapter.

Applicant agency and owning agency must demonstrate through simulation, or actual vehicle counts showing Origin – Destination that proposed linked corridors do form a route. A “grid” project shall consist of one main corridor that is specifically identified in the application with a maximum of two crossing corridors to make a grid. Grid projects shall also be multijurisdictional with a minimum of two local agencies, excluding Caltrans. For a grid project, applicant agency and owning agency must demonstrate through simulation or actual vehicle counts the following:

- Show that timing changes on the main corridor will greatly impact the crossing corridor(s)
- Crossing corridors shall have closely spaced signals in close proximity to the main corridor with timing changes along these crossings impacting the operation of the main corridor

All corridors in the grid shall individually meet the Minimum Eligibility Requirements and, as part of the project, travel time studies shall also be collected along all corridors making the grid.

Multimodal consideration of bicyclists and pedestrians along or crossing the intersection or roadway may enhance overall circulation. Therefore, active transportation elements may be included as part of the project as outlined in the following section.

Eligible Activities

The primary purpose of the Program is to provide funding for projects that develop and maintain corridor-based, multi-jurisdictional signal synchronization along corridors throughout Orange County. All projects funded by this Program must be corridor-based and have a signal coordination component that includes the following:

- Developing and implementing new signal synchronization timing parameters based on current travel patterns, and federal and state traffic signal timing mandates and guidance, including but not limited to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- Monitor, maintain (minimum quarterly/maximum monthly) and/or regularly improve the newly implemented signal synchronization timing and parameters for the remainder of the project

- “Before” and “after” studies for the project comparing travel times, average speeds, ratio of green lights passed to red lights stopped (greens per red), average stops per mile, and emissions of greenhouse gases

In addition to developing optimized signal timing, a project may include other improvements, as long as they contribute to the goal of multi-agency signal synchronization of corridors throughout Orange County. These improvements are restricted to the signal synchronization project limits but may include synchronization with traffic signalized intersections within 2,700 feet from either direction of the project corridor. These offset signals; however, will not be counted towards the total number of signals on the project (for implementation of timing plans only). All improvements must be designed to enhance the specific project. Expenditures related to the design of systems, permitting, and environmental clearance are eligible for funding.

Caltrans encroachment permits and agency to Caltrans Cooperative Agreement fees are eligible activities. This includes Caltrans labor, such as expenses for reviewing signal timing plans, providing signal timing parameters, and providing existing timing sheets, etc. Applicant must specify how to handle Caltrans intersections on projects.

Ineligible Expenditures

- Isolated traffic signal improvements
- Traffic hardware (pole, mast arms, lights, electrical, signs, etc.)
- Regular signal operation and maintenance (such as replacement of light bulbs)
- Field display equipment (Traffic signal heads other than pedestrian countdown, or special bicycle, or Transit Vehicle signal heads)
- Feasibility studies
- Relocation of utilities except for electrical service requirements
- Right-of-way
- Rewiring of complete intersection because of age or isolated mitigation

Funding Estimates

The streets and roads component of M2 is to receive 32 percent (32%) of net revenues, 4 percent (4%) of which are allocated for the RTSSP. The RTSSP will make an estimated \$270 million (2009 dollars) available over the course of the 30-year M2 Program. Programming estimates are developed in conjunction with a call for projects cycle corresponding to concurrent funding agreements with all local agencies.

The RTSSP targets over 2,000 intersections across Orange County for coordinated operations. Because of the limited amount of funds available for the RTSSP, project cap of \$75,000 per signal or \$250,000 per project corridor mile included as part of each

project (whichever is higher) has been established for this call for projects. Note that any offset signals will not be counted towards the total number of signals on the project.

Selection Criteria

Specific selection criteria will be used to evaluate competitive program project applications. Emphasis is placed on furthering the overall goal of multi-jurisdictional, corridor-based signal synchronization.

Transportation Significance: Points are awarded for projects that include offset signals along the project corridor, route, or grid. These offset signals do not count towards the project cap; however, are in relatively close proximity to affect the operation of the corridor(s). The applicant shall identify the number of offset signals on the corridor and the percentage of those offset signals that will be included in the project.

Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is calculated as the centerline length of segment(s) on the corridor, route, or grid proposed for synchronization multiplied by the existing average daily traffic (ADT) for the proposed segment(s) length. For instance, for a three-mile segment with one-mile interval ADT data at of 200 vehicles, 300 vehicles, and 400 vehicles, the VMT would be calculated as:

$$200 \text{ vehicles} * 1 \text{ mile} + 300 \text{ vehicles} * 1 \text{ mile} + 400 \text{ vehicles} * 1 \text{ mile} = 900 \text{ vehicle miles.}$$

VMT should be calculated by the smallest segmentation on which the city typically collects ADT data. ADT must be based upon actual count information taken within 36 months preceding the application date and include 24-hour, midweek, bi-directional counts for each segment. All supporting data shall be organized in order in which they appear for the calculation of the VMT. Data from the OCTA Traffic Flow Map may not be used. Furthermore, outdated and/or non-compliant counts may result in project ineligibility. (maximum: 30 points)

Cost Benefit: Total project cost divided by Existing VMT. If the applicant is electing OCTA to be the lead agency, the total project cost in this calculation must also include an additional 10% of the total project for OCTA administrative and project management efforts. This additional 10% is used to determine the project effectiveness only and is not counted towards the overall project budget cap. (maximum: 10 points)

Project Characteristics: Points are awarded based on the type and relevance of the proposed project. For instance, maximum points are awarded to projects that are timing only without any capital improvements or points accumulate if a signal synchronization project is combined with improvements as defined below per the "Eligible Activities" section above.

- Real-time traffic actuated operations and demonstration projects can be claimed for any one of the following (4 points):

- Traffic Responsive only if all signals, in at least one agency on the project, are included in the system.
- Peer-to-Peer program on traffic control devices.
- Adaptive traffic signal systems only if all signals, in at least one agency on the project, are included in the system.
- Bluetooth and/or connected vehicle roadside units for at least three (3) signals on the project. If implemented, these items will require a data sharing agreement with OCTA.
- Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures (ATSPM) system can only be claimed (4 points) if all signals, in at least one agency on the project, are included in the system, which will also be used during the O&M phase of the project. If implemented, these items will require a data sharing agreement with OCTA.
- Intelligent cameras that include analytics, such as automated continuous counts and other metrics can only be claimed (3 points) if a minimum of three (3) implementations are included on the project. Furthermore, confirmation that an analytics module or camera with built-in analytics will be purchased for this category to receive points. If implemented, these cameras will require a data sharing agreement with OCTA.
- Detection system that will increase the number of inputs into the signal controller for the purpose of signal performance measures (e.g. ATSPM) and traffic counts can only be claimed (3 points) if a minimum of three (3) implementations are included on the project.
- Installation of new and/or improved traffic control devices to improve the accessibility, mobility, and safety of the facility for pedestrians and bicyclists can be claimed (3 points) if a minimum of three (3) implementations are included on the project. This can include:
 - Inductive loops, video detection, radar, sonar, thermal, hybrids thereof, and other types of detection systems that can distinguish bicycles. This includes implementing a separate bicycle minimum and/or clearance parameter in the traffic signal controller.
 - ADA compliant Pedestrian Signals including, but not limited to, tactile and audible buttons in countdown signal heads.
- New or upgraded communication systems (2 points)
 - New contemporary communication system improvements (e.g. Ethernet) including all conduits, pull boxes, fiber optic and/or copper cabling (not to exceed 120 strands), network switches and distribution systems. These systems should be sufficiently sized for the needs/capacity of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) network. Excess capacity is deemed non-participating and also, cannot be used as part of the required project match.

- Replacement fiber optic or copper cabling for network communication. Fiber optic is the preferred medium and includes pull boxes, network switches, and distribution systems.
- Software and hardware for system traffic control
- Control and monitoring interconnect conduit (including upgrades or replacement of existing systems).
- Communication closure systems of conduit, cable, and associated equipment that are outside of project limits but complete a designated communications link to an existing network for the Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) for an agency or agencies. Only communication links that are installed from a central location and/or communications hub to the project corridor that does not currently have a fiber connection to a central location are eligible.
- Intersection/field system modernization and replacement (2 points)
 - Traffic signal controller replacement of antiquated units with Advanced Transportation controller (ATC) units. ATC shall comply with latest industry standards.
 - Controller cabinet (assemblies) replacements that can be shown to enhance signal synchronization.
 - Closed Circuit Television (CCTV).
 - Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) for ATMS and intersection field equipment. For ATMS, UPS shall solely provide electrical power for ATMS Server(s), one dedicated workstation (console terminal) and related communications devices. UPS for ATMS is not intended to provide power to entire TMC and approval of request for UPS is at the sole discretion of OCTA.
 - Active Transportation/Pedestrian Safety related elements
 - High-Intensity Activated crosswalk signaling systems (HAWK) Pedestrian detection modules Bicycle detection modules.
 - Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Systems (RRFB) including striping, legends, and signage.
- Minor signal operational improvements (2 points)
 - Emergency Vehicle Preempt (EVP) intersection control equipment only
 - Transit Signal Priority (TSP) intersection control equipment only
 - Channelization (signing, striping, raised pavement markers, in lane flashing guidance or warning marking systems, and legends) improvements required for traffic signal phasing.
 - Traffic signal phasing improvements that will improve traffic flow and system performance including protected permissive left turn phasing and shared

- pedestrian phasing, excluding display equipment and other ineligible activities as mentioned in these guidelines.
- Traffic Management Center (TMC)/Traffic Operations Centers (TOC) and motorist information (1 point)
 - New TMCs or TOCs (any project funded under this category should plan for center-to-center communication (C2C) with nearby agencies and/or OCTA).
 - Upgrades to existing TMCs or TOCs (any project funded under this category should plan for C2C with nearby agencies and/or OCTA).
 - Motorist information systems (up to 10 percent (10%) of total project costs for PI phase only).
 - Video display equipment, including wall monitors, screens, mounting cabinets, and optical engines (up to 10 percent (10%) of total construction costs for PI phase only).
 - New or upgraded vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle detection that does not already meet the above categories can be claimed (1 point) if there are a minimum of three (3) implementations along the signal synchronization corridors to ensure necessary conditions for signal synchronization: inductive loops, video detection, radar, sonar, thermal, hybrids thereof, and other types of detection systems.

Note: that only one feature can be selected for any qualifying improvement; for example, an implementation of a new video detection system that can distinguish bicycles can be selected for points under the "Separate Bicycle/ADA Pedestrian Detection" or "New/Upgraded Detection", but not both. (maximum: 10 points)

Maintenance of Effort: Points are earned for a commitment to operate the project signal synchronization timing for a defined period of time beyond the three-year grant period. Note that the project will not be eligible for funding until after the completion of all maintenance commitments. (maximum: 5 points)

Project Scale: Points are earned for including more intersections along signal synchronization network. For a grid, the number of signals and percent of signals being retimed will only be calculated for the corridor that is designated as the Main Corridor (maximum: 20 points).

Note: Due to the length of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and the fact that broad portions of it are a Caltrans' owned facility, for CTFP project scoring purposes only, the "Percent of Main Corridor Being Retimed" scoring criteria (identified in Table 8-1) can be divided into the four following segments.

1. San Gabriel River (Los Angeles County Line) to North of Goldenwest Street
2. Goldenwest Street to School/State Park
3. South of School State Park to Doheny Park Road

4. South of Doheny Park Road to County Line

If an application is proposed to span two or more segments of PCH the "Percent of Main Corridor Being Retimed" calculation will be based upon the number of signals in the project application divided by total number of signals in the applicable segments.

Number of Local Agencies: Points are earned for including multiple local agencies as part of the project. (maximum: 10 points)

Current Project Status: Points are earned based on the current status of the project development. Points for re-timing of a corridor can be claimed only if at least 75% of the previous project is part of the new application. Points can also be claimed for applicants who provide evidence that they can complete primary implementation within twelve months. Agencies that receive points for this category **cannot request delays or time extensions throughout the life of the project.** Note: Applications that designate OCTA as the lead agency are not eligible to claim implementation within 12 months (maximum for category: 10 points)

Funding Rate: The percentages shown in Table 8-1 apply to overall match rates. M2 requires a 20 percent (20%) local match for RTSSP projects. Project match rates above 20 percent (20%) are limited to dollar match only. (maximum: 5 points)

Table 8-1 Point Breakdown

RTSSP SCORING CRITERIA Point Breakdown for Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Projects Maximum Points = 100

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All local agencies may participate in the RTSSP. Caltrans facilities are eligible for the RTSSP, but Caltrans cannot act as the lead agency. Local agencies will be required to provide a minimum of 20 percent (20%) matching funds for eligible projects (see definition of matching funds below).

The goal of the RTSSP is to provide regional signal synchronization that crosses jurisdictional, geographical, or physical boundaries. To be eligible for funding through this Program, a project must meet the following requirements:

1. Be on a street segment that is part of the signal synchronization network, or the MPAH. The project must be consistent with Local Signal Synchronization Plans and support the Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Master Plan goals.
2. Be multi-jurisdictional, have documented support from all participating local agencies (cities, County, or Caltrans) and a minimum of 20 signals

or

Be multi-jurisdictional, have documented support from all participating local agencies (cities, County, or Caltrans) and a minimum distance of five miles

or

Include at minimum three local agencies, have documented support from all participating local agencies (cities, County, or Caltrans), and have a minimum intersection density of four intersections per mile with a minimum of eight signals

or

Include the full length of the signal synchronization network corridor, or MPAH corridor

Matching Funds

Local agencies along the corridor are required to provide a minimum local match funding of 20 percent (20%) for each project. As prescribed by the M2 Ordinance, this includes local sources, M2 Fair Share, and other public or private sources (herein referred to as a “cash match”). Projects can designate local matching funds as cash match, in-kind match provided by local agency staff and equipment, or a combination of both.

“In-kind match” is defined as those actions that local agencies will do in support of the project including staffing commitment and/or new signal system investment related to improved signal synchronization. Examples of staffing commitment include, but are not limited to, implementation of intersection or system timing parameters, review of timing documentation, meeting participation, conducting or assisting in before/after studies, and other similar efforts that directly enhance the signal synchronization project. Project

match beyond 20 percent (20%) is limited to cash match only. Please note, overmatch is subject to the same audit and requirements as in-kind match.

Administrative staff time for documentation of in-kind services is ineligible. Staff time charged to a project is limited to the caps as described in these guidelines. Allowable signal system investment would be improvements that are “eligible activities” per the funding guidelines, which can be shown to improve signal synchronization and would not include any prior investments made by the agency. For OCTA-led projects, match for equipment shall be in cash except when an agency elects to purchase equipment per the application.

In-kind match must be defined for each local agency as part of the supplemental application. In-kind match must be identified as staffing commitment and/or new signal system investment. The supplemental application template will include a section to input in-kind match type as well as additional data related to the match:

- Staffing commitment
 - Staff position
 - Number of hours
 - Hourly (fully burdened) rate
 - Total cost
- New signal system investment (limited to eligible activities)
 - Cost of any signal system investment
 - Benefit to project

O&M activities will be permitted in-kind match only for local agency oversight functions. Contract activities will require cash match. Local agency contributions identified as cash match in the application cannot be converted into in-kind match.

OCTA staff will review in detail the presented cash and in-kind match by local agency for reasonableness.

Additionally, for projects designating OCTA as lead agency, a consultant traffic engineering firm may be contracted to provide staff and services to implement the project. Therefore, in-kind match designated as staffing commitment under an OCTA lead agency option shall be limited. The following will be used as a guide for staffing commitment, when the local agency develops the application:

- Primary Implementation (PI) (12 months)
 - Project Administration - Each local agency traffic engineer or equivalent participates in approximately 10-15 hours per month of project administration (meetings, review of reports, minutes, and other administration).

- Signal Synchronization Timing - Each local agency traffic engineer or equivalent reviews consultant developed draft and final timing plans for intersections within the local agency, approximately 2-4 hours per local agency intersection.
- Before and After Study - Each local agency traffic engineer or equivalent reviews consultant developed draft and final project Before and After Study, approximately 2-5 hours per local agency.
- Engineering design/review - Each local agency traffic engineer or equivalent reviews consultant developed engineer design within the local agency, approximately 2-4 hours per affected local agency intersection.
- System integration - Each local agency traffic engineer or equivalent provides support for this function (hours vary depending on improvements).
- Construction management - Each local agency traffic engineer or equivalent provides construction management support including inspection (hour vary depending on improvements).
- Ongoing O&M (24 months) - Each local agency's traffic engineer or equivalent participates in continued project level meetings of 2-5 hours per local agency per month to review consultant traffic engineering progress. In addition, each local agency's traffic engineer or equivalent reviews consultant developed draft and O&M Report.

For projects designating a local agency as lead, the above may be used as a guide with additional local match related to implementation, development, design, monitoring and other costs that the local agency may choose to include as local match. For instance, O&M may be performed by in-house staff and be calculated using a different formula (e.g., 2-5 hours per local agency signal for 24 months).

Participating agencies pledging in-kind services shall be responsible for keeping track of said hours and/or improvements. For OCTA-led projects, an in-kind services match report will be requested throughout the project to ensure agencies meet their promised in-kind match. All submissions shall include backup documentations, such as accounting/payroll detailed summaries, third-party invoices (consultant, contractor, and equipment) and are subject to Audit.

Project Cancellation

If a local agency decides to cancel a project, for whatever reason, the agency shall notify OCTA as soon as possible. Projects deemed infeasible shall bring that phase to a logical conclusion, file a final report, and cancel remaining phases so that remaining funds can be reprogrammed without penalty.

Cancelled projects will be eligible for re-application upon resolution of issues that led to original project termination.

If a lead agency decides to cancel a project before completion of the entire project, for whatever reason, the agency shall notify OCTA as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of the project lead agency to repay OCTA for any funds received.

Project Extensions

Local agencies are provided 36 months to expend the funds from the date of encumbrance. Agencies can request timely use of funds extensions through the SAR in accordance with the CTFP guidelines. Local agencies should issue a separate NTP when combining contracts for both the PI and O&M phases. NTP requirement should be identified in the initial contract/agreement to avoid obligation of both phases at the same time. If this procedure is followed by the local agency the NTP date will be considered the date of encumbrance for the O&M phase.

Audits

All M2 payments are subject to audit. Local agencies must follow established accounting requirements and applicable laws regarding the use of public funds. Failure to submit to an audit in a timely manner may result in loss of future funding. Misuse or misrepresentation of M2 funding will require remediation which may include repayment, reduction in overall grant, and/or other sanctions to be determined. Audits shall be conducted by OCTA Internal Audit Department or other authorized agent either through the normal annual process or on a schedule to be determined by the Board.

Data Compatibility

All count data, including average daily traffic (ADT) and intersection turning movement (ITM), collected as part of any funded project shall be provided to OCTA Microsoft Excel format. Any data files containing numeric intersection or node identifiers shall use the same node identification (ID) numbers as is stored and maintained by OCTA. OCTA will provide a listing of intersections and corresponding unique node ID numbers upon request. Each count data filename shall describe the year the counts were collected, agency, type of count file, intersection name, and OCTA node ID number. As an example, a turning movement count file recently collected for the intersection of Harbor Boulevard and Wilson Street in the City of Costa Mesa would be given the filename 2020_CostaMesa_ITM_Harbor-Wilson_4534.xls.

All traffic signal synchronization data collected and compiled as part of any funded project for both existing (before) and final optimized (after) conditions shall be provided to OCTA in Synchro version 10 format. This data shall include validated network layout, node, link, lane, volume, timing, and phase data for all coordinated times. The nodes for these files shall also correspond to the OCTA node ID numbers.

Project Summary Information

For each application that is recommended for funding, the agency shall submit a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the pertinent project information for TAC review and discussion purposes. The presentation shall be no more than three (3) slides and should contain, at a minimum, a project description, project benefits, location map, and cost estimate. **OCTA staff will request the PowerPoint when/if a project is recommended for funding.**

Exhibit 8-1

Project P – Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Application Checklist

Project P Application Checklist	Page
<p>RTSSP Online Application – submitted through OCFundTracker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Transportation Significance b. Benefit Cost Ratio c. Project Characteristics d. Maintenance of Effort e. Project Scale f. Number of Jurisdictions g. Current Project Status h. Funding Over-Match 	Online
<p>Section 1: Key Technical Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Name of Project Corridor/Grid/Route b. Project Limits c. Project Length d. Number of Signalized Intersections Along Corridor e. Participating Agencies/Traffic Forum Members f. Lead Agency g. Designation of the corridor to synchronize h. Project start and end date i. Previous funding j. Contact Information k. Signalized intersections that are part of the project l. Project Map Depicting the Project Limits 	
<p>Section 2: Regional Significance</p>	
<p>Section 3: Acknowledgement of Required Tasks</p>	
<p>Section 4: Funding Needs/Costs for Proposed Project by Task</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Summary of Project Cost b. Summary of Cost by Agency c. Table I: Agency Improvement Preferences d. Table II: Description of Work by Intersection 	
<p>Section 5: Detailed Local Match Commitment</p>	
<p>Section 6: Project Schedule for the 3 Year Grant Period by Task</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Project State and End Dates b. Project Schedule by Task c. Agency Commitment of Extended Monitoring and Maintenance 	
<p>Appendices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agency Resolutions b. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) c. Calculations and Estimated Points d. Additional Information (Optional) 	

Exhibit 8-2

Sample Resolution for Orange County Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Projects

A resolution of the _____ City Council approving the submittal of _____ improvement project(s) to the Orange County Transportation Authority for funding under the competitive Measure M2 Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____ HEREBY RESOLVES, DETERMINES, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS THAT:

- a) WHEREAS, the Measure M2 Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program targets over 2,000 signalized intersections across Orange County to maintain traffic signal synchronization, improve traffic flow, and reduce congestion across jurisdictions; and
- b) WHEREAS, the City of _____ has been declared by the Orange County Transportation Authority to meet the eligibility requirements to receive revenues as part of Measure M2;
 - c) WHEREAS, the CITY must include all projects funded by Net Revenues in the seven-year Capital Improvement Program as part of the Renewed Measure M Ordinance eligibility requirement.
- d) WHEREAS, the CITY authorizes a formal amendment to the seven-year Capital Improvement Program to add projects approved for funding upon approval from the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors, if necessary.
- e) WHEREAS, the City of _____ has currently adopted a Local Signal Synchronization Plan consistent with the Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Master Plan as a key component of local agencies' efforts to synchronizing traffic signals across local agencies' boundaries; and
 - f) WHEREAS, the City of _____ will provide matching funds for each project as required by the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Procedures Manual; and
- g) WHEREAS, the City of _____ will not use Renewed Measure M funds to supplant Developer Fees or other commitments; and
- h) WHEREAS, the City of _____ desires to implement multi-jurisdictional signal synchronization listed below; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council of the City of _____ hereby requests the Orange County Transportation Authority allocate funds in the amounts specified in the City's application to said City from the Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program. Said funds, if approved, shall be matched by funds from said City as required and shall be used as supplemental funding to aid the City in signal synchronization along the following street(s):

*Required language a-h



**Discussion and Potential
Distribution of Coronavirus
Response and Relief
Supplemental Appropriations
Act, 2021 Funding**



June 23, 2021

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Orange County Transportation Authority Staff

Subject: Discussion and Potential Distribution of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 Funding

Overview

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 Title IV of Division M, Public Law 116-260, which was signed into law on December 27, 2020, appropriated funding for Highway Infrastructure Programs to mitigate revenue loss due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Orange County Transportation Authority would like Technical Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee input regarding the potential distribution of funds to local agencies for street and road rehabilitation and maintenance.

Recommendations

Provide Technical Advisory Committee input to staff regarding the potential distribution of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation funds to local agencies for street and road rehabilitation and maintenance.

Background

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, (CRRSAA), Title IV of Division M, Public Law (116-260, which was signed into law on December 27, 2020, appropriated \$10 billion for Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP). The State of California was apportioned \$911.8 million of which approximately \$364.7 million, or 40 percent will be distributed to regional agencies. Fifty percent of the regional funds (\$182.4 million) will be distributed through a 2021 mid-cycle State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) through the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The remaining funds (\$182.4 million) are identified by the CTC as CRRSAA funds, and these will be provided through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Local Assistance. Between the two CRRSAA programs, the Orange County's share for CRRSAA is \$26.4 million.

Periodically, in addition to the Measure M2 Fair Share and Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program funds, the Orange County Transportation

Authority (OCTA) has approved providing a share of state and federal funds to local agencies to assist with street and road rehab or other related transportation projects. Over the years, the specific funding that has been provided includes \$37.9 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in 2009, \$24.5 million in State Local Partnership Program funds in 2012, \$19.9 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds in 2014.

Discussion

Staff is considering a recommendation to the Board of Directors (Board) to provide up to \$11.0 million or 42 percent of the \$26.4 million in CRRSAA funds to local agencies for local streets and roads rehabilitation and maintenance projects. While local jurisdictions may receive revenues through the American Rescue Plan Act, the proposed CRRSAA funding for local jurisdictions would specifically support transportation needs. This would help offset the loss of M2 local fair share revenues, potentially SB 1 (Chapter 1, Statutes of 2017) Road Maintenance Rehabilitation account funds, and other state and federal funding programs that support local streets and roads. Also, based on the pavement management plan reports submitted by the local agencies, there is a backlog in current and projected Orange County pavement needs.

The proposed split of these funds between OCTA specific transportation needs and local jurisdiction needs is consistent with the distribution California is using for the overall CRRSAA program, with 60 percent going towards state needs and projects and 40 percent distributed to the counties. Additionally, this is also slightly higher than the percentage of ARRA that was provided to local jurisdictions which was the last most significant stimulus program that flowed through county transportation commissions and regional agencies.

If proposed and approved, these funds would be distributed through a formula based on population with a \$200,000 minimum guarantee. Using a population formula is consistent with how the funds are distributed throughout the State. Attachment A provides the population calculation and the funding distribution.

Based on the CTC Guidelines which were approved on May 12, 2021 and Caltrans Local Assistance guidelines, OCTA is considering the following:

- Project proposals due to OCTA by November 30, 2021 for consideration at the January or March, 2022 CTC meeting.
- Eligible projects include local streets and roads rehabilitation and maintenance projects.
- No local match requirement.

- Any CRRSAA funding not obligated by July 1, 2023 will be transferred to OCTA to be reprogrammed. This is to ensure 100% of these funds remain in the County.

CRRSAA are federal funds and will require CTC approval and programming in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. Additionally, if there is a significant scope change, CTC approval for an amendment will be required. Allocation requests have been streamlined from the traditional CTC allocation process but will require OCTA concurrence and then be submitted by the local agencies directly to Caltrans Local Assistance. Local agencies will be required to provide an Allocation Request form, OCTA concurrence, an electronic Project Programming Request form, and if applicable, a Detailed Engineer's Cost Estimate for construction items (construction requests only) to Local Assistance.

Staff is bringing this proposal forward for discussion and affirmation of local agency need. Given the recent federal stimulus and pending state stimulus programs, a discussion of local agency need is critical to asking for Board approval for the potential program described in this item.

Summary

OCTA is responsible for the development and programming of the CRRSAA funding for Orange County. Staff is requesting local agency input on a potential local agency streets and roads rehabilitation and maintenance program for \$11.0 million in CRRSAA.

Attachment

- A. CRRSAA Funding Distribution to Cities, \$200,000 minimum at \$11.0 million

CRRSAA Funding Distribution to Cities
\$200k Minimum @ \$11 M

City	Population	CRRSAA Distribution by Population
Aliso Viejo	49,813	\$ 200,000
Anaheim	353,468	\$ 1,047,923
Brea	45,137	\$ 200,000
Buena Park	81,626	\$ 241,996
Costa Mesa	112,780	\$ 334,358
County of Orange	127,787	\$ 378,849
Cypress	48,531	\$ 200,000
Dana Point	33,189	\$ 200,000
Fountain Valley	54,953	\$ 200,000
Fullerton	139,431	\$ 413,370
Garden Grove	172,476	\$ 511,338
Huntington Beach	196,874	\$ 583,670
Irvine	271,564	\$ 805,103
La Habra	62,808	\$ 200,000
La Palma	15,442	\$ 200,000
Laguna Beach	22,495	\$ 200,000
Laguna Hills	31,073	\$ 200,000
Laguna Niguel	65,168	\$ 200,000
Laguna Woods	16,036	\$ 200,000
Lake Forest	84,538	\$ 250,629
Los Alamitos	11,538	\$ 200,000
Mission Viejo	94,119	\$ 279,034
Newport Beach	85,865	\$ 254,563
Orange	137,366	\$ 407,248
Placentia	51,173	\$ 200,000
Rancho Santa Margarita	48,183	\$ 200,000
San Clemente	64,065	\$ 200,000
San Juan Capistrano	35,801	\$ 200,000
Santa Ana	331,369	\$ 982,407
Seal Beach	24,443	\$ 200,000
Stanton	39,573	\$ 200,000
Tustin	80,009	\$ 237,202
Villa Park	5,759	\$ 200,000
Westminster	91,466	\$ 271,168
Yorba Linda	67,846	\$ 201,142

TOTALS

3,153,764 \$

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AGENDA

Technical Advisory Committee

Item# 4

Transit Supportive Design Guidelines

OCTA Transit-Supportive Design Guidelines

FINAL DRAFT MAY 28, 2021

Prepared for:
Orange County Transportation Authority

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Presentation:

Technical Advisory Committee

June 23, 2021

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Transit Supportive Design Guidelines

Contents

- Overview and Purpose of Update
- Major Changes
- Agency Outreach
- Best Practices Research
- TSDG Framework
- Next Steps
- Questions

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Overview and Purpose of Update

- **2004 Bus Stop Safety and Design Guidelines**
 - Focused on engineering recommendations for bus stop design
- **Purpose of update**
 - Modernize guidelines to conform to evolving OCTA operations
 - Update technical information and standards (e.g., new technologies, ADA)
 - Incorporate transit-supportive community planning principles (i.e., land use and network planning, complete streets)
 - Integrate current best practices and new design concepts
 - Comprehensive “one-stop” guidance and resource handbook


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Major Changes in Updated Guidelines

- Restructured guidelines into three parts:
 - 1) Introduction and overview of OCTA services
 - 2) Planning principles
 - 2) Engineering design guidance
- Incorporated transit-supportive land use and network planning principles
- Added design guidance covering many new topics
- Included resource links to best practices publications
- Shifted updated technical specifications to appendices
- Included bus stop design process and ADA checklists


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Agency Outreach - Surveys

- **Objective**
 - Identify agency's role in planning and design of bus stops
 - Resource's agencies use
 - Challenges faced in implementing high quality bus stops
 - Specific guidance agencies find most valuable
- **Survey directed to planning and engineering staff**
 - All 34 cities in Orange County
 - Orange County public works and airport departments
- **Response**
 - 25 responses from 21 agencies—a response rate of 60 percent

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Agency Outreach – Surveys (Cont.)

Top Four Topics of Interest Identified By Respondents

Improve Passenger Safety at Bus Stops	16
Preferred Bus Stop Placement	15
Improve Coordination between Cities and OCTA	14
Improve Vehicle Movement Impacts on Bus Stops	14


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Agency Outreach – Interviews

- **Objective**
 - Follow up surveyed agencies for clarification on responses
 - Agency insight regarding content of the guidelines
- **Response**
 - 11 responses—a response rate of 31 percent
- **Top issues / challenges**
 - Funding for bus stop amenities
 - Regular maintenance such as trash collection and graffiti removal, and expectations for third party maintenance contracts
 - Transient use of bus stop property
 - Right of way constraints
 - On-street parking impacts of bus stops

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Agency Outreach – Interviews (Cont.)

- **Top needs for guidance**
 - Highly prescriptive guidance and procedural direction
 - Tools to assist the design process
 - Design solutions for bike lanes adjacent to bus stops
 - Updated warrants triggering installation of shelters/amenities

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Best Practices Research

- Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) Publications
- Professional Organization Publications
- Department of Transportation and Transit Authority Design Guidelines
- Academic and Local Agency Publications
- ADA Related Publications
- **Over 50 resources used to develop TSDG**


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TSDG Framework

- Introduction**
 - Transit-supportive design and benefits
 - Purpose of the TSDG
 - TSDG audience and use of document
- Transit in Orange County**
 - Transit service overview
 - OC Streetcar
 - OC Transit recommendations
 - Agency roles / responsibilities
- Planning principles**
 - Transit-support land use planning
 - Transit supportive network planning
 - Complete Streets planning
 - Bus stop typologies
- Engineering design guidance**
 - Vehicle operations
 - Roadway geometric design
 - Bus stop placement, configuration, and design
 - Boarding area design and amenities
 - Pedestrian and bicycle access
 - Accessibility requirements
 - Transit priority measures
 - Transit centers and PnR facilities
 - Signing and pavement markings
 - Passenger information
 - Design checklists
- Appendices**
 - OCTA Revenue Fleet Specifications
 - Bus Turning Radii Templates
 - Bus Stop Technical Specifications
 - ADA Checklists
 - Bus Stop Design Process Checklists
 - Master List of Resources

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Next Steps

- Prepare final TSDG
- Submit by June 30, 2021
- Posted on OCTA website
- PDF will be made available to interested stakeholders

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Correspondence



Item 5, Attachment A: OCTA Board Items of Interest

- **Monday, May 10, 2021**
Item #17: Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs – 2021 Call for Projects Programming Recommendations
Item #18: Cooperative Agreement with the City of San Juan Capistrano for the Ortega Highway Widening Improvement from Calle Entradero to Reata Road
- **Monday, May 24, 2021**
Item #1: Public Hearing to Amend the Orange County Local Transportation Measure M2 Ordinance No. 3
- **Monday, June 14, 2021**
Item #4: Federal Transit Administration Program of Projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2020-21, Federal Coronavirus, Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act of 2021 and American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Transit Funding
Item #22: Measure M2 Quarterly Progress Report for the Period of January 2021 Through March 2021
Item #24: Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Semi-Annual Review – March 2021
Item #26: Measure M2 Eligibility Review Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2019-20 Expenditure Reports



AGENDA

Technical Advisory Committee

Item# 5

Item 5, Attachment B: Announcements by Email

- May 12, 2021 OCTA Technical Steering Committee Meeting Cancellation Notice, *sent 5/10/2021*
- May 26, 2021 OCTA Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Cancellation Notice, *sent 5/19/2021*
- June 9, 2021 OCTA Technical Steering Committee Agenda, *sent 6/4/2021*



Caltrans Local Assistance Update



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

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TECHNICAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

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CTC Meetings

- Upcoming deadlines to submit allocations and time extensions to District Local Assistance:
 - Aug 15 for the Oct 2021 CTC Meeting
 - Oct 10 for the Dec 2021 CTC Meeting

Inactive Invoices

- The current inactive quarter began April 1, 2021
- The next inactive quarter starts July 1, 2021
- If your agency has invoices on FHWA's official inactive list, this **will** jeopardize your funding.

LAPM and LAPG Changes

- Two LAPM forms have been revised as of May 2021
 - Exhibit 3-A – Project Authorization
 - Exhibit 13-F – Local Public Agency Real Property Services Checklist
- LAPM Chapter 20 – Audits and Corrective Actions
 - Lists of deficiencies removed as of May 2021
 - Focus is instead on expectations during the audit
- LAPG Chapter 6 – Highway Bridge Program (HBP)
 - Many revisions to project delivery requirements as of June 2021
 - For more info, see this office bulletin: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/ob/2021/ob21-02.pdf>

Training

- ADA Transition Plan Implementation for Local Public Agencies (Jun-Jul)
 - Four-part webinar series hosted by FHWA about ADA
 - Register here:
<http://www.localassistanceblog.com/2021/06/07/ada-transition-plan-implementation-for-local-public-agencies/>
- Value Engineering Workshop (Oct 5-8)

Training

- Other trainings with dates TBA later this year:
 - Federal Aid Series – Getting Your Federal Aid Started
 - Resident Engineers Academy
 - Title VI Workshop
 - Labor Compliance
- Register for various Local Assistance courses here:

<https://californialtap.org/index.cfm?pid=1077>

Title VI

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination by recipient of Federal assistance on the basis of race, color, and national origin, including the denial of meaningful access for limited English proficient (LEP) Persons.
- Requirements include but are not limited to:
 - Title VI nondiscrimination statement
 - Assurances (as part of the Master Agreement and Program Supplement Agreement.
 - Designation of a Title VI Coordinator.
 - Complaint Procedures.
 - Data Collection.
 - Training.
 - Dissemination of Information.
 - Contracts and Agreements.
 - Environmental Justice.
 - Public Hearings and Meetings.
 - Right of Way activities.
 - Construction contract compliance.
 - Monitoring.
- Caltrans has also recently updated our webpage on Filing a Complaint, and it provides guidance to local agencies on how to process Title VI complaints.



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