



# Federal Transportation Improvement Program and OCFundtracker Database



2021 TIP Database and Amendment Guide

# Agenda

- Introductions
- Informational Items
- FTIP Process and Overview
- Review Local FTIP Projects
- OCFundTracker Tutorial

# Introduction

- ❑ The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is the primary programming and implementation component for projects identified in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
  
- ❑ The FTIP lists projects and identified funding sources for every transportation project that:
  - ❑ Receives Federal funds.
  - ❑ Receives State funds.
  - ❑ Are Regionally Significant Projects.

# Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)



# What is “Regionally Significant”?

## FTIP 2021 :Helpful Hints



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# 2021 FTIP- Additional Provisions

Projects must:

- ❑ Be fully funded.
  - Includes approved funds *only* (back-up documentation)
- ❑ Comply with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) long-range RTP.

FTIP programming is required for the E-76 process and for CTC allocation approval.

# Roles and Responsibilities

- ❑ Local Agencies
- ❑ Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
- ❑ Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)



# Roles and Responsibilities

## Local Agencies

- Submit projects that are required in the FTIP.
- Add new projects
- Delete existing projects
- Modify existing projects
- Carry over active projects
- Ensure projects comply with FTIP guidelines.
- Ensure projects comply with Transportation Control Measure (TCM) requirements.
- Ensure projects are fully funded.
- Provide backup documentation authorizing funding for projects.

## OCTA

- Administers the FTIP in Orange County.
- Programs OCTA related projects into the FTIP.
- Reviews projects submitted from local agencies for FTIP and RTP compliance.
- Prepares final submittal to SCAG.
- Prepares group project listings for:
  - Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP)
  - Arterial Pavement Management Program (APM)
  - Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program (BCIP)
  - Highway Bridge Program (HBP)

## SCAG

- Maintains the regional FTIP database.
- Reviews projects for FTIP compliance.
- Submits projects to Caltrans and Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) / Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for review.
- Prepares group project listings for:
  - Statewide ATP
  - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
  - Safe-Routes to School (SRTS/SR2S)



# New Responsibilities for 2021 FTIP

## □ Performance Measures (REQUIRED)

PM3 - SYSTEM PERFORMANCE	
Non-Interstate NHS reliability impact	Rating No Impact ▼
Interstate NHS reliability impact	Rating Significant Improvement ▼
NHS criteria pollutant and CO2 emissions impact	Rating Significant Improvement ▼
Interstate good movement impact	Rating Moderate Improvement ▼

## □ Mapping not required, but useful

# FTIP Cycle

## Stage 1

- ❑ Base FTIP Adoption Submittal

## Stage 2

- ❑ Monthly Amendment Process

# Monthly Amendment Process

## *Modifying Projects in the FTIP*

Following the initial base FTIP submittal, projects *do not* need to be included in the monthly amendment process if there are no changes.

When necessary, there are two types of changes that can be made:

- Administrative Modification
- Formal Amendment

# Administrative Modifications

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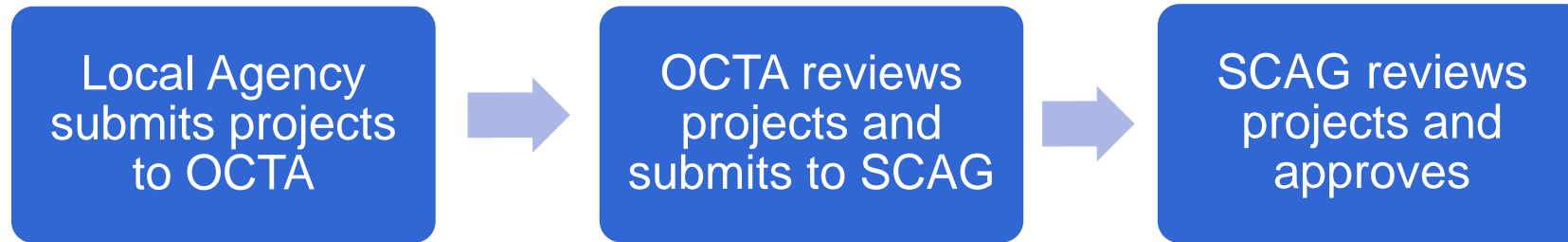
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# Amending & Modifying FTIP Projects- Administrative Modifications



- ❑ Each administrative modification does not require a public hearing or review.
- ❑ There is no federal approval process. FHWA and FTA receive the administrative modifications for informational purposes.

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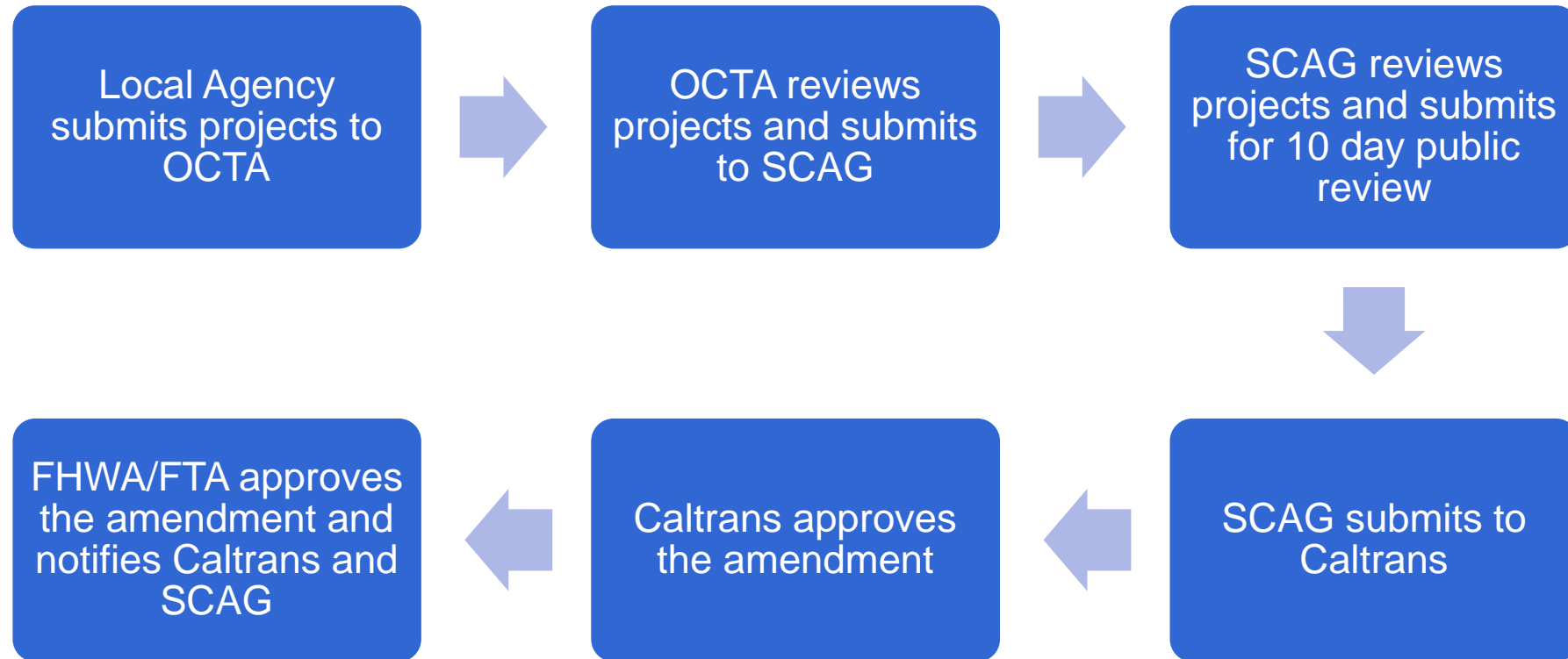
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# Amending & Modifying FTIP Projects- Formal Amendments





# Amending & Modifying FTIP Projects

- FTIP Amendment Turn Around Time

Amendment Category	Public Review	Estimated Approval (+/-)
Administrative Modification	N/A	45 days
Formal Amendment	Minimum 10 days	90 days

# FTIP Schedule- Upcoming Amendments

FTIP AMENDMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION SCHEDULE			
Due to OCTA	Due Date	Amendments	Administrative Modifications
Tuesday, January 19, 2021	Tuesday, February 9, 2021		Administrative Modification #19-32
Tuesday, March 30, 2021	Tuesday, April 20, 2021	Amendment #21-03	
Tuesday, May 25, 2021	Tuesday, June 15, 2021		Administrative Modification #21-04



# ATP/BCIP

- ❑ Active Transportation Program and Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program are programmed into group projects and managed in the FTIP by OCTA
  - ❑ Local agencies are responsible for maintaining accuracy in group project listings and providing backup documentation while OCTA will review for compliance.
- ❑ If an ATP or BCIP project is a Transportation Control Measure (TCM) they require their own FTIP sheet
  - ❑ Local agencies are responsible for managing FTIP sheets and providing backup documentation while OCTA will review for compliance.
- ❑ TCMs are strategies that reduce transportation-related air pollution, GHG emissions, and fuel use by reducing vehicle miles traveled and improving roadway operations.
  - ❑ Bicycle facilities more than 1 mile and pedestrian facilities more than ¼ mile.

# Common Problems

- ❑ Incomplete or unclear descriptions
  - ❑ Sample descriptions can be found on pg. 9 of the [Tutorial and Amendment Guide](#). Click on **Guidelines** next to **Project Description** in the TIP Program Information section for detailed information
- ❑ Unidentified number and direction of existing and proposed lanes
  - ❑ Ensure the number of lanes proposed and existing is accurately identified.

# Common Problems

- ❑ Missing local match amounts
  - ❑ List local funding match sources in the Programming Information section. A list can be found on pg. 38 of the Tutorial and Amendment Guide.
- ❑ Missing completion dates
  - ❑ Ensure project has an accurate future completion date.
  - ❑ Additionally, TCM projects have strict requirements regarding completion dates.
- ❑ Missing environmental documents type and dates
  - ❑ Select the appropriate Environmental Document type. Enter the completion date (or anticipated completion date) of the associated document. More information can be found on pg. 13 of the Tutorial and Amendment Guide.

# SAFE Vehicle Rule and SB-1291

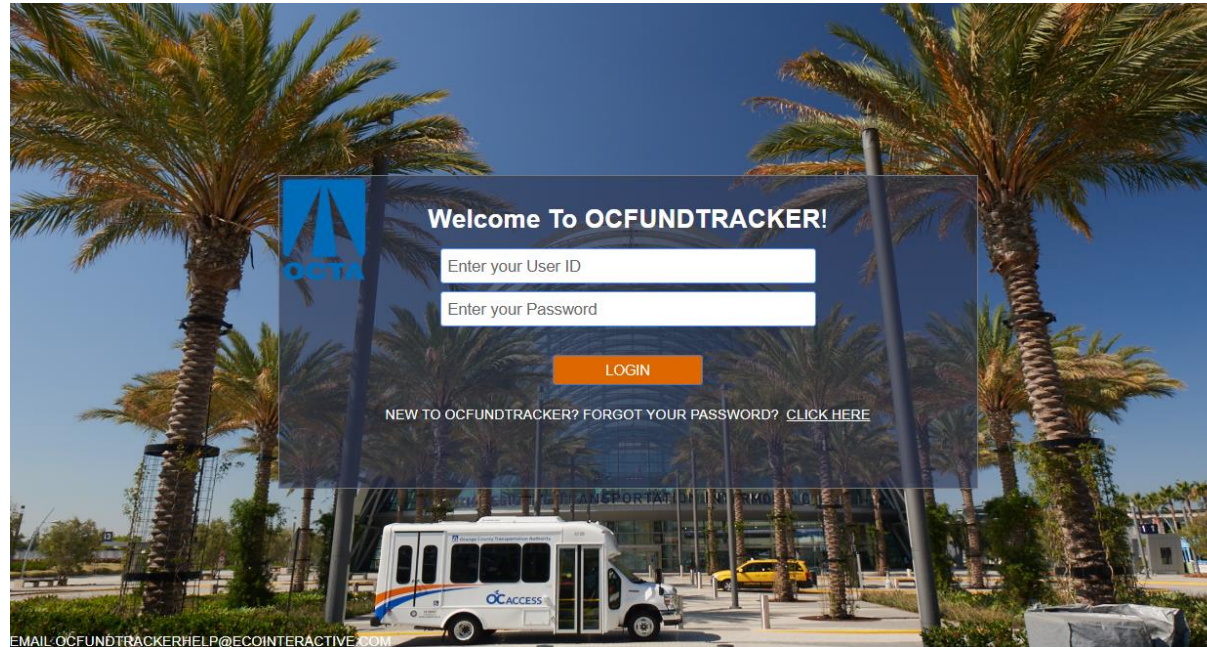
- In August 2018, the NHTSA and US EPA proposed the Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Vehicle Rule, which seemed to repeal California's higher fuel efficiency standards.
  - It turned out after much debate however, that California's EMFAC model would still be valid for the 2021 FTIP and the schedule for submission was delayed to April 2021
- SB-1291 passed on September 18, 2020, providing flexibility in the FTIP development process by delaying statewide FTIP submittal **three months** past the Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
  - Orange County and SCAG have already submitted 2021 FTIP
  - 2021 FTIP is anticipated to be approved in April 2021

# Review of Important Dates

- Administrative Mod 19-32: February 9, 2021
- Formal Amendment 21-03: April 20, 2021
- Administrative Mod 21-04: June 15, 2021



# OCFundtracker



- ❑ OCFundtracker is the online database for the TIP in Orange County and the means by which project revisions are processed.
- ❑ An updated system has been released, and major changes are reviewed in the [Tutorial and Amendment Guide](#).

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