



December 2, 2024

To: Regional Transportation Planning Committee
From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: 2025 Technical Steering Committee Membership

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority Technical Advisory Committee provides feedback and input on Measure M2 local streets and roads-related items. The Technical Advisory Committee relies on a Technical Steering Committee to perform a more in-depth review of more complex technical items. Proposed 2025 Technical Steering Committee membership recommendations are presented for the Board of Directors' review and approval.

Recommendation

Approve the proposed 2025 Technical Steering Committee membership recommendations.

Background

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was established in 1976 under the legislation enabling the creation of the Orange County Transportation Commission, a predecessor agency to OCTA. The TAC is comprised of representatives from all Orange County cities, the County of Orange, and a non-voting representative from the California Department of Transportation.

The TAC provides input regarding the guidelines for the allocation of Measure M2 competitive grant funds. The TAC also provides technical advice on items related to streets and roads, such as the Orange County Long-Range Transportation Plan, Traffic Signal Synchronization Master Plan, and the Master Plan of Arterial Highways updates. The TAC relies on a Technical Steering Committee (TSC) to vet, review, and discuss technical issues before submission to the TAC for final review and consideration.

The TSC consists of nine voting members and one non-voting ex-officio member. Members are approved for nomination by the TAC and appointed by the OCTA Board of Directors (Board). The nine TSC voting member positions include one position from each of Orange County's five supervisorial districts, two at-large positions, and the chair and vice chair positions. The chair and vice chair of the TSC also serve as the chair and vice chair of the TAC. The TSC members serve two-year terms, with the chair and vice chair serving one-year terms, and membership is evaluated as position terms expire. Election to the TSC requires letters of interest from existing TAC representatives which are reviewed by the president of the City Engineers Association of Orange County (CEAOC) and the TAC/TSC chair, with support from OCTA staff before recommendations are advanced to the TAC for consideration. The final recommendation includes consideration of a balance between small and large jurisdictions and between north and south local agencies.

Discussion

In September 2024, OCTA solicited letters of interest to fill TSC vacancies for the 2025 calendar year. Six of the nine TSC positions were open for consideration due to position terms expiring. These positions included the chair, vice chair, Second District, Third District, Fifth District, and one at-large position. Additionally, the current First District representative also resigned for the remainder of the position's term in order to be considered for a TSC leadership position of chair or vice chair.

Letters of interest from eight eligible TAC members were received. In accordance with OCTA procedures for administering the TSC (Attachment A), the president of the CEAOC and the chair of the TSC/TAC reviewed all letters of interest and, with input from OCTA staff, developed the 2025 TSC membership recommendations (Attachment B).

While past practice has been for the vice chair to be recommended to the role of chair the following year, the 2024 vice chair will be unable to serve on the TSC in 2025. Instead, the representative from the City of Lake Forest is being recommended for the 2025 chair position. The representative from the City of Seal Beach is being recommended for the 2025 vice chair position. The First District position is recommended for appointment with the representative from the City of Fountain Valley. The Second District position is recommended for appointment by the representative from the City of Santa Ana. The Third District position is recommended for appointment by the representative from the City of Yorba Linda. The Fifth District position is recommended for appointment with the representative from the City of Laguna Hills. The open at-large position is recommended for appointment by the representative from the City of Laguna Niguel.

In finalizing these recommendations, the president of the CEAO and the TSC/TAC chair emphasized the need to maintain a balance between large/small and north/south Orange County cities. The TAC unanimously endorsed the consensus recommendation in October 2024 and this recommendation is now being advanced for Board consideration and approval.

Summary

The TSC provides guidance and direction on major technical issues before presentation to the full TAC. Members of the TSC serve two-year terms, except the chair and vice chair, who serve one-year terms. There are six regular positions recommended for appointment in the next calendar year. In addition, one out-of-cycle position is recommended for appointment due to the existing representative being recommended for another TSC position. The recommended appointment list for 2025 TSC membership is presented for Board consideration and approval.

Attachments

- A. Technical Steering Committee Policies and Procedures
- B. Recommended 2025 Technical Steering Committee Membership List

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