



April 23, 2025

To: Finance and Administration Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Local Transportation Fund Claim for Public Transportation and Community Transit Services

Overview

The Orange County Transit District is eligible to receive funding from the Local Transportation Fund for providing public transportation and community transit services throughout Orange County. To receive the funds, the Orange County Transit District must file a claim against the Local Transportation Fund with the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the Orange County Transit District Fiscal Year 2025-26 Local Transportation Fund Claim for public transportation services in the amount of \$208,460,790, and for community transit services in the amount of \$11,050,352 for a total claim amount of \$219,511,142.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue allocation/disbursement instructions to the Orange County Auditor-Controller in the full amount of the claims.

Background

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971 established a funding source dedicated to public transit and non-transit related projects. The TDA created a Local Transportation Fund (LTF) in each county for transportation purposes specified in the TDA. Revenues are derived from one quarter cent of the current retail sales tax.

The LTF revenues are collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and returned to local jurisdictions based on the volume of sales during each month. As required by the TDA, LTF receipts are deposited with the

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Orange County Treasury (Fund 182) and are administered by the Orange County Auditor-Controller (OCAC). The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is the Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) responsible for the allocation of the LTF. Upon instructions from OCTA, LTF receipts are disbursed by the OCAC among the various administrative, planning, and public transportation apportionments as specified in the TDA.

In Orange County, OCTA has designated the Orange County Transit District (OCTD) as the public transportation services operator and the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency. Therefore, OCTD is the claimant for Article 4 and 4.5 funds. Section 6630 of the California Code of Regulations requires OCTD to file a claim with OCTA to receive an allocation from the LTF for providing public transportation and community transit services under Articles 4 and 4.5 of the TDA.

Discussion

On February 24, 2025, the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) approved the LTF fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 apportionments. A total of \$219,511,142 was approved for OCTD, consisting of \$208,460,790 for Article 4 public transit services and \$11,050,352 for Article 4.5 community transit services. Public transit services provide support to the public transportation system and aid to public transportation research and demonstration projects, while community transit services are services for those, such as the disabled, who cannot use conventional transit services.

On February 24, 2025, the OCTD Board also adopted a resolution authorizing the filing of the LTF claim for a total of \$219,511,142 for funding public transportation and community transit services for FY 2025-26. OCTA, as the TPA for Orange County, is authorized to approve LTF claims and make payments from the LTF to OCTD as the consolidation transportation service agency for Orange County.

Summary

OCTA's approval of the OCTD claim against the LTF in the amount of \$219,511,142, will enable the OCTD to continue providing public transportation and community transit services throughout Orange County in FY 2025-26.

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Attachment

None.

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