

September 2019 Regional Planning Activities

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

	Summary	Key Dates	Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Interest	OCTA Role
<p>Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Year 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks</p>	<p>The SAFE Vehicles Rule would hold the national fuel efficiency standard for automakers at 2020 levels. The rule also proposes a “50 state solution” that repeals California's ability to have higher fuel efficiency standards, which was originally allowed to address California's unique air quality challenges. If finalized, the rule would revoke California's authority to implement the Advanced Clean Cars (I and II) and zero emission vehicle (ZEV) mandates. Revoking these mandates will negatively impact the state's ability to meet its greenhouse gas (GHG) and criteria pollutant emissions reductions goals.</p> <p>The rule may also impede California transportation agencies' ability to demonstrate that their projects conform to federal Clean Air Act requirements. This means that transportation agencies may be unable to make new transportation conformity determinations for their regional transportation plans, transportation improvement programs, and amendments for projects not exempt from federal Clean Air Act requirements, as applicable.</p>	<p><u>August 2018</u> – NHTSA and EPA issued proposed rule</p> <p><u>September 2018</u> – Public hearings held on proposed rule</p> <p><u>October 2018</u> – End of public comment period on proposed rule</p> <p><u>Anticipated September 2019</u> - NHTSA and EPA to issue final rule</p>	<p>Monitor rule making process to determine opportunities to limit delay or loss of funding for Orange County projects.</p>	<p>Coordinate with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and California Association of Councils of Government.</p>

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California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

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<p>Interstate 5 (I-5) High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes</p>	<p>Caltrans District 12 is studying implementation of HOT lanes on I-5 between the Los Angeles County line and State Route 55. Caltrans District 12 staff has stated that this effort is District 12's highest planning priority at this time. District 12 is simultaneously finalizing a project study report (PSR) and a concept of operations (ConOps) before beginning environmental studies.</p>	<p><u>December 2017</u> – Kick-off meeting to begin ConOps</p> <p><u>February 2018</u> – Kick-off for PSR</p> <p><u>January 2019</u> – Comments submitted on 65 percent draft ConOps and PSR</p> <p><u>April 2019</u> – Comments submitted on 95 percent draft PSR</p> <p><u>August 2019</u> – Anticipate final PSR</p>	<p>Prioritize corridor-wide (general purpose and carpool lanes) operational benefits and reliability.</p> <p>Coordinate with Caltrans and other partner agencies throughout development of the ConOps, PSR, and subsequent studies.</p>
<p>Updates to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines incorporating SB 743 (Chapter 386, Statutes of 2013)</p>	<p>A key element of the update is the focus on promoting the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the development of multimodal transportation networks, and a diversity of land uses, as required by SB 743. This puts an emphasis on the use of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for determining transportation impacts in CEQA documents.</p> <p>For transportation projects, lead agencies have discretion over how to evaluate a project's transportation impact. However, the evaluation criteria must promote the reduction of GHG emissions, the development of multimodal transportation networks, and a diversity of land uses.</p> <p>Caltrans is drafting guidance for evaluation criteria consistent with SB 743 for transportation projects involving the state highway system.</p>	<p><u>December 2018</u> - Governor's Office of Planning and Research released technical advisory on evaluating transportation impacts in CEQA pursuant to SB 743</p> <p><u>January 2019</u> – Office of Administrative Law approved new regulations for implementing CEQA, including changes related to SB 743</p> <p><u>Anticipated Fall 2019</u> – Caltrans to release guidance on evaluating transportation projects involving the state highway system</p> <p><u>July 2020</u> – Lead agencies must comply with latest CEQA guidelines, including those related to SB 743</p>	<p>Minimize potential for CEQA-related litigation concerns, negative mobility impacts, and increased time and cost for project development and implementation.</p> <p>Prepare internal procedures to address final rule.</p> <p>Coordinate with SCAG on opportunities to tier off programmatic-level environmental documents.</p>

CALTRANS (continued)

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<p>California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2050</p>	<p>Update to the state’s Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which establishes strategic goals, policies, and recommendations to improve multimodal mobility and accessibility while reducing GHG emissions.</p>	<p><u>2018</u> – Public and stakeholder engagement, tribal listening sessions, future of mobility white paper</p> <p><u>2019</u> – Transportation scenario development, economic and transportation modeling, and technical reviews</p> <p><u>2020</u> – Public workshop report, implementation plan, and final plan</p> <p><u>2021</u> – Implement CTP strategies and recommendations</p>	<p>Ensure that the goals, policies, and strategies do not conflict with OCTA plans or projects.</p> <p>Emphasize the need for any CTP strategies to be vetted at the local and regional levels, prior to including in local/regional plans.</p>	<p>Participate in stakeholder workshops.</p> <p>Provide comments.</p> <p>Coordinate with Caltrans.</p>

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South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

	Summary	Key Dates	(OCTA) Interest	OCTA Role
Sales Tax Ballot Initiative Authorization	AQMD is sponsoring SB 732 (Allen, D-Santa Monica), which would authorize the AQMD Board, or the voter initiative process, to place a sales tax increase proposal ranging from a quarter-cent up to one-cent on the 2020 ballot to fund the strategies identified in the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan. The proposal is estimated to generate up to \$1.4 billion a year for air pollution emission reduction including providing incentives to businesses to promote the development and deployment of clean technology and facilitate truck fleet turnover.	<p><u>May 2019</u> – OCTA Board adopted oppose position on SB 732</p> <p><u>2020</u> – Potential legislative action on SB 732</p>	<p>Ensure funding sources currently utilized by OCTA are not diverted.</p> <p>Identify opportunities for funding that could benefit OCTA plans and projects.</p>	<p>Monitoring and communicating with AQMD.</p>

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SCAG

	Summary	Key Dates	(OCTA) Interest	OCTA Role
<p>2020–2045 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020 RTP/SCS)</p>	<p>Federally required transportation planning document. Addresses needs over a 20-plus year planning horizon and constrained by a reasonably foreseeable revenue forecast. Must also demonstrate air quality conformity and GHG emissions reductions with budgeted levels set by EPA and California Air Resources Board (CARB).</p> <p>SCAG has branded the 2020 RTP/SCS as “Connect SoCal”.</p>	<p><u>Spring 2018</u> – Initiated working groups</p> <p><u>November 2018</u> – OCTA submitted projects consistent with 2018 LRTP</p> <p><u>May – June 2019</u> – SCS Workshops</p> <p><u>November 2019</u> – Release draft RTP/SCS for public review</p> <p><u>April 2020</u> – SCAG to adopt final 2020 RTP/SCS</p>	<p>Ensure inclusion of projects identified in the final 2018 LRTP.</p> <p>Support policies that are consistent with OCTA positions.</p>	<p>Coordinate with SCAG and other partner agencies.</p> <p>Participate in working groups.</p> <p>Monitor SCAG policy committees.</p> <p>Review and comment on related materials.</p>
<p>Sustainable Communities Program</p>	<p>Grant program that funds sustainability planning efforts and development of local plans that support the implementation of the 2016 RTP/SCS. The grant program is comprised of three main categories: active transportation, integrated land use, and green region initiative projects.</p> <p>Four Orange County projects were selected for funding through the 2018 Sustainable Communities Program. Seven Orange County projects were selected for funding through the 2017 active transportation call for proposals. An additional seven Orange County projects were previously selected through the 2016 call for proposals.</p>	<p><u>October 2018</u> – Application workshop</p> <p><u>November 2018</u> – Application deadline</p> <p><u>March 7, 2019</u> – SCAG Regional Council approval of application rankings</p>	<p>Funding opportunity for Orange County planning efforts.</p>	<p>Coordinate with SCAG and partner agencies, as necessary, to initiate the projects in a timely manner.</p>

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Greenline Extension Study	<p>Planning study to identify and evaluate feasible alternatives for extending the Metro Green Line to the Norwalk/ Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station.</p> <p>Study is currently on hold per the request of the City of Norwalk to allow for a separate Firestone Boulevard Visioning Study to be initiated and completed, prior to recommencing this study.</p>	<p><u>Fall 2016</u> – Initiated study</p> <p><u>January 2017</u> – Open house meeting</p> <p><u>Spring 2018</u> – Study put on hold while City of Norwalk conducts a separate visioning effort for Firestone Boulevard</p>	<p>Support alternatives that provide improved access for Orange County Metrolink riders to Metro rail services and the Los Angeles International Airport.</p>	<p>Monitoring.</p>
Transportation Control Measure (TCM) Substitution	<p>Express Lanes Connector (ELC) Project between State Route 241 (SR-241) and State Route 91 is being substituted for signal synchronization projects: El Toro Road signal synchronization, Magnolia Street signal synchronization, and Brookhurst Street signal synchronization. This TCM requires implementation by 2021. The ELC project has been postponed beyond 2021 at the request of OCTA and the Riverside County Transportation Commission, requiring the need for a substitution.</p>	<p><u>February 2018</u> – Initiated substitution process with SCAG</p> <p><u>May 2018</u> – Presented to the SCAG Transportation Conformity Working Group</p> <p><u>September 2018</u> – Presented to the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee and Regional Council for approval</p> <p><u>April 2019</u> – CARB and EPA issued concurrence</p>	<p>Complete the substitution process to avoid potential impacts to regional transportation funding.</p>	<p>Complete.</p>

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Transportation Demand Management Strategies Study	SCAG is conducting a study to determine what strategies will be effective in reducing demand for roadway travel, particularly in single occupancy vehicles. Major study tasks include assessing the current state of transportation demand management (TDM) strategy deployment in the region, identifying best practices and opportunities for improvement and expansion, establishing TDM goals that align with state and federal mandates for congestion reduction and air quality improvement, and developing performance measures for evaluating the effectiveness of TDM strategies at the corridor, local, and regional levels.	<p><u>May/June 2018</u> – Contract Execution</p> <p><u>February 2019</u> – Presentation on existing conditions to SCAG Transportation Committee</p> <p><u>June 2019</u> – Presentation of draft study recommendations to SCAG Transportation Committee</p> <p><u>August 2019</u> – Presentation of final study to SCAG Transportation Committee</p>	Monitor the progress of the study and possible strategies for Orange County.	<p>Coordinate with SCAG and provide comments as necessary.</p> <p>Participate in technical meetings.</p>

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San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

	Summary	Key Dates	(OCTA) Interest	OCTA Role
<p>2020 Federal Regional Transportation Plan and 2021 Regional Plan</p>	<p>Federal and state laws require that SANDAG complete an RTP/SCS every four years. Under this timeline, the next RTP/SCS would be required by October 2019. However, the SANDAG Board approved an action plan to postpone the next RTP/SCS to 2021.</p> <p>To do so, AB 1730 (Gonzales) was passed, which allows SANDAG's current 2015 RTP/SCS and its associated California Environmental Quality Act document to remain valid after October 9, 2019.</p> <p>While this extends the state's deadline, SANDAG must still conform to federal conformity requirements. Under federal law, SANDAG has a 12-month grace period to adopt the next Regional Plan and maintain air quality conformity. The federal grace period expires on December 2, 2020.</p> <p>Therefore, SANDAG is currently preparing a minimal update to the 2015 RTP that that will be submitted to the federal agencies in spring 2020 to obtain an air quality conformity finding from the U.S. Department of Transportation. This will keep SANDAG in compliance with federal requirements until the full RTP/SCS update is completed in 2021.</p>	<p><u>February 2019</u> – SANDAG Board approved action plan to develop 2021 Regional Plan</p> <p><u>August 2019</u> – Draft 2020 Federal Regional Transportation Plan available for public review</p> <p><u>Spring 2020</u> – SANDAG Board adoption of 2020 Federal Regional Transportation Plan</p> <p><u>Spring 2021</u> – Release draft 2021 Regional Plan for public review</p> <p><u>Fall 2021</u> – SANDAG Board to adopt final 2021 Regional Plan</p>	<p>Monitor development of plans and projects that approach the Orange County border.</p>	<p>Monitoring.</p>

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Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO)

	Summary	Key Dates	(OCTA) Interest	OCTA Role
<p>2028 Olympics</p>	<p>The Greater Los Angeles Area must begin preparing for the 2028 Olympics. This will include greater coordination between OCTA, Metro, and other planning agencies in the area</p> <p>OCTA, in collaboration with Metro and other transit operators along the county line, recently initiated the LA-OC Transit Connections Study. The study will develop recommendations for both short-term route changes and long-term improvements based on existing and future transit needs. The effort will build on recent bus restructuring efforts at OCTA, Metro, Long Beach Transit, and Foothill Transit. In addition, the study will consider existing service and future changes to Metrolink and Metro rail transit services.</p>	<p><u>November 2, 2017</u> – Memorandum of understanding signed between OCTA and Metro</p> <p><u>November 30, 2017</u> – Metro announced the Twenty-Eight by '28 initiative</p> <p><u>January 2018</u> – Metro Board approved a list of projects, 20 of which are already slated for completion by 2028 and eight require additional funding (estimated at \$26.2 billion) to deliver by 2028</p> <p><u>September 2018</u> – Metro Board directed development of Twenty-Eight by '28 funding plan</p> <p><u>December 2018</u> – Twenty-Eight by '28 Program Financing/Funding White Paper, which included recommendations for congestion pricing as new source of revenue</p> <p><u>June 2019</u> – OCTA executed contract to begin the LA-OC Transit Connections Study</p> <p><u>Summer 2019</u> – Metro to initiate Feasibility Study for Congestion Pricing Pilot strategy, including Equity Strategy</p>	<p>Coordinate with Metro and the City of Los Angeles as preparations begin for the 2028 Olympics.</p> <p>Monitor development of financing/funding strategy and potential implementation of the Twenty-Eight by '28 program of projects.</p> <p>Coordinate with Metro on a new Intercounty Study.</p>	<p>Coordinate with Metro and other partner agencies.</p>

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	Summary	Key Dates	(OCTA) Interest	OCTA Role
<p>Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase II</p>	<p>Study of three alternatives for extending the Gold Line to more eastern Los Angeles County communities. One alternative traverses the northern side of State Route 60 (SR-60), another travels along Washington Boulevard, terminating near Orange County, and the third would build both the SR-60 and Washington Boulevard alignments.</p> <p>With sales tax measure funding, Metro will build both alternatives, but it remains to be determined which will be first. One would start construction in 2029 and open in 2035; the second would start construction in 2053 and open in 2057.</p> <p>Included in Twenty-Eight by '28 program of projects for potential acceleration of one of the alignments.</p>	<p><u>November 2014</u> – Metro Board direction to study implementation of one or both alternatives, as well as potential connections with the West Santa Ana Branch Corridor project on the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way</p> <p><u>Spring 2016</u> – Metro hosted five public meetings to obtain input for the draft studies.</p> <p><u>May 2017</u> – Metro Board approved updates to alternatives</p> <p><u>May 2019</u> – Metro issues notice of preparation of supplemental draft environmental document</p> <p><u>2021</u> – Supplemental draft environmental document to be recirculated</p>	<p>Support alternatives that create potential for future connections into Orange County.</p>	<p>Monitoring.</p>

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West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project	<p>A new 20-mile light rail transit line that would connect downtown Los Angeles to southern Los Angeles County, which could provide potential for a future extension into Orange County along the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way.</p> <p>Included in Twenty-Eight by '28 program of projects for potential acceleration.</p>	<p><u>Summer 2017</u> – Initiated environmental studies and conducted public scoping meetings</p> <p><u>March 2018</u> – Four additional northern alignment options evaluated</p> <p><u>May 2018</u> – Two of the four northern alignment options added to environmental studies</p> <p><u>July 2018</u> – Additional scoping meetings</p> <p><u>2020</u> – Anticipate release of draft environmental document for public comment</p> <p><u>2020</u> – Anticipate selection of a locally preferred alternative</p> <p><u>2021</u> – Anticipate final environmental document</p> <p><u>2028</u> – Anticipate opening service</p>	<p>Support alternatives that create potential for future connections into Orange County.</p>	<p>Monitoring.</p>

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Countywide Express Lanes Strategic Plan	<p>Establishes a vision for a system of Express Lanes for Los Angeles County that is intended to address federal performance standards and provide a more reliable and faster travel option, utilizing existing capacity in carpool lanes.</p> <p>Express lanes on Interstate 105 and Interstate 10 (from Interstate 605 to San Bernardino County line) included in Twenty-Eight by '28 program of projects for potential acceleration.</p>	<p><u>Pending</u> – Initiation of planning studies and a financial plan for the Tier 1 projects that are intended to be delivered in the next five to ten years</p>	<p>Monitor development of plans and projects that approach the Orange County border.</p>	<p>Monitoring.</p>

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Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA)

	Summary	Key Dates	(OCTA) Interest	OCTA Role
<p>South County Traffic Relief Effort Project Approval / Environmental Review</p>	<p>Project initiation document (PID) developed by TCA to identify and analyze potential alternatives for toll road alignments in southern Orange County.</p> <p>With PID approval from Caltrans, TCA has initiated scoping for the Project Approval /Environmental Document phase of project development.</p> <p>This reevaluation of alignments is being conducted by TCA due to a settlement agreement that eliminated the previously identified alignment.</p>	<p><u>September 2018</u> – Final Draft PSR-PDS submitted to Caltrans</p> <p><u>November 2018</u> – TCA Board approved a \$5 million contract to initiate Project Approval / Environmental Document. Directed TCA staff to return at the conclusion of the Scoping Phase to seek authorization to proceed.</p> <p><u>May 2019</u> – Caltrans approved PID</p> <p><u>2020</u> – Anticipate release of draft and final environmental document</p> <p><u>2021</u> – Anticipate Record of Decision on environmental document</p>	<p>Ensure consistency with OCTA plans and projects.</p>	<p>Coordinate with TCA and other stakeholder agencies. Provide comments as necessary.</p>
<p>Transportation Control Measure (TCM) substitution</p>	<p>TCA is evaluating options for removing the TCM designation from three portions of TCA facilities: 1) the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor (FTIP Project ID: ORA10254), 2) the Eastern Transportation Corridor (ORA050), and 3) the Foothill Transportation Corridor-North (ORA051).</p> <p>TCA will work with OCTA and SCAG on next steps, including the potential to prepare a formal substitution. TCA will participate in interagency consultation on any requested TCM substitutions through SCAG’s Transportation Conformity Working Group.</p>	<p><u>February 2019</u> – Request to remove TCM designation</p> <p><u>TBD 2019</u> – Initiated substitution process with SCAG (as applicable)</p> <p><u>TBD</u> – Presentation to the SCAG Transportation Conformity Working Group</p> <p><u>TBD</u> – Present to the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee and Regional Council for approval</p> <p><u>TBD</u> – Anticipate CARB and EPA concurrence</p>	<p>Avoid potential impacts to regional transportation funding.</p>	<p>Coordinating with SCAG and TCA.</p>