



December 5, 2022

To: Regional Planning and Highways Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

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Subject: 2023 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 have a more in-depth review of technical items. Proposed 2023 Technical Steering Committee membership recommendations are presented for Board of Directors' review and approval.

Recommendation

Approve the proposed 2023 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 allocation of Measure M2 competitive grant funds. The TAC also provides technical advice to staff on issues related to streets and roads. The TAC relies on a Technical Steering Committee (TSC) to vet, review, and discuss major technical items before submission to the TAC for final review and consideration. The chair and vice chair of the TAC also serve as the chair and vice chair of the TSC.

The TSC consists of nine TAC voting members, which are chosen by the TAC and appointed by the OCTA Board of Directors (Board). The nine regular TSC voting member positions include one position for each of Orange County's five supervisorial districts, two at-large positions, and the chair and vice chair positions. The TSC membership is evaluated as position terms expire, letters of interest from local agencies are reviewed, and new appointments are selected by the President of the City Engineers Association of Orange County (CEAOC) and the TAC/TSC chair, with support from OCTA staff. Those recommendations are advanced to the TAC for consideration. In recommending and selecting TSC members, priority is given to maintaining a good balance between various Orange County local agencies and supervisorial districts.

Discussion

In October 2022, OCTA solicited letters of interest from local agencies to fill TSC vacancies for the 2023 calendar year. Six of the nine regular TSC positions were open for consideration and appointment. These positions included the chair, vice chair, Second District, Third District, Fifth District, and one at-large position. The current First District representative has also resigned from his remaining term on the TSC.

In October, 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 2023 TSC membership recommendations (Attachment B).

Consistent with past practice, the vice chair, representing the City of Costa Mesa, is recommended to become the 2023 chair. A representative from the City of Yorba Linda is being recommended for the 2023 vice chair position. The First District position is recommended to be filled for appointment by a representative of the City of Seal Beach to complete the resigning representative's current term. The Second District seat is recommended for appointment by a representative of the City of Santa Ana. The Third District seat is recommended for appointment by a representative of the City of Lake Forest. The Fifth District seat is recommended for appointment by a representative of the City of Laguna Beach, and the open at-large position is recommended for appointment by a representative of the City of Laguna Niguel. It should be noted that the recommended and existing representatives are now aligned with redistricting changes made by the County Board of Supervisors in January 2022.

In finalizing these recommendations, the President of the CEAO and the TSC/TAC chair emphasized the need to generally maintain a balance between large and small local agencies. Their consensus recommendation was unanimously endorsed by the TAC in November 2022 and 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, with the exception of 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 also recommended for appointment due to the existing representative's resignation. The recommended appointment list for 2023 TSC membership is presented for Board consideration and approval.

Attachments

- A. Technical Steering Committee Policies and Procedures
- B. Recommended 2023 Technical Steering Committee Membership List

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