



June 22, 2020

To: Members of the Board of Directors 

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Taxpayer Oversight Committee Measure M2 Annual Public Hearing Results and Compliance Findings

Overview

Measure M, Orange County's one-half cent sales tax for transportation, passed in 1990 and renewed in 2006, calls for an independent committee to ensure compliance with the Measure M2 Ordinance. As required by the Measure M2 Ordinance, the Taxpayer Oversight Committee conducted the 29th Measure M Annual Public Hearing on June 9, 2020. The Taxpayer Oversight Committee found the Orange County Local Transportation Authority has proceeded in accordance with Measure M2 Ordinance No. 3 during 2019.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Background

The Measure M2 (M2) Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC) is mandated by the Measure M2 Ordinance. The TOC is an independent committee representing all five supervisorial districts in Orange County. The TOC is responsible for ensuring the transportation projects in M2 are implemented according to the investment plan approved by the voters in 2006. The TOC meets bimonthly to review progress on the implementation of M2.

The TOC is required to hold an annual public hearing to receive comments from citizens regarding M2 as part of its oversight effort, to determine whether the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), acting as the Orange County Local Transportation Authority (OCLTA), is proceeding in accordance with the M2 Transportation Ordinance and Investment Plan.

The results of the hearing and the findings of the TOC are transmitted to the OCTA Board of Directors annually. The TOC has consistently found OCTA in compliance for the past 28 years.

Discussion

The 29th Measure M Annual Public Hearing took place on June 9, 2020. The hearing was publicized through news releases, public notices, and posted on OCTA's social media sites and *On the Move* blog.

Following the public hearing, review of the annual financial audit of OCLTA, and all other information the committee members have been provided to date, the TOC made the determination at its June 9, 2020 meeting that during 2019, OCTA has proceeded in accordance with the M2 Transportation Ordinance and Investment Plan. Frank Davies, Chair of the TOC, prepared an official letter stating its findings (Attachment A).

Additionally, in accordance with M2 Ordinance No. 3, Section 10, Paragraph 3, Chair Davies certified that the revenues, through fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, have been spent in compliance with the M2 Ordinance.

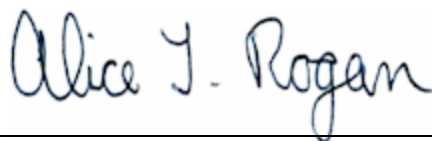
Summary

Subsequent to bimonthly meetings and the M2 Annual Public Hearing on June 9, 2020, the TOC has determined that OCTA is proceeding in accordance with the M2 Transportation Ordinance and Investment Plan.

Attachment

- A. Memo to Steve Jones, Chairman, Orange County Transportation Authority, from Frank Davies, Chair, Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee, dated June 9, 2020, Subject – 29th Measure M2 Annual Public Hearing

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