

**Federal Fiscal Year 2026-27 &
Federal Fiscal Year 2027-28 STBG/CMAQ
Project Recommendations**

Overview – SCAG STBG/CMAQ Call

- 254 applications received requesting \$3.1 billion
- \$1.2 billion available in FFY 2026-27 and FFY 2027-28
- Orange County funding target - \$200 million
- Projects selected by SCAG
- OCTA's project recommendations = up to 50 percent of score

Applications Received	
Local Agencies	58
OCTA and Metrolink	8
Total	66

CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement

FFY – Federal Fiscal Year

Metrolink – Southern California Regional Rail Authority

OCTA – Orange County Transportation Authority

SCAG – Southern California Association of Governments

STBG – Surface Transportation Block Grant

Orange County Local Agency Submissions

Agency	Number of Projects
Aliso Viejo	2
Anaheim	3
Buena Park	1
Brea	1
Costa Mesa	3
Dana Point	3
Fountain Valley	4
Fullerton	2
Huntington Beach	3
Irvine	2
La Habra	1
La Palma	2
Laguna Beach	1
Laguna Hills	1
Laguna Niguel	3

Agency	Number of Projects
Mission Viejo	4
Orange	3
Placentia	2
San Clemente	2
Santa Ana	4
Seal Beach	2
Stanton	1
Tustin	4
Westminster	1
Yorba Linda	3
Metrolink	1
OCTA	7
Total Projects:	66
Total Agencies:	27

Basic Scoring Criteria

	OCTA	SCAG
Role	Develop a Project Prioritization Framework and Provide Project Recommendations to SCAG	Project Evaluation and Award
Criteria*	- Part 1: Application - Eligibility and Other Factors - Part 2: OCTA Project Prioritization Framework - County Priorities - Community/Stakeholder Engagement - Deliverability and Readiness *OCTA's criteria was approved by the Board of Directors	- Regional Priorities - Federal Performance Management Areas - Community Economic Development Benefits - Air Quality Improvements and Cost Effectiveness (Only for CMAQ Eligible Projects)
Priorities	- Road Rehabilitation/Transit - Complete Streets/Active Transportation - Signal Synchronization/Local Streets and Roads/Planning Studies	- Clean Transportation/Resilience of At-Risk/Transit/Transportation Demand Management/Transportation System Management and Goods Movement - Transportation-Related Natural Lands Preservation Plan/Pavement Management/Complete Streets Plan - Complete Streets/Natural Lands Preservation/System Preservation
Possible Points	Up to 50	Up to 60

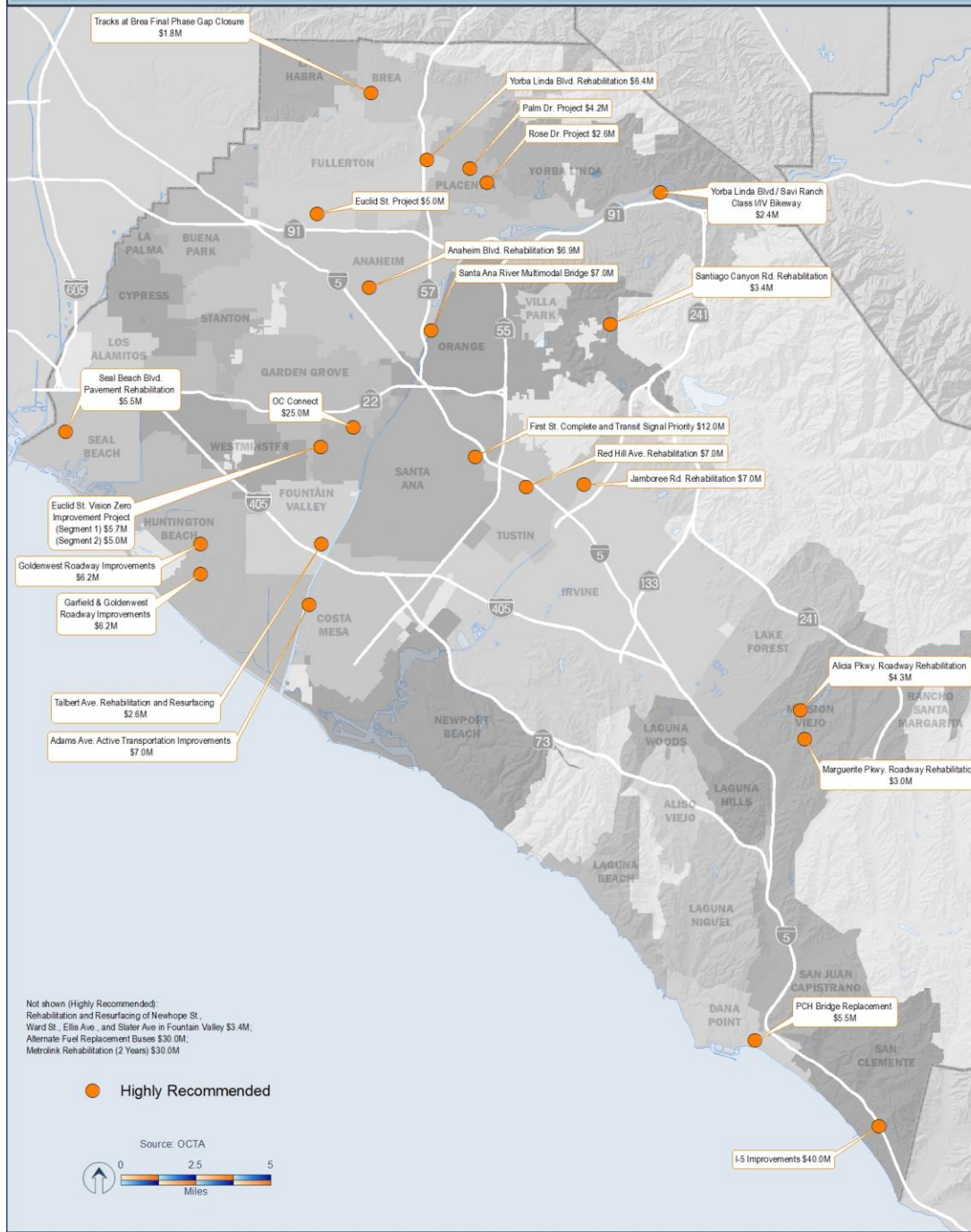
Scoring Takeaways

Project Type:

- Most common project types submitted by local agencies were roadway rehabilitation and complete streets
- ~38 percent of projects would improve air quality
- ~33 percent of projects have over 19 percent local match
- Vast majority of projects have evidence of community support and are part of a larger community/regional plan

Project Readiness:

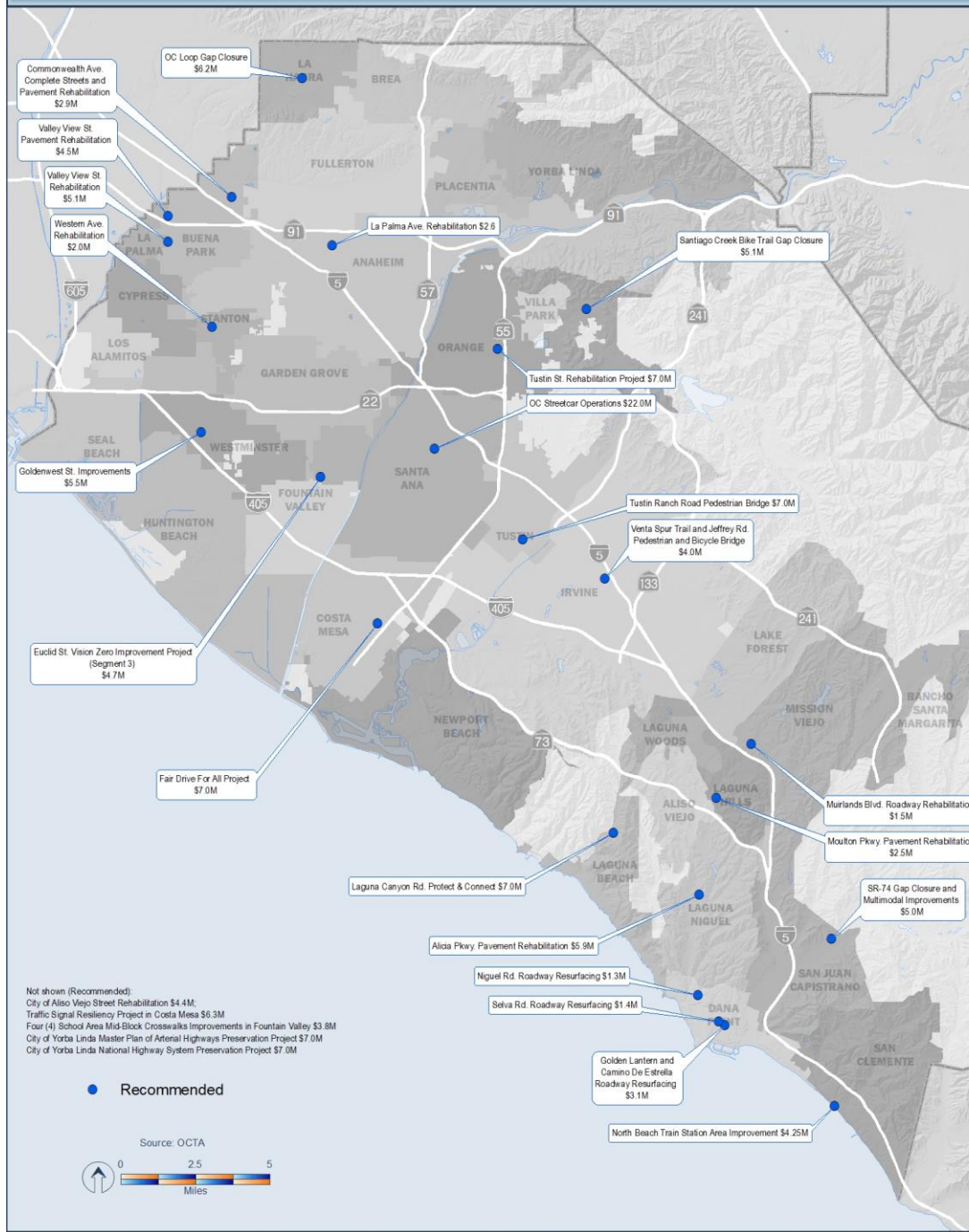
- ~28 percent of projects have environmental studies (CEQA/NEPA) either complete or in progress
- ~45 percent of projects have an alternative selected
- ~49 percent of participating agencies have demonstrated past success in delivering projects with federal funds



Highly Recommended

Approve 27 projects totaling \$245.366 million in STBG/CMAQ funds

- 15 System Preservation/Pavement Management projects
- 5 Complete Streets/Active Transportation projects
- 5 Transit and Multimodal or Clean Transportation projects
- 2 Transportation System Management and Goods Movement projects



Recommended

Approve 28 projects totaling \$146.377 million in STBG/CMAQ funds

- 15 System Preservation/Pavement Management projects
- Seven Complete Streets/Active Transportation projects
- Three Transportation System Management and Goods Movement projects
- Two Transit and Multimodal or Clean Transportation projects
- One Resilience of At-Risk Infrastructure project

OCTA and SCRRA Projects

Agency	Project Name	Project Designation	Total Funding Request
OCTA	Alternate Fuel Replacement Buses (18)	Highly Recommended	\$ 30,000,000
OCTA	Metrolink Rehabilitation (Two years)	Highly Recommended	\$ 30,000,000
OCTA	OC Connect	Highly Recommended	\$ 25,000,000
OCTA	Interstate 5 Improvements from San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico	Highly Recommended	\$ 40,000,000
OCTA	First Street Complete Streets and Transit Signal Priority	Highly Recommended	\$ 12,000,000
Metrolink	Pacific Coast Highway Bridge Replacement (Metrolink Orange Subdivision, Mile Post 200.2) - Project Approval and Environmental Document and Plans, Specifications and Estimates	Highly Recommended	\$ 5,544,000
		Subtotal	\$ 142,544,000
OCTA	OC Streetcar Operations	Recommended	\$ 22,000,000
OCTA	State Route 74 Ortega Highway Gap Closure & Multimodal Improvements	Recommended	\$ 5,000,000
		Subtotal	\$ 27,000,000

Grand Total **\$ 169,544,000**



OCTA's Submittal to SCAG

Designation	Number of Agencies	Number of Projects	Total Amount
Highly Recommended	15	27	\$245.366 million
Recommended	21	28	\$146.377 million
Contingency List**	10	11	\$28.918 million
Not Recommended	0	0	N/A
Total		66	\$420.661 million

**Contingency list due to funding constraints

Next Steps

Activity	Date
OCTA Project Prioritization Packages due to SCAG	August 1, 2025
SCAG Regional Council Meeting Recommendations	November 6, 2025
SCAG Special Meeting Awards	December 3, 2025
Enter Awarded Projects into Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)	December 2025 / January 2026
Funded Projects Earliest Start***	October 2026

***SCAG may allow some projects to start earlier, if there is capacity