# Orange County Transportation Authority Financial Update



# **Program Updates**

- Investments
- Measure M2 (M2)
- Bus
- Express Lanes Programs
  - 91 Express Lanes
  - Interstate 405 (I-405) Express Lanes

#### Short-Term Portfolio Balance of \$1.6 Billion



#### Cash Balance of \$2.1Billion



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# M2 Program

- Sales tax collections
  - Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19: \$331 million
  - FY 2019-20 (estimated): \$303 million
  - FY 2020-21 (forecast): \$290 million
- Historically strong debt service coverage and cash balances
  - Outstanding sales tax revenue bonds of \$627 million
  - Annual debt service of \$39 million
  - FY 2019 coverage ratio 8.8x
  - Cash balance of \$1.1 billion
  - Economic uncertainty of \$1.9 billion
- Future financing
  - No need for additional financing until FY 2022-23

#### M2 Program: Sales Tax vs Debt Service



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# Bus Program

- Sales tax collections
  - FY 2018-19: \$176 million
  - FY 2019-20 (estimated): \$161 million
  - FY 2020-21 (forecast): \$154 million
- Fixed-route ridership down 72 percent negatively impacting fare revenue
  - Current losses for fixed-route fare revenue of ~ \$2.5 million per month
- State Transit Assistance anticipated to decrease due to declining fuel usage
- Annual operating cost per year is ~ \$320 million

# Bus Program

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act \$155M
- Strong cash position
  - Board approved an increase in operating reserve from 45 days to 60 days
  - Operating reserve is currently \$107 million (120 days)
- No outstanding debt and no plans for future issuances
- Capital program remains funded

#### 91 Express Lanes

- Toll revenue down 60 percent due to declining traffic volume
- Historically strong debt service coverage ratio
  - Outstanding toll road revenue bonds of \$92 million
  - Annual debt service of \$11 million
  - FY 2019 coverage ratio 4.6x (1.3x required)
- Strong cash position
  - Indenture required reserves fully funded at \$25 million
  - Unrestricted reserves total \$180 million
    - Includes internal capital fund (\$25 million), M2 Project Fund (\$57 million), and excess toll revenue reservice (\$98 million)

#### 91 Express Lanes: Revenue vs Debt Service



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# I-405 Express Lanes

- Supported by \$629 million federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Loan
  - Interest rate of 2.91 percent
  - Loan terms will not change due to impact of COVID-19
  - Current draws on the loan total \$287 million
- Required Line of Credit
  - Outstanding amount of \$500 million
  - Annual fee of 36 basis points
  - Line of credit expires July 2021
- Construction continues

#### **Rating Agencies**

- Rating agencies took action to address credit outlooks in the transportation sector amid COVID-19 disruptions
- Fitch placed five major transit agencies on negative watch
  - Also initiated a review of all toll road credits
- Standard & Poor's revised the transportation sector outlook to negative
- Moody's revised toll road outlook to negative from stable
- Fitch affirmed OCTA's 91 Express Lanes Rating at "A+" and the Rating Outlook continues to be "Stable"

#### Next Steps

- Proactively reach out to rating agencies and investors
- Continue to assess impacts of COVID-19 to the debt and investment markets
- Utilize CARES Act funding to support the Bus and Metrolink Programs
- Continue to assess impacts of COVID-19 to OCTA's programs