

Measure M2 Ten-Year Review Update



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Background

- Measure M2 (M2) approved in 2006 with strong voter support
- Governed by Ordinance No. 3 (M2 Ordinance), which includes a Transportation Investment Plan (Plan)
- M2 Ordinance requires a ten-year comprehensive review
- First review completed in 2015

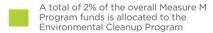


At least every ten years the Authority shall conduct a comprehensive review of all projects and programs implemented under the Plan to evaluate the performance of the overall program and may revise the Plan to improve its performance. The review shall



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Objectives



Research and identify changes in external policy and/or regulation as well as in land use, travel, and growth projections



Evaluate current project and program cost estimates and the financial capacity through 2041



Review Plan to determine if there are performance issues or constraints



Assess public and stakeholder support for the Plan and OCTA's approach



Identify Orange County
Transportations Authority's
(OCTA) and local jurisdictions'
progress in implementing the
Plan



Policy and Planning Context

 Assessing changes in transportation policies, plans, and regulations at all levels



 Reviewing shifts in land use, travel behavior, and growth projections



 Recent policy and development trends have influenced project delivery





Financial Analysis

Annual updates of the Next 10 Delivery Plan reaffirm M2 commitments remain deliverable



 Metrolink operations identified as a key area requiring close monitoring; current assumptions not fiscally sustainable beyond fiscal year (FY) 2033-34



 OCTA continues to coordinate with Metrolink and member agencies on performance and financial impacts



Project Delivery Analysis – Program Highlights

Freeway Program

- 17 of 30 projects complete; ten more by 2030
- Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) endowment anticipated to be fully funded by FY 2027-28

Streets and Roads Program

- \$1.3B distributed across three funding programs
- 509+ phases funded through two competitive programs
- Countywide Signal Synchronization Baseline Project underway

Transit Program

- Station, track, and grade crossing upgrades
- Expanded Metrolink service
- OC Streetcar underway
- \$152M for mobility of seniors and persons with disabilities
- 36 community-based circulators
- 112 bus stop enhancements

Environmental Cleanup Program

- 267 water quality projects
- 81.5 million gallons of trash collected



Project Delivery Analysis – Looking Ahead

- No major Plan changes recommended
- Next comprehensive review recommended in advance of the ten-year interval to align with anticipated key milestones:
 - Freeway Program ~90% complete
 - EMP endowment fully funded
 - Countywide Signal Synchronization Baseline Project completion
 - Greater ability to assess success of Metrolink Reimagined

- OC Streetcar operating
- Renewal of community-based transit circulator grants
- Over 100 transit stop safety enhancements complete
- Draft Action Plan developed to guide implementation over next five years until the next review in 2030/2031



Public Outreach & Community Engagement

Countywide Engagement

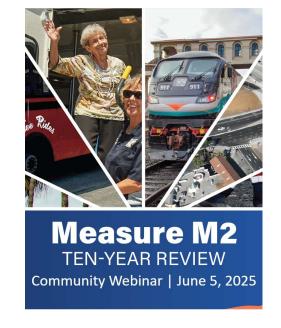
 More than 5,500 participants reached through surveys, events, and meetings

Inclusive Approach

 Multilingual outreach with strong participation from underserved communities

Public Awareness

 M2 awareness is relatively limited but increases with additional information







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Public Sentiment

 Stakeholders express confidence in M2's performance; public support strengthens once residents understand what it funds

Top Priorities

 Reducing congestion, maintaining streets, expanding transit service, and safety enhancements

Emerging Themes

 Transparency, equity, collaboration, and sustainability



Draft Action Plan

| Program | Proposed Action |
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| Project O: Regional Capacity Program | Evaluate the creation of a competitive pavement subprogram. |
| Project P: Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program | Assess the results and recommendations from the Countywide Signal Synchronization Baseline Project. |
| Project R: High-Frequency Metrolink Service | Direct staff to continue to work with Metrolink to develop a financially sustainable service plan, such as establishing a target OCTA funding level as part of the FY 2026-27 budget development process. Request Metrolink to provide regular updates to the OCTA Board of Directors on systemwide performance. |
| Project U: Expand Mobility Choices for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities | Senior Mobility Program (SMP) – Evaluate and update the SMP guidelines to ensure consistency, enhance clarity, and support evolving mobility needs. |
| Project W: Safe Transit Stops | Update the list of the 100 busiest stops. |



Next Steps

- Quantitative Survey January 2026
- Final Report and Action Plan April 2026
- Updates in M2 Quarterly Progress Reports Ongoing

