



February 19, 2026

To: Finance and Administration Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

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Subject: Local Transportation Fund Claims for Fiscal Year 2026-27

Overview

The Orange County Transit District is eligible to receive funding from the Local Transportation Fund for providing public transportation services throughout Orange County. To receive these funds, the Orange County Transit District, as the public transit and community transit services operator, must file claims with the Orange County Transportation Authority, the transportation planning agency for Orange County.

Recommendation

Adopt Orange County Transit District Resolution No. 2026-009 authorizing the filing of Local Transportation Fund claims, in the estimated amounts of \$205,036,189 to support public transportation and \$10,869,295 for community transit services.

Background

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971 established a funding source dedicated to transit and non-transit related projects. The funding source consists of two parts: the Local Transportation Fund (LTF), which is derived from a one quarter cent of the current retail sales tax in Orange County, and the State Transit Assistance Fund, which is generated from the sales tax on diesel and funded through the Public Transportation Account.

The LTF revenues are collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and returned monthly to local jurisdictions based on the volume of sales during each month. In Orange County, the LTF receipts are deposited in the Orange County LTF account at the Orange County Treasury and administered by the Orange County Auditor-Controller. LTF receipts are distributed by the Orange County Auditor-Controller among the various administrative, planning, and program apportionments as specified in the TDA.

Discussion

Section 6630 of the California Code of Regulations requires the Orange County Transit District (OCTD) to file a claim with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) in order to receive an allocation from the LTF for providing public transportation services (Article 4 claims).

Since OCTA has previously designated OCTD as the consolidated transportation service agency for Orange County, OCTD is also required to file a claim with OCTA in order to receive an allocation from the LTF for operating community transit services (Article 4.5 claims). The estimated total amount of these Articles 4 and 4.5 claims for fiscal year 2026-27 equals \$215,905,484.

Summary

The LTF provides funds to OCTD for public transit services. To receive these funds, OCTD must file the appropriate LTF claims with OCTA. Staff recommends the OCTA Board of Directors adopt OCTD Resolution No. 2026-009 to authorize the filing of these claims.

Attachment

- A. Resolution of the Orange County Transit District, Authorizing the Filing of Local Transportation Fund Claims

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