



Orange County Transportation Authority

Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee Agenda

Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

550 South Main Street, Orange, California

Call to Order

Action Items

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Clerk of the Board

Recommendation(s)

Approve the minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting of the Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee.

Attachments:

[Minutes](#)

2. **Tier 1 2026 Call for Projects Programming Recommendations**

Alison Army/Cynthia Morales

Recommendation(s)

- A. Concur with the application review committee's recommendation and recommend approval to the Board of Directors to allocate \$3,870,044 in Tier 1 Environmental Cleanup Program funding for eight projects.
- B. Recommend Board of Directors approval of an exception to the limitation within the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs guidelines that only agencies that have been deemed eligible for Measure M2 by the Board of Directors may receive funding to allow the City of Huntington Beach to receive a funding award through the Tier 1 Environmental Cleanup Program, despite their eligibility status.

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

[Attachment B](#)

Informational Items

3. **Tier 1 Scoring Updates**

Alison Army

Staff Liaison Update

4. **Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee Meeting Schedule Update**

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Marissa Espino

5. Public Comments

6. Committee Member Comments

7. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held:

10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2026

OCTA Headquarters
550 South Main Street
Orange, California

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Committee Members Present

Garry Brown, Chair
Keith Linker, Vice Chair
Joe Ames
Matt Collings
Tyler Holst
Danny Kim
Lorrie Lausten
Grant Sharp
Alex Waite

Committee Members Absent

Adolfo Ozaeta
Gaurav (Raj) Rajen
Debra Rose
Erica Ryan
Hector Salas

Staff Present

Rose Casey, Planning
Dan Phu, Planning
Alison Army, Planning
Marissa Espino, Staff Liaison
Andrea West, Clerk of the Board
OCTA Staff

Call to Order

The February 12, 2026, Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Brown at 10:31 a.m.

Special Calendar

1. Chair and Vice Chair Elections

A motion was made by Member Waite, seconded by Member Collings, and declared passed by those present to elect Member Brown as Chair, and Member Linker as Vice Chair.

Action Items

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Member Collings, seconded by Member Sharp, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the February 13 and August 14, 2025 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee.

3. Tier 1 Guidelines Revision and Call for Projects

Cynthia Morales, Planning Division, provided a report.

A motion was made by Member Waite, seconded by Member Linker, and declared passed by those present, to:



- A. Endorse the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines for the Environmental Cleanup Program (Project X) Tier 1 program.
- B. Recommend Board of Directors approval to issue the 2026 Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 call for projects.

Informational Items

4. Tier 2 Program Performance Assessment

Alison Army, Planning Division, made a presentation.

5. City of Anaheim Stormwater Credit Program

Vice Chair Linker, City of Anaheim, provided a presentation.

Update Reports

6. Staff Liaison Report

Marissa Espino, People and Community Engagement Division, provided an update.

7. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

8. Committee Member Comments

Member Ryan announced that this will be her final meeting, as she's accepted a new position.

Member Sharp noted that OC Public Works has been meeting with Caltrans regarding funding programs.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held:

10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026
OCTA Headquarters
550 South Main Street
Orange, California



August 13, 2026

To: Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee

From: Orange County Transportation Authority Staff

Subject: Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs – Project X
Tier 1 2026 Call for Projects Programming Recommendations

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority's Environmental Cleanup Program provides Measure M2 funding for water quality improvement projects to address transportation-generated pollution. The 2026 Tier 1 Grant Program call for projects was issued on March 9, 2026. Evaluations of grant applications are now complete, and a list of projects is presented for review and endorsement of the recommended funding allocations.

Recommendations

- A. Concur with the application review committee's recommendation and recommend approval to the Board of Directors to allocate \$3,870,044 in Tier 1 Environmental Cleanup Program funding for eight projects.
- B. Recommend Board of Directors approval of an exception to the limitation within the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs guidelines that only agencies that have been deemed eligible for Measure M2 by the Board of Directors may receive funding to allow the City of Huntington Beach to receive a funding award through the Tier 1 Environmental Cleanup Program, despite their eligibility status.

Background

In May 2010, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) approved a two-tiered approach for the Measure M2 (M2) Project X Environmental Cleanup Program (ECP). The Tier 1 Grant Program is designed to mitigate the more visible forms of pollutants, such as litter and debris, which collect on roadways and in catch basins prior to being deposited in waterways and the ocean. The Tier 2 Grant Program consists of funding for regional, potentially multijurisdictional, capital-intensive

projects which address non-visible forms of pollution such as heavy metals, organic chemicals, sediment, and other transportation-related pollutants.

ECP funds are available for Orange County local jurisdictions to purchase and install equipment and other related best management practices that supplement, not supplant, current water quality programs. Proposed projects must demonstrate a direct nexus to the reduction of transportation-related pollution, as developed and defined by OCTA's Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC).

Since 2011, the Board has approved funding for 241 Tier 1 projects through 15 calls for projects (call), totaling approximately \$43.4 million.

On March 9, 2026, the Board approved issuance of the 2026 ECP Tier 1 call. Based on the cash flow assumption available at that time, the anticipated funding level for this program was approximately \$3.5 million, with additional funding subject to availability. The deadline to submit projects for consideration for the 2026 call was May 7, 2026.

Discussion

OCTA received nine applications from nine local jurisdictions requesting a total of \$4.3 million in ECP Tier 1 funding. Applications were reviewed and evaluated by an application review committee consisting of OCTA staff and two members of the ECAC. Project applications were evaluated based on Board-approved Tier 1 selection criteria, which included the following:

- Effectiveness at removing trash and debris;
- Cost/benefit analyses;
- Pollution-reducing benefits;
- Project readiness;
- Adequacy of proposed operations and maintenance plans; and
- Submission of clear and detailed work plans with specific implementation timing documented.

During the evaluation process, one project application was withdrawn, reducing the total requested funding for this call to \$3.87 million. Based upon evaluation of the remaining eight applications against these key criteria, the application review committee is recommending that the eight Tier 1 projects be funded, totaling \$3.87 million. The recommended projects were determined to be of good quality, demonstrate an excellent return on investment toward environmental cleanup, and generally align with the average scores of previously awarded

projects. Additional details on the recommended ECP projects are provided in Attachment A.

The ECP Tier 1 projects recommended for funding primarily consist of various catch basin debris screen devices including connector pipe screens (CPS), automatic retractable screens (ARS), full trash capture (FTC) units, grated inlet trash screens (GITS), brush inlet screens (BIS), Biofiltration basins, as well as one in-line trash trap system.

More detailed project descriptions are outlined in Attachment B, and a brief overview of these project types is provided below.

- Catch basin debris screen devices: These devices prevent debris from entering the storm drain system through catch basins and primarily consist of CPS, ARS, FTC, GITS, and BIS type devices.
- Bioretention basins are landscaped depressions or shallow basins used to slow and treat stormwater runoff. Stormwater is directed to the basin and then percolates through the system where it is treated by a number of physical, chemical, and biological processes. The cleaned water is then able to infiltrate native soils or can be directed to nearby stormwater drains or receiving waters.
- An in-line trash trap unit is a precast concrete structure designed to treat pollutants present in stormwater and urban runoff through the capturing of trash, solids, and other debris in disposable mesh nets from incoming flows. The design of the trash trap unit effectively uses the energy of water flow to drive pollutants into nets in order to capture and separate trash, debris, and sediment, including all particles larger than one millimeter. Oil absorbing material can also be placed inside or outside the nets to absorb oil sheen and grease.

As part of the Tier 1 program, local jurisdictions are required to contribute a minimum cash match of 20 percent of total project costs. All recommended projects either meet or exceed this requirement.

Next Steps

With the ECAC's endorsement of the application review committee's recommendations, OCTA staff will seek approval of the programming recommendations by the Regional Transportation Planning Committee and Board in October 2026.

Upon final Board approval, each funded jurisdiction will be required to execute a letter amendment (to their existing M2 Master Funding Agreement) prior to project implementation, unless pre-award authority is requested allowing the jurisdiction to begin immediately after Board approval. Once this process is complete, OCTA will initiate project monitoring and Board reporting through the CTFP semi-annual review and M2 quarterly reporting processes.

Exception to Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program (CTFP) Guidelines:

The ECP Tier 1 program is one of several competitive funding programs through the Measure M2 program that are guided by the CTFP guidelines. The guidelines outline the general requirements for the individual programs as well as overarching requirements that apply to all competitive funding programs.

One of the projects recommended for funding was submitted by the City of Huntington Beach (City) and requires an exception to the CTFP guidelines. The CTFP guidelines state that local jurisdictions must fulfill the annual eligibility process and be deemed eligible by the OCTA Board to apply for and receive funding through any of the competitive CTFP programs. On May 12, 2025, the Board found the City ineligible to receive M2 Net Revenues for a period of five years; however, as part of that action, the Board specifically permitted the City to apply for competitive CTFP grants while the City takes steps to restore its eligibility. Accordingly, staff is requesting an exception to the guidelines to allow the City to receive a Tier 1 funding award. Any awarded funds would be withheld and would not be disbursed to the City until after the Board takes a future separate action to reestablish the City's eligibility to receive M2 Net Revenues. The City would start and potentially complete the project at risk as funds would only be available in the future if the City is found eligible again.

Summary

The M2 Project X ECP Tier 1 application review committee recently completed its review of the 2026 applications. The ECAC is requested to endorse the application review committee's proposal to fund eight ECP Tier 1 projects in the amount of \$3.87 million and advance the recommendation to the OCTA Board for approval. Also, an exception to the CTFP guidelines is required to award funding to one of the projects.

Attachments

- A. 2026 Project X Tier 1 Call for Projects – Programming Recommendations
- B. 2026 Project X Tier 1 Call for Projects – Project Summaries

2026 Project X Tier 1 Call for Projects – Programming Recommendations

RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING							
No	Jurisdiction	Project Title	Project Description*	Local Match	Final Score	M2 Funding	Cumulative
1	Anaheim	Stormwater Catch Basin Trash Capture Project (Phase VII) [†]	Install 93 CPS, 28 FTC, and 339 BIS units	20%	86	\$ 598,950	\$ 598,950
2	Dana Point	Full Capture Trash Water Quality Best Management Practice (BMP) Installations in Priority Land Use (PLU) Areas	Install 104 CPS units	20%	85	\$ 163,759	\$ 762,709
3	Mission Viejo	Trash and Runoff Abatement Project (TRAP): Citywide North to South Area	Install 12 CPS and 38 ARS units	20%	85	\$ 120,000	\$ 882,709
4	San Clemente	Northern San Clemente Roadways Runoff Treatment Project	Install 126 CPS, four GITS, and 306 ARS units	20%	85	\$ 587,335	\$ 1,470,044
5	Irvine	Catch Basin Connector Pipe Screen Installation Project - Phase 6	Install 600 CPS units	29%	73	\$ 600,000	\$ 2,070,044
6	Huntington Beach ¹	Greer Park Trash Capture Project [†]	Install one in-line trash trap system	33%	70	\$ 600,000	\$ 2,670,044
7	San Juan Capistrano	Project X: Calle Arroyo - La Novia Stormwater Project [†]	Install one trash capture device and one infiltration basin	59%	69	\$ 600,000	\$ 3,270,044
8	Laguna Hills	Ridge Route Drive Biofiltration Project [†]	Install one biofiltration basin	20%	68	\$ 600,000	\$ 3,870,044

* Final quantities of devices and units installed may vary slightly after construction is completed.

† Pre-award authority requested.

1. The City of Huntington Beach (City) is currently ineligible to receive M2 Net Revenues per OCTA Board of Directors (Board) action on May 12, 2025. Through the same action, the Board permitted the City to apply for Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs (CTFP) grants while ineligible, with any awarded funds to be placed into an escrow account. Release of those funds would be subject to the City reestablishing M2 eligibility and satisfying the terms of its agreement with OCTA and applicable CTFP requirements. The item includes a recommendation for an exception to the CTFP guidelines to allow a local jurisdiction that did not fulfill the annual eligibility the opportunity to apply for and be recommended for a CTFP grant.

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING (Withdrawn by Applicant)							
No	Jurisdiction	Project Title	Project Description	Local Match	Final Score	M2 Funding Request	Cumulative
9	County of Orange	H2OC RainSmart Rebates Stormwater BMP Upgrades Program	Install six bioretention systems	40%	N/A	\$ 446,880	\$ 4,316,924

Acronyms

ARS - Automatic Retractable Screen

BIS - Brush Inlet Screen

CPS - Connector Pipe Screen

FTC - Full Trash Capture Unit

GITS - Grated Inlet Trash Screen

M2 - Measure M2

N/A - Not Applicable

2026 Project X Tier 1 Call for Projects – Project Summaries

No	Jurisdiction	Project Title	Project Highlights*
1	Anaheim	Stormwater Catch Basin Trash Capture Project (Phase VII)	The City of Anaheim proposes to install 93 CPS, 28 FTC, and 339 BIS units at priority locations throughout the Carbon Creek, Westminster, and Santa Ana River Watersheds. The project targets 646 acres of high-traffic transportation corridors and priority land uses to reduce transportation-generated trash and pollutant loading to the storm drain system and downstream receiving waters.
2	Dana Point	Full Capture Trash Water Quality Best Management Practice (BMP) Installations in Priority Land Use (PLU) Areas	The City of Dana Point proposes to install 104 CPS units at existing storm drain catch basins throughout Priority Land Use areas within the city with a 137.5-acre drainage area, including commercial, high-density residential, and public transportation areas along major transportation corridors such as Pacific Coast Highway, Coast Highway, Golden Lantern, Del Obispo, Del Prado Avenue, and Doheny Park Road. The project will reduce transportation-generated trash and pollutants entering local waterways and beaches such as San Juan Creek, Salt Creek, Doheny State Beach, Baby Beach, Salt Creek Beach, Capistrano Beach, and the Pacific Ocean.
3	Mission Viejo	Trash and Runoff Abatement Project (TRAP): Citywide North to South Area	The City of Mission Viejo proposes to install 12 CPS and 38 ARS units in catch basins located along key arterial roadways, including El Toro Road, Marguerite Parkway, Los Alisos Boulevard, Alicia Parkway, and Jeronimo Road, as well as at select commercial and office developments near Cabot Road and Puerta Real. The project targets Priority Land Use drainage areas encompassing approximately 81.6 acres and will reduce transportation-generated pollutants before they enter the San Juan Creek and Aliso Creek Watersheds.
4	San Clemente	Northern San Clemente Roadways Runoff Treatment Project	The City of San Clemente proposes to install 126 CPS-Mod systems, four GITS, and 306 ARS-CL Curb Screens throughout Priority Land Use areas across the city. The project will treat approximately 539.9 acres of commercial, light industrial, and medium- to high-density residential drainage areas, reducing transportation-generated pollutants before they discharge to the Prima Deshecha and Segunda Deshecha Watersheds, the San Clemente Coastal Canyons, and nearby coastal waters.
5	Irvine	Catch Basin Connector Pipe Screen Installation Project - Phase 6	The City of Irvine proposes to install 600 CPS units within existing catch basins at various locations in Planning Areas 4 (Lower Peters Canyon), 5 (Northwood Point), 6 (Portola Springs), 9 (Woodbury), 15 (Woodbridge), 24 (University Town Center), 36 (Irvine Business Complex), and 51 (Great Park). The proposed CPS locations were selected considering several factors such as development areas, increased vehicle/pedestrian traffic, the absence of stormwater treatment by a natural treatment system, drainage from 82.25 acres of Priority Land Use areas, and drainage to downstream receiving waters listed on the Clean Water Act such as the San Diego Creek and Upper Newport Bay.
6	Huntington Beach	Greer Park Trash Capture Project	The City of Huntington Beach proposes to install one in-line TrashTrap full capture system and associated storm drain improvements along McFadden Avenue near Greer Park Lake. The project will improve water quality by capturing transportation-generated trash and pollutants from a 60.4-acre drainage area while reducing localized flooding and protecting the downstream Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.
7	San Juan Capistrano	Project X: Calle Arroyo - La Novia Stormwater Project	The City of San Juan Capistrano proposes to construct one trash capture device and one infiltration basin adjacent to the intersection of La Novia Avenue and Calle Arroyo to capture and treat stormwater runoff from an 88-acre tributary drainage area. The project will divert untreated runoff through a pretreatment trash capture device and into an infiltration basin capable of infiltrating approximately 26 acre-feet of runoff annually while improving water quality, reducing pollutant loads to San Juan Creek, recharging groundwater, and reducing downstream flooding.
8	Laguna Hills	Ridge Route Drive Biofiltration Project	The City of Laguna Hills proposes to construct one biofiltration basin at the western terminus of Ridge Route Drive to capture, convey and treat stormwater runoff from approximately 133.5 acres of upstream residential neighborhoods. The project will intercept untreated runoff conveyed through the municipal storm drain system and reduce transportation-generated pollutants before discharging to Laguna Canyon and downstream coastal waters.

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