



December 3, 2018

To: Regional Planning and Highways Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

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Subject: Orange County Transportation Authority State and Federal Grant Programs – Update and Recommendations

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority provides grants to local agencies through various state and federal funding programs. Status reports on these programs, as well as project changes, are presented for review and approval.

Recommendations

- A. Approve delay requests for four projects from the cities of Huntington Beach, Santa Ana, Tustin, and the County of Orange.
- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute any required agreements or amendments to facilitate the recommendations above.

Background

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) issues periodic state and federally-funded calls for projects (call). Examples of prior calls include the Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program (BCIP), Transportation Enhancements (TE) Program, State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) formula grant call, and Arterial Pavement Management (APM) Program.

Revenues for the prior calls include federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program funds, federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds, former federal TE (eliminated in the current Federal Transportation Act), Federal Transit Administration funds, state Proposition 1B SLPP funds, and Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee funds.

To meet OCTA state and federal requirements, project-specific amendments are requested by local agencies and are presented below for review and approval.

Discussion

BCIP, TE, SLPP, APM Updates

Since 2010, the Board of Directors (Board) has programmed \$84.544 million in state and federal funds to the cities and the County of Orange (County), for a total of 183 project phases of work. The progress and information for each of the active projects is listed in Attachment A. A summary of the progress of phases is provided in the table below.

Project Phase Status	Environmental / Engineering	Right-of-Way	Construction	Total
Planned	5	2	10	17
Started	7	1	31	39
Completed	7	-	112	119
Cancelled	-	-	-	8
Total	19	3	153	183

NOTE:
 BCIP projects may have more than one phase of work.
 Planned – Phase is planned
 Started – Phase has started or nearly completed
 Completed – Phase is complete

Delay Requests

For this review period, the Board is requested to approve four-time extensions for four active projects in the BCIP from the cities of Huntington Beach, Santa Ana, Tustin, and the County. The time extensions will allow the cities and County to delay the year in which they obligate each funded phase of work.

Delays are related to issues associated with the environmental phase, coordination with adjacent jurisdictions, and additional community outreach. Other requests are related to delays in the review process for requests for Federal Authorization to Proceed (E-76). Additional details on the requested changes are provided in Attachment B.

The Comprehensive Funding Plan (CFP), which provides funding information for OCTA-funded capital projects, and also highlights the recommended changes included in this item, is provided in Attachment C. The CFP demonstrates the current project programming based on actions recommended in this report and prior Board actions.

Federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Rescission

The FAST Act authorized \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020. The FAST Act contains a \$7.569 billion rescission that is scheduled to take place in 2020. The rescission will cancel budget authority for transportation programs with unobligated balances prior to September 30, 2019. The Federal Highway Administration Office of the Chief Financial Officer (HCF) is responsible for calculating the rescission by state and program. The HCF will release balances in October 2019.

The rescission will impact the following major programs: interstate maintenance, National Highway Performance Program, transportation alternatives, CMAQ Program, metropolitan planning, bridge, recreational trails, state planning and research, and National Highway Freight Program.

Under the FAST Act, California receives approximately \$481.4 million annually in CMAQ funds. In 2020, OCTA is expecting to program approximately \$48.382 million in CMAQ funds, which are subject to the rescission. OCTA has programmed approximately 13 BCIP projects for \$13.469 million in CMAQ funds which may be impacted by the rescission if the projects do not receive an E-76 before September 30, 2019 (Attachment D). OCTA will work with local agencies towards timely delivery of these projects.

Summary

Status reports from the BCIP, TE, SLPP, and APM are provided for review, including delay requests for four projects for Board approval. A summary of the proposed rescission under the Fast Act is provided for Board information.

Attachments

- A. State and Federal Grant Programs Project Status
- B. State and Federal Grant Programs, Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program Requests
- C. Capital Funding Program Report
- D. Projects Potentially Impacted by Federal Rescission

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