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To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Orange County Transportation Authority Staff
Subject: Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Semi-Annual Review – March 2026

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority recently completed the March 2026 semi-annual review of projects funded through the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs. This process reviews the delivery status of Measure M2 grant-funded projects and provides an opportunity for local jurisdictions to update project information and request project modifications. Staff has evaluated the requests, and the recommended project adjustments are presented for review and approval.

Recommendation

Recommend Board of Directors approval of requested adjustments to proposed Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs projects, Local Fair Share funds, and Senior Mobility Program funds.

Background

The Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs (CTFP) is the mechanism which the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) uses to administer funding for streets and roads, signal synchronization, transit, and transportation-related water quality projects. The CTFP contains a variety of competitive funding programs which are funded through Measure M2 (M2) revenues. The CTFP provides local jurisdictions with a comprehensive set of guidelines for administration and delivery of various transportation funding grants.

Every six months, OCTA works with representatives from local jurisdictions, as needed, to review the status of projects and proposed project change requests. This process is known as the semi-annual review. The primary purpose of the semi-annual review process is to promote the timely use of M2 grants awarded to support local projects. This is achieved by reviewing individual project status,

assessing the continued viability of projects, addressing local jurisdiction concerns, confirming availability of local matching funds, and ensure timely closeout of all projects funded through the CTFP. For this review period, local jurisdictions were required to submit updates and requests for project changes by March 13, 2026.

Discussion

The March 2026 semi-annual review proposed project adjustments include four project cancellations, four project delays, three CTFP timely use of funds extensions, 43 timely use of funds extensions for the Local Fair Share (LFS) Program, 26 timely use of funds extensions for the Senior Mobility Program (SMP), 13 project scope change adjustments, one transfer of savings, and three OCTA-initiated requests.

Local jurisdictions identified several reasons justifying the need for the proposed project adjustments, which included the following:

- Cancellations (vendor unavailability, State guideline changes, and stakeholder challenges)
- Delay requests which delay the start of a project (right-of-way acquisition challenges, construction coordination issues, federal clearance process delays, and procurement difficulties)
- Funds extensions for ongoing active projects to extend the project delivery timeline (concurrent phase alignment, equipment delays, cost inflation, and design revisions from the right-of-way acquisition process)
- Scope changes (enhanced project benefits, modification of equipment being installed, location change of equipment, equipment installed through separate projects, and construction issues)
- Transfer of funds between phases (project savings)
- OCTA initiated (transfer of savings and technical adjustments)

For additional details on the project adjustment requests listed above, see Attachment A, which summarizes all recommended adjustments, and Attachment B, which provides a narrative explanation of each request. The reasons identified for the 97 proposed modifications are consistent with expectations for a March semi-annual review cycle.

With respect to the OCTA-initiated requests, there was one transfer of savings requested by staff in order to preserve unspent Project V funds, which were awarded as part of the 2024 call for projects. Staff is also requesting approval of two technical adjustments, one adjustment to an expenditure deadline based on updated encumbrance documentation and one adjustment to utilize a combined match rate for a multi-phase grant to simplify reimbursement administration.

In order to provide local jurisdictions with the flexibility needed to continue delivering projects within the confines of M2, staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommend OCTA Board of Directors' (Board) approval of all proposed semi-annual review adjustments identified in Attachments A and B. If these recommendations are ultimately approved by the Board, staff will monitor the implementation of these proposed adjustments through its regular project management efforts and future semi-annual reviews, which are conducted and reported on to the TAC and Board biannually.

Summary

OCTA recently completed a review of all March 2026 semi-annual review project adjustment requests, and staff recommends Board approval of these project adjustments identified in this report.

Attachments

- A. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs, March 2026 Semi-Annual Review Adjustment Requests
- B. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs, March 2026 Semi-Annual Review Adjustment Request Descriptions