



# **AGENDA**

## ***Transit Committee Meeting***

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### **Committee Members**

Tim Shaw, Chairman  
Harry S. Sidhu, Vice Chairman  
Doug Chaffee  
Andrew Do  
Steve Jones  
Tam Nguyen  
Vicente Sarmiento

Orange County Transportation Authority  
Headquarters  
Conference Room 07  
550 South Main Street  
Orange, California

**Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

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### **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Jones

### **1. Public Comments**

### **Special Calendar**

There are no Special Calendar matters.



## **Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 4)**

All items on the Consent Calendar are to be approved in one motion unless a Committee Member or a member of the public requests separate action or discussion on a specific item.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of October 14, 2021.

### **3. Cooperative Agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for the Coastal Rail Infrastructure Improvements Project** Jason Lee/James G. Beil

#### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority proposes to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority to define roles, responsibilities, and funding to prepare a Project Definition Report for the Coastal Rail Infrastructure Improvements Project.

#### **Recommendations**

- A. Request to amend the Orange County Transportation Authority Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget by \$700,000, to accommodate Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3828 with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority to develop long-term solutions along the coastal rail corridor to protect the railroad against future tidal and landslide risks.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3828 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, in the amount of \$700,000, to prepare a Project Definition Report for the Coastal Rail Infrastructure Improvements Project.



**4. Funding Recommendations for the 2021 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program**

Jennifer Haith Farinas/Kia Mortazavi

**Overview**

On July 12, 2021, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors released the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program call for projects for 2021. The Orange County Transportation Authority received 16 grant applications for vehicles, supporting equipment, mobility management, and to support service operations. Programming recommendations are presented for review and approval.

**Recommendations**

- A. Approve the award of \$2.750 million in local funding to 14 applications submitted for consideration of funding through the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute cooperative agreements with selected applicants to receive funding through the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program.

**Regular Calendar**

**5. Cooperative Agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for Railroad Track Stabilization in the City of San Clemente**

Dinah Minteer/Jennifer L. Bergener

**Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority owns over 40 miles of active rail line in Orange County that extends from the City of Fullerton to the San Diego County Line in the City of San Clemente. Metrolink is responsible for regional rail operations and maintenance along the corridor. In September, tidal surges, along with a failing slope, severely degraded the railroad track structure in the City of San Clemente. Staff is requesting approval to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for costs associated with stabilizing the railroad track structure, in an area owned by the Orange County Transportation Authority.



## **Recommendations**

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3749 with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority in the amount up to \$5,000,000, to stabilize the railroad track structure in the City of San Clemente.
- B. Amend the Orange County Transportation Authority's Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget by \$5,000,000, to accommodate Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3749 for the railroad track stabilization work.

## **Discussion Items**

### **6. OC Bus and OC ACCESS Services Update**

Johnny Dunning, Jr./Jennifer L. Bergener

Staff will provide an update on the OC Bus and OC ACCESS Services.

### **7. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

### **8. Committee Members' Reports**

### **9. Closed Session**

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

### **10. Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.



**Committee Members Present**

**Via Teleconference**

Tim Shaw, Chairman  
Doug Chaffee  
Andrew Do  
Steve Jones  
Tam Nguyen  
Vicente Sarmiento

**Staff Present**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
Andrea West, Interim Clerk of the Board  
Allison Cheshire, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior  
Gina Ramirez, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior

**Via Teleconference**

Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
James Donich, General Counsel  
OCTA Staff

**Committee Members Absent**

Harry S. Sidhu, Vice Chairman

**Call to Order**

The October 14, 2021, regular meeting of the Transit Committee (Committee) was called to order by Committee Chairman Shaw at 9:01 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Allison Cheshire, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior conducted an attendance roll call and announced a quorum of the Committee.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Do led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Public Comments**

The Clerk of the Board reported that a public comment was received from Martin Varona via email on October 11, 2021 at 7:07 p.m. and was emailed to the Committee Members on October 14, 2021 at 8:05 a.m. prior to the meeting. The comment will be retained as part of the record of today's meeting.

**Special Calendar**

There were no Special Calendar matters.

**Consent Calendar (Items 2 and 3)**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director Sarmiento, seconded by Director Nguyen, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to approve the minutes of the Transit Committee meeting of September 9, 2021.

**3. Bus Operations Performance Measurements Report for the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2020-21**

A motion was made by Director Sarmiento, seconded by Director Nguyen, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to receive and file as an information item.

## **Regular Calendar**

**4. OC Streetcar Quarterly Update**

Jim Beil, Executive Director, Capital Programs and Tresa Oliveri, Community Relations Representative Principal, provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Director Sarmiento commented on the work that has been done and additional projects in the area that are led by the City of Santa Ana and noted that doorhangers near the segments or near the alignment to notify residents of project impacts would be helpful.

Ms. Oliveri responded that the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) would be happy to help and will continue to communicate with the residents and businesses near the segments.

Committee Chairman Shaw inquired about the moratorium in the construction contract regarding the holiday season.

Mr. Beil responded that the moratorium will run from November through January to pause major construction to alleviate disruptions to businesses along the segments during the holiday season.

Following the discussion, no action was taken on this receive and file information item.

**5. Contract Change Orders for Construction of the OC Streetcar Project**

Ross Lew, Program Manager Senior, provided a verbal report on this item.

Committee Chairman Shaw inquired about the utility and dirty soil issues and evaluating the schedule with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) responded that staff is working with the FTA on a timeline, scope, and budget and will bring the information forward as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 4.4 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$3,500,000, to address utility conflicts.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 54 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$1,200,000, for traction power substation site plan revisions.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 64.2 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$1,200,000, for Southern California Edison metering switchgears.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 69 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$600,000, for optical backbone network system redundancy.
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 79 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$3,000,000, for maintenance and storage facility permit drawings and revisions.

### **6. Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station Improvement Project Update**

Lora Cross, Project Manager III, and Logan Selleck, Community Relations Specialist, provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Following the discussion, no action was taken on this receive and file as an information item.

### **7. Agreement for Bus Stop Maintenance Services**

Jeffrey N. Tatro, Section Manager I, provided a verbal presentation on this item.

Committee Chairman Shaw inquired about what is owned at the bus stop by OCTA.

Mr. Tatro responded OCTA handles the right of way and bus stop signage and information. The the cities are responsible for the bench, shelters, landscaping, and trash collection.



A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Committee Chairman Shaw, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 6-0, to:

- A. Approve the selection of ShelterClean Services, Inc., as the firm to perform bus stop maintenance services at fixed-route service bus stop locations.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-1-3408 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and ShelterClean Services, Inc., in the amount of \$1,647,044, to perform bus stop maintenance services at fixed-route service bus stop locations, for a three-year initial term commencing on December 1, 2021, with two, two-year option terms.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **8. OC Bus and OC ACCESS Services Update**

Johnny Dunning, Jr., Department Manager, Scheduling and Bus Operations Support, and Ryan Maloney, Section Manager, Marketing and Customer Service, provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Director Nguyen inquired about the requirement of parent approval for the youth ride free program.

James Donich, General Counsel stated that certain federal regulations determine what information can be collected and parental notification is required in instances related to a minor.

Director Sarmiento commented that the number of youth rides is very encouraging for the program.

Committee Chairman Shaw inquired about complaints from riders on the face covering requirement.

Mr. Maloney responded that complaints do come in but that the number of complaints has decreased since the requirement was implemented.

Following the discussion, no action was taken on this information item.



**9. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Johnson, CEO reported on the following:

**Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) & Mobility Hubs Roundtables**

- OCTA will host the first of two roundtables today with community-based organizations to get feedback on the LRTP and Mobility Hubs Study. The second roundtable will be held on Thursday, October 21 at 10:30 a.m.

**Fifth District Mayors' Forum**

- The Fifth District Mayors' Forum will be held on Monday, October 18.
- These forums are intended to provide the mayors, council members and city staff with an update on our projects and programs as well as to get input from the cities.
- OCTA hosted the Fourth District Mayors' Forum last week which was well attended and we received a lot of good feedback.

**International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association (IBBTA)**

- The IBTTA Annual meeting was recently held in Anaheim.
- Attendees of the conference toured the Interstate 405 Improvement Project on Sunday.

**10. Committee Members' Reports**

Committee Chairman Shaw stated that going forward he would like the next two Committee meetings in November and December to be held in-person.

**11. Closed Session**

There were no Closed Session items scheduled.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 11, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

ATTEST

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Tim Shaw  
Committee Chairman

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Allison Cheshire  
Clerk of the Board Specialist



**November 11, 2021**

**To:** Transit Committee

**From:** Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** Cooperative Agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for the Coastal Rail Infrastructure Improvements Project

### **Overview**

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### **Recommendations**

- A. Request to amend the Orange County Transportation Authority Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget by \$700,000, to accommodate Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3828 with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority to develop long-term solutions along the coastal rail corridor to protect the railroad against future tidal and landslide risks.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3828 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, in the amount of \$700,000, to prepare a Project Definition Report for the Coastal Rail Infrastructure Improvements Project.

### **Discussion**

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) owns over 40 miles of active rail line in Orange County that extends from the City of Fullerton to the San Diego County Line in the City of San Clemente. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is responsible for regional rail operations and maintenance along the corridor. An adjacent slope that failed on private property at Mile Post 206.8, along with tidal surges, have severely degraded the railroad track structure in the City of San Clemente. On September 16, 2021, SCRRA suspended passenger rail service in South Orange County and began

emergency work to stabilize the track with an enhanced revetment. The emergency placement of enhanced revetment was completed the first week of October 2021, and the passenger rail service resumed on October 4, 2021.

SCRRA continues with efforts to monitor the stability of the slope and track infrastructure, and an evaluation of long-term mitigation is necessary to address future landslide and tidal variations risks both at this location and along the entire Orange County coastal rail corridor. OCTA will provide funding to SCRRA to evaluate all potential solutions to address the issues and develop a Project Definition Report (PDR). This PDR will develop site appropriate alternatives that will lead to refinement of the scope, schedule, and cost estimate for this project, enabling OCTA and SCRRA to pursue future funding from various grants.

The project requires a cooperative agreement between OCTA and SCRRA to define roles, responsibilities, and funding. SCRRA will be the lead for the preparation of the PDR and will coordinate this work with OCTA and other stakeholders. The effort for SCRRA's work on this PDR within the coastal rail corridor is estimated to be \$700,000, and will be funded through Measure M – Project R funds.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

An amendment to the OCTA Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account No. 0018-7831-TR222-0CU, in the amount of \$700,000, is being requested to fund Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3828. The cooperative agreement with SCRRA will be funded with local Measure M Project R funds.

#### **Summary**

Staff requests Board of Directors' approval for the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3828 with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority to prepare a Project Definition Report for the Coastal Rail Infrastructure Improvements Project.

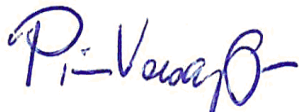
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**November 11, 2021**

**To:** Transit Committee

**From:** Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** Funding Recommendations for the 2021 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program

### **Overview**

On July 12, 2021, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors released the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program call for projects for 2021. The Orange County Transportation Authority received 16 grant applications for vehicles, supporting equipment, mobility management, and to support service operations. Programming recommendations are presented for review and approval.

### **Recommendations**

- A. Approve the award of \$2.750 million in local funding to 14 applications submitted for consideration of funding through the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute cooperative agreements with selected applicants to receive funding through the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program.

### **Background**

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is the designated Consolidated Transportation Services Agency for Orange County and is responsible for coordinating and providing services for seniors and disabled persons. In this role, OCTA is responsible for conducting a call for projects (call) and allocating Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled (EMSD) Grant Program funds consistent with the priority strategies identified in the current Orange County Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (Coordinated Plan).

The Coordinated Plan was updated and approved by the Board of Directors (Board) on November 23, 2020. OCTA developed the EMSD Grant Program to provide grant opportunities to Orange County non-profit organizations

and local agencies to help meet the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. This local grant program replaces the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Program with local funds, allowing grantees to streamline project implementation while reducing the risk that a nonprofit or local agency may not be in compliance with federal requirements. OCTA utilizes the FTA 5310 funds to support OC ACCESS service.

On July 12, 2021, the Board approved the release of the EMSD Grant Program call (Attachment A) making up to \$4 million available to nonprofit organizations and local agencies. Following release of the guidelines, staff notified prospective applicants of the grant opportunity including more than 500 individuals and nonprofit organizations. In addition, staff contacted city, county, and nonprofit agencies that currently participate in the OC Go Project U (Senior Mobility Program {SMP}) and Project V (Community Circulator) programs, and members of the Technical Advisory Committee. On July 29, 2021, staff held an application development workshop, which was well-attended with over 40 participants. Following the workshop, staff held focused meetings to assist prospective applicants by providing guidance to enhance the likelihood of grant funding.

### ***Discussion***

On September 9, 2021, OCTA received 16 applications for \$3.05 million in local funding from ten nonprofit and public agency applicants. Collectively, the applicants requested grant assistance for paratransit vans, buses, related support equipment, and mobility management and operating assistance projects.

Staff conducted an initial review of all applications to confirm that the applications were consistent with the 2021 EMSD call guidelines and procedures. The applications were further reviewed and scored by a five-person advisory panel consisting of a representative from the OCTA Accessible Transit Advisory Committee, one representative each from OCTA Planning, Operations, and Government Affairs divisions, and one representative from the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

The applications were scored and ranked based on Board-approved scoring criteria and funding priorities. The resulting programming recommendations include funding 14 capital and operating projects, for a total of \$2.750 million (Attachment B). The recommended projects are consistent with the Board-approved Coordinated Plan. Two applications are not recommended for funding due to their overall project score falling below the scoring threshold. Historically, recommended projects have achieved an overall score of 60 points or more, and this recommendation is consistent with prior grant cycles.

OCTA currently coordinates and/or funds the transportation services provided by several of the recommended applicants through the SMP, subsidized

transportation services through OC ACCESS, and the Senior Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program. These programs provide transportation alternatives which help alleviate demand on OC ACCESS. An award of EMSD grant funding to these agencies will provide additional support to more agencies to help ensure that quality transportation options are available to seniors and individuals with disabilities in Orange County.

***Next Steps***

With Board approval, OCTA staff will conduct an awarded applicant workshop in December to discuss the next steps of the program, which will include review of cooperative agreements, procurement, and reimbursement processes, as well as required reporting and oversight requirements. Following the workshop, awarded applicants will enter into cooperative agreements with OCTA to receive funding through the EMSD Grant Program. The remaining funding will be utilized to support OC ACCESS service.

***Summary***

Staff is recommending Board approval to award \$2.750 million in local funding to 14 applications through the EMSD Grant Program to provide additional transportation options for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Orange County.

***Attachments***

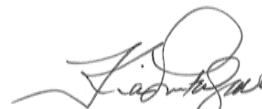
- A. Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program
- B. 2021 Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program, Programming Recommendations

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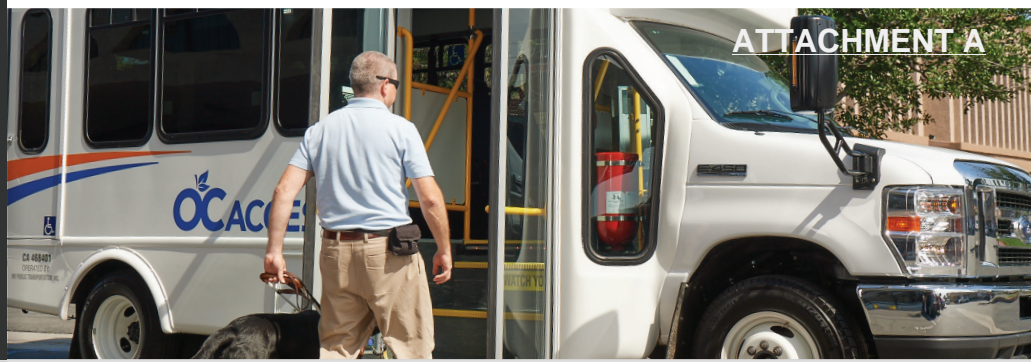
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# ORANGE COUNTY ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED GRANT PROGRAM



## AT A GLANCE

### SERVICE AREA:

All 34 Orange County cities and the County of Orange

### FUNDING:

\$4 million in local funds

### WEBSITE:

[octa.net/emsd](http://octa.net/emsd)

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## OVERVIEW

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) has approved the release of the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled (EMSD) Grant Program call for projects. EMSD is intended to support the needs of seniors beyond traditional public transportation, and for individuals with disabilities beyond that required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Up to \$4 million in local funds is available to program in fiscal year (FY) 2021/22 or FY 2022/23 (ending June 30).

## PROGRAM GOALS

- 1) Improve the mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Orange County;
- 2) Support local agencies and non-profits providing specialized service within their communities;
- 3) Augment the OCTA Senior Mobility Program, OC ACCESS and OC Bus fixed-route service;
- 4) Provide seamless service through improved first and last mile connections;
- 5) Incorporate and encourage technology-based solutions to improve mobility options;
- 6) Promote non-profit and public agency outreach to senior and disabled patrons with an emphasis in reaching disadvantaged, underrepresented, and/or diverse communities to ensure that services are meeting their needs; and
- 7) Prioritize funding for agencies that collaborate which is demonstrated by:
  - partnering together to create efficiencies and lower operating costs for service, and/or
  - increasing vehicle revenue hours beyond the minimum ten hours.

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Private non-profit organizations,
- Public agencies where no private non-profits are readily available to provide the proposed service (a public hearing is required as documentation).

## ELIGIBLE PROJECT CATEGORIES

- **Capital Projects** - At least 55% (minimum) of the funds awarded will be used for ADA accessible vehicle and related equipment purchases and leases.
- **Operating Projects** - The remaining 45% (maximum) may be used for operating assistance, coronavirus (COVID-19) restoration of service, mobility management, COVID-19 response equipment, driver and travel training, and first and last mile trips.

## LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS

- A 10% local match is required for capital, which includes the purchase and lease of vehicles and equipment, mobility management, driver and travel training projects, and COVID-19 response equipment.
- A 25% local match is required for operating assistance, COVID-19 restoration of service, and first and last mile trips.

Fact sheet as of 10/20/21



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## FUNDING PRIORITIES

- 1) Paratransit vehicle replacement and related equipment for existing vehicles that meet or exceed their useful life.
- 2) New paratransit vehicles and related equipment that support the expansion of existing service.
- 3) Expansion of existing transportation services that address the target population's transportation needs, which include expanding existing mobility management, and driver and travel training projects.
- 4) New transportation services that address the target population's unmet transportation needs, including new mobility management, and driver and travel training projects, and first and last mile trips.

## PROVISIONS OF USE

- All projects must be included in the Orange County Public Transit-Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan available at: <http://www.octa.net/pdf/HumanServicesTransportation.pdf>.
- Applicants must have management oversight and control over the operations of contracted service and purchased/leased equipment.
- Grantees are responsible for the proper use, operating costs, and maintenance of all vehicles and project equipment, and must be prepared to comply with all applicable regulations and requirements.
- The maximum request amount is \$600,000 per applicant to ensure an equitable distribution of funds.

## APPLICANT WORKSHOP

OCTA will host an EMSD application preparation workshop on July 26, 2021 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm virtually to assist eligible applicants. If you would like to attend, please RSVP at [www.octa.net/emsd](http://www.octa.net/emsd). Upon receipt of an RSVP, details will be provided on how to participate in the virtual workshop.

## APPLICATION BASICS

Online applications for the EMSD Program are due on September 9, 2021, no later than 4 pm via the program webpage at [www.octa.net/emsd](http://www.octa.net/emsd). Applicants may submit via mail or hand delivery by the application deadline (no postmarks will be accepted). Late applications will not be accepted, so please ensure that you have uploaded all required documentation ahead of the application deadline. We suggest uploading your documents at least 48 hours ahead of the submittal deadline to allow for time for troubleshooting if necessary.

### A completed application will contain the following documents:

- 1) Completed capital and/or operating application,
- 2) Non-profits must submit a private non-profit status inquiry,
- 3) Local cities and county agencies must submit documentation of a public hearing,
- 4) Resolution from governing body or similar confirming match commitment and legal authority to submit, and
- 5) Any other required documents, such as most recent financial statement/single audit, documentation of reduced service, etc.

Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding, so please ensure that submittals contain all of the required documentation.

**EMSD Grant Document Downloads:** Application materials will be posted on the EMSD webpage at [www.octa.net/emsd](http://www.octa.net/emsd).

## KEY PROGRAM MILESTONES\*



**2021 Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program  
Programming Recommendations**

Applicant	Project Description	Applicant Match	Recommended Award	Total Project Cost	Score
Age Well Senior Services, Inc.	Purchase seven minivan replacements to provide low-cost quality transportation service to seniors to promote their vitality and support independence	\$38,500	\$346,500	\$385,000	96
Age Well Senior Services, Inc.	Purchase two large bus replacements to provide low-cost transportation service to seniors to promote their vitality and support independence	\$17,200	\$154,800	\$172,000	96
Community SeniorServ Inc. (dba Meals on Wheels Orange County)	Expansion of existing mobility management program to enhance transportation services for the frail elderly who have special needs and limited access to improved physical healthcare, mental health, socialization, and community education services	\$15,495	\$139,451	\$154,946	87
North Orange Continuing Education	Funding for mobility management program to provide one-on-one and small group training to teach students how to use public transportation to get to and from school, potential and active worksites, and for community integration	\$66,000	\$594,000	\$660,000	86
Alzheimer's Orange County	Operating assistance to expand existing program to provide increased transportation options for older adults requiring transportation, including those with special needs	\$60,691	\$182,075	\$242,766	86
Alzheimer's Family Services	Support and expand existing mobility management program improving mobility of seniors and disabled in Orange County	\$14,996	\$134,964	\$149,960	85
Abrazar	Expansion of existing mobility management program to assist the most vulnerable older adults and disabled in Orange County	\$35,000	\$315,000	\$350,000	82
Sally's Fund	Operating assistance to support additional staff to oversee drivers, vehicle maintenance and transportation coordination and when needed, drive various routes to maximize the number of trips	\$20,450	\$61,350	\$81,800	78
Abrazar	Coronavirus restoration of service request to provide transportation for older adults and disabled in Orange County	\$62,500	\$187,500	\$250,000	75
Alzheimer's Orange County	Purchase three small buses to expand existing service and provide greater transportation accessibility for seniors who are frail, or experiencing memory loss and other dementia in Orange County	\$23,400	\$210,600	\$234,000	74
Access California Services	Operating assistance to support creation of a new transportation program to meet the needs of all underserved communities with a focus on the Arab-American and Muslim-American communities in Southern California	\$108,406	\$250,000	\$358,406	74
Access California Services	Purchase of two minivans to support new transportation service to seniors and disabled individuals	\$11,000	\$99,000	\$110,000	66
Access California Services	Purchase one small bus to support new transportation service to seniors and disabled individuals	\$7,800	\$70,200	\$78,000	66
Access California Services	Purchase of computers, monitors, laptop stands, headphones, keyboards, and mice to facilitate scheduling of new transportation service	\$496	\$4,467	\$4,963	60
		<b>\$2,749,907</b>		<b>\$3,231,841</b>	

**2021 Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Grant Program  
Programming Recommendations**

Applicant	Project Description	Applicant Match	Requested Amount	Total Project Cost	Score
<b>Not Recommended for Funding</b>					
Aids Services Foundation (Radiant Health Center)	Purchase a minivan to continue to serve and to increase transportation services to seniors and individuals with disabilities	\$5,500	\$49,500	\$55,000	54
Reimagine Network	Mobility management request to create a Reimagine and Goodwill Centralized Call Center for OC ACCESS at Reimagine	\$25,000	\$250,000	\$275,000	50
			<b>\$299,500</b>	<b>\$330,000</b>	

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**November 11, 2021**

**To:** Transit Committee

**From:** Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** Cooperative Agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for Railroad Track Stabilization in the City of San Clemente

### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority owns over 40 miles of active rail line in Orange County that extends from the City of Fullerton to the San Diego County Line in the City of San Clemente. Metrolink is responsible for regional rail operations and maintenance along the corridor. In September, tidal surges, along with a failing slope, severely degraded the railroad track structure in the City of San Clemente. Staff is requesting approval to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for costs associated with stabilizing the railroad track structure, in an area owned by the Orange County Transportation Authority.

### **Recommendation**

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3749 with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority in the amount up to \$5,000,000, to stabilize the railroad track structure in the City of San Clemente.
- B. Amend the Orange County Transportation Authority's Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget by \$5,000,000, to accommodate Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3749 for the railroad track stabilization work.

### **Discussion**

Tidal surges and a recent slope failure have severely degraded the railroad track structure on the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)-owned railroad right-of-way (ROW) in the City of San Clemente (City). The ROW is operated and maintained by the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) through an agreement with OCTA. After a site analysis by SCRRA geotechnical

engineers, it was determined that rail service must be suspended to allow for stabilization work to occur safely and efficiently.

On September 16, 2021, SCRRA suspended Metrolink rail service in south Orange County in order to effect efforts to stabilize railroad track structure in the City. The stabilization work began on September 16, 2021 and was completed the first week of October. Passenger rail service resumed on October 4, 2021.

Emergency repair was undertaken by SCRRA to stabilize the railroad tracks from further shifting due to a failing slope originating at the westerly coastal slope and extending below the railroad ROW to the west of the tracks at the beach. The failing slope has resulted in severe cracks and separation in pavement and house foundations at the top of the slope and has caused severe deflection in the railroad tracks, requiring passenger rail service to be suspended for the roughly two-and-a-half-week period from September 16 through October 4, 2021.

The current scope and level of effort for this repair work is estimated to cost up to \$5 million and is the responsibility of OCTA as the ROW owner. SCRRA has performed the majority of this work with contract forces on behalf of OCTA. With Board of Directors' approval, staff will finalize the cooperative agreement with SCRRA for the funding of this repair work.

SCRRA procured 12,000 tons of 'riprap', large rocks that hold up the track structure, and has contracted with the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) to assist with the repairs. BNSF used their trains to transport, load, and unload the riprap, while SCRRA engaged their on-call engineering team to provide geotechnical services. Assistance was also required to realign the track that was altered by the strong tidal surges. The repair work scope also includes the following work:

- Procurement of riprap – blasting rock
- BNSF trains to transport riprap
- Train crews to operate those trains
- Maintenance-of-way contractor resources for temporary mitigation and coordination of unloading riprap and realignment of the track
- On-call engineering services for geotechnical assessments
- Daily monitoring and surveying of the track
- Equipment and materials to use the El Toro siding for servicing Metrolink trains while operating a shortened route

SCRRA continues to monitor the stability of the slope and track. A slope monitoring system using inclinometers was recently installed, which will perform the monitoring once it is operational.

**Fiscal Impact**

The cooperative agreement with Metrolink can be funded with local commuter rail funds; however, staff continues to work with Metrolink to identify portions of the work that may be eligible for Federal Transit Administration funds. An amendment to the OCTA Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget, commuter rail fund, Account No. 0018-7831-A0001-DS2, in the amount of \$5,000,000, is being requested to accommodate Agreement No. C-1-3749.

***Summary***

Staff requests Board of Directors' approval for the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3749 with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority in the amount up to \$5 million to stabilize railroad track structure on the Orange Subdivision in the City of San Clemente.

***Attachment***

None.

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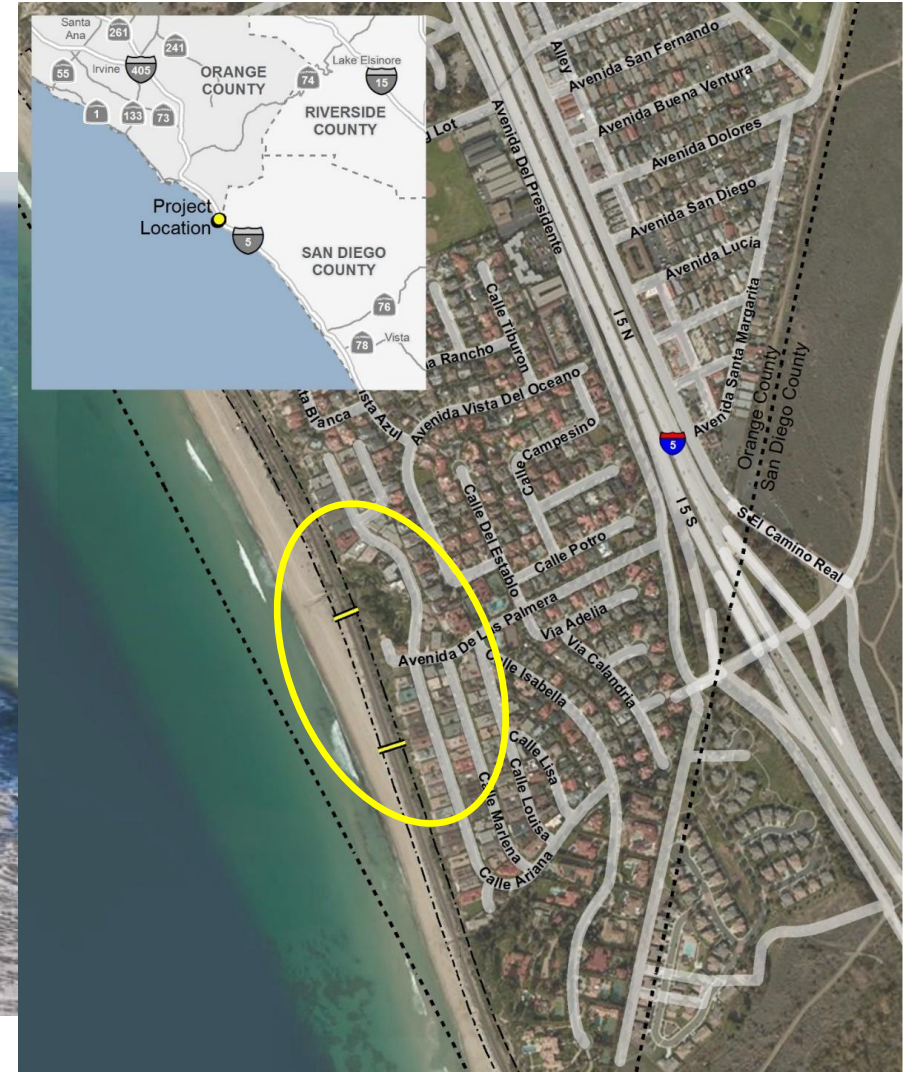


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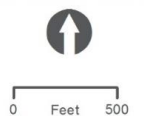
# Cooperative Agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for Railroad Track Stabilization in the City of San Clemente



# Project Location



- Approximate Project Limits
- - - Rail Right-of-way
- - - County Boundary





# Slope Failure





# Slope Failure (Cont'd)



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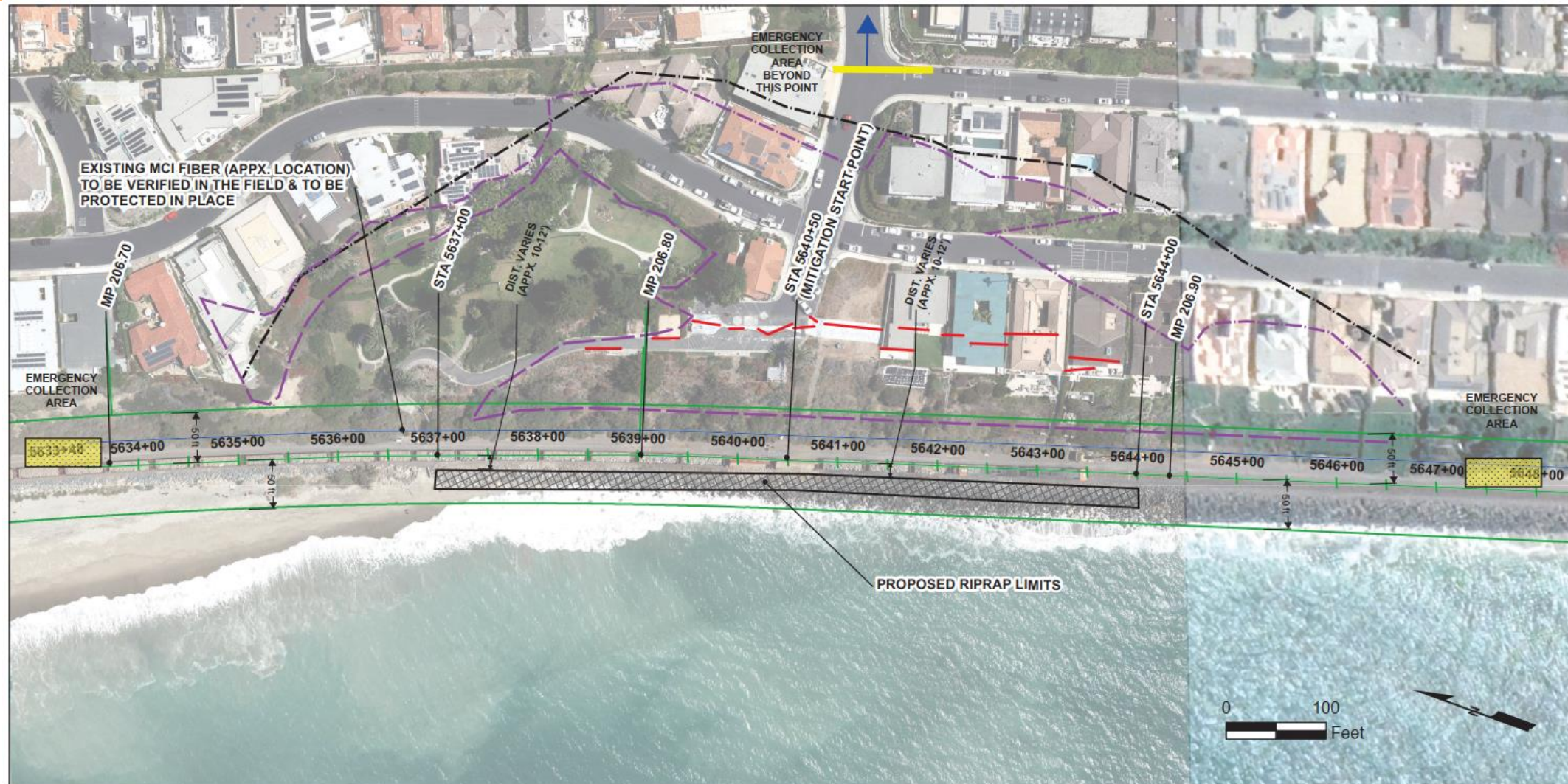
# Track Deflection



- Total track deflection as of September 21, 2021 – 28.8"
- Between September 11 and September 21 – 14.75"

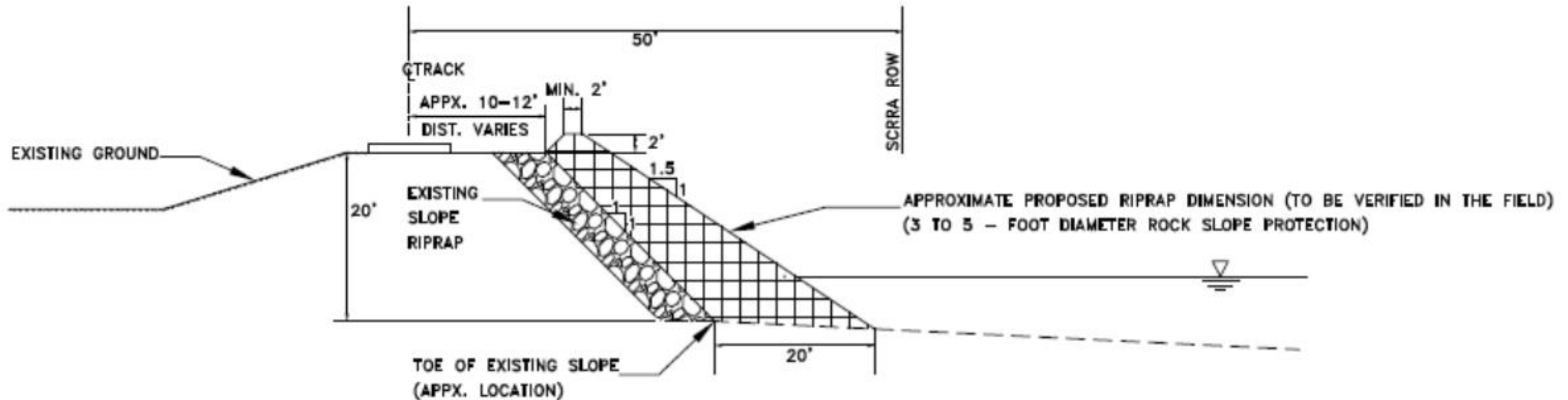


# Emergency Repair – Site Plan



- ORIGINAL GRADING DESIGN CUT/FILL LINE
- CRACKING AND/OR SEPARATION
- - - LIMITS OF OLD SLIDE. BASED ON ORIGINAL TOPOGRAPHY
- SCRR ROW

# Emergency Stabilization Cross-Section



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TRAPEZOIDAL RIPRAP ZONE (APPROXIMATE LIMITS STA 5637+00 TO STA 5644+00) - NOT TO SCALE

**NOTE:**

TRACK WILL BE MOVED BACK TO ORIGINAL ALIGNMENT AFTER GROUND MOVEMENT HAS STOPPED.



# Status of Emergency Repairs



- Passenger service resumed October 4
- 12,000 tons of riprap placed
- Track realigned & surfaced
- Environmental permits secured
- Installing slope stability monitoring system

# Staff Recommendation

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# Questions

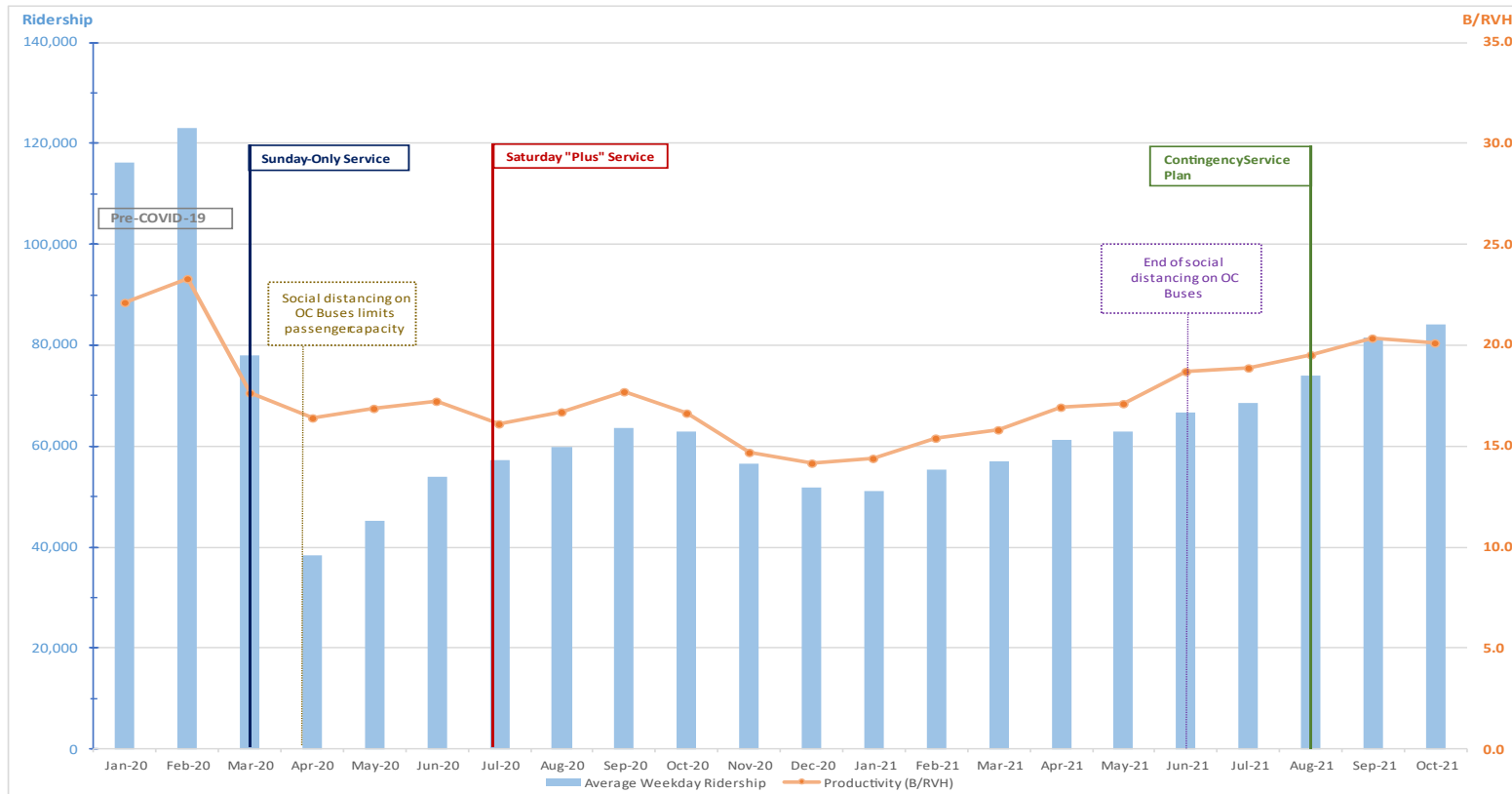


# OC Bus and OC ACCESS Services Update

- **Ridership**
  - Average weekday boardings and productivity as measured by boardings per revenue vehicle hour (B/RVH)
- **On-Time Performance**
  - Measuring service quality as impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic
- **Customer Comments**
  - Trends, feedback, and issues reported

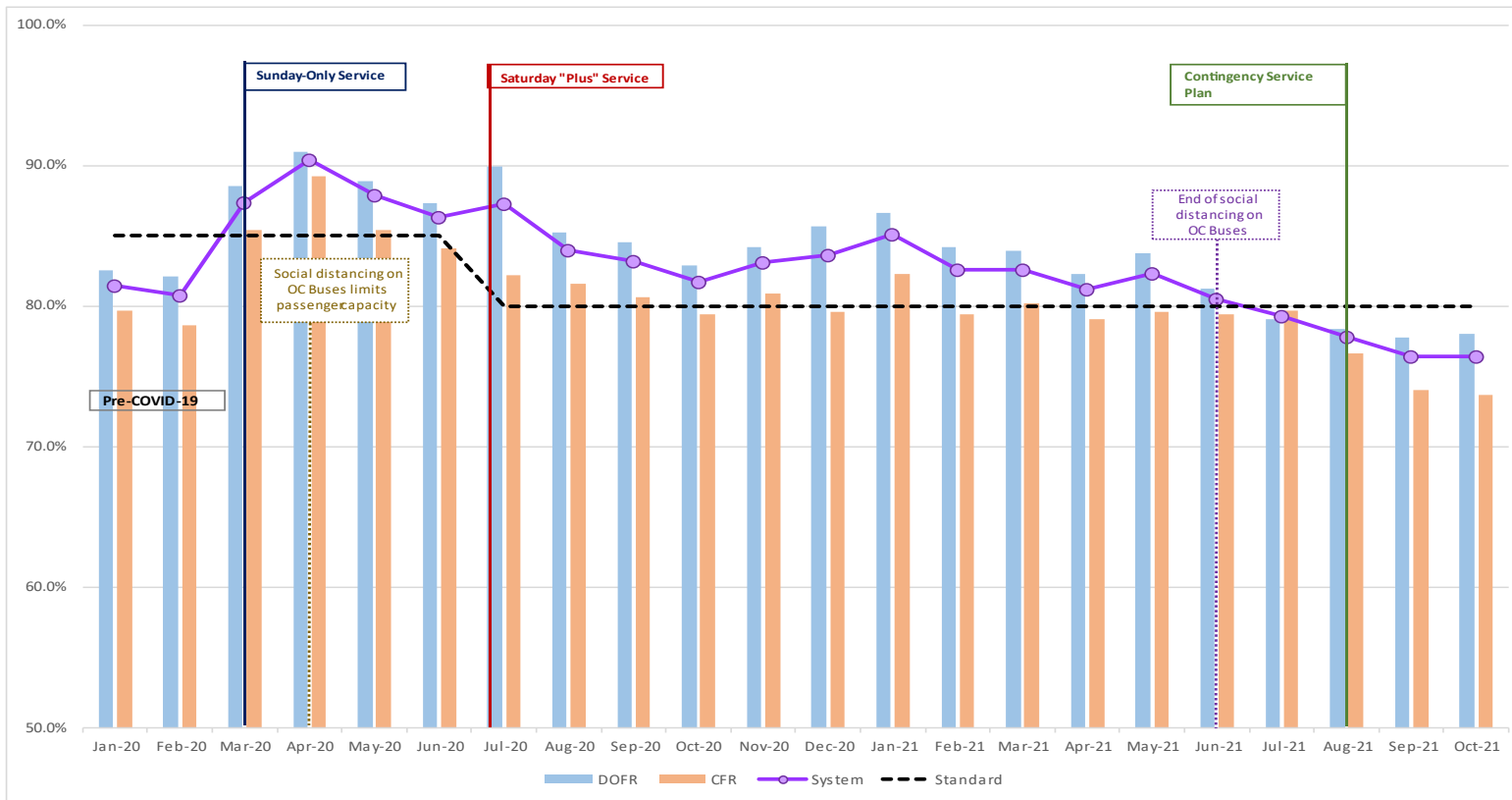
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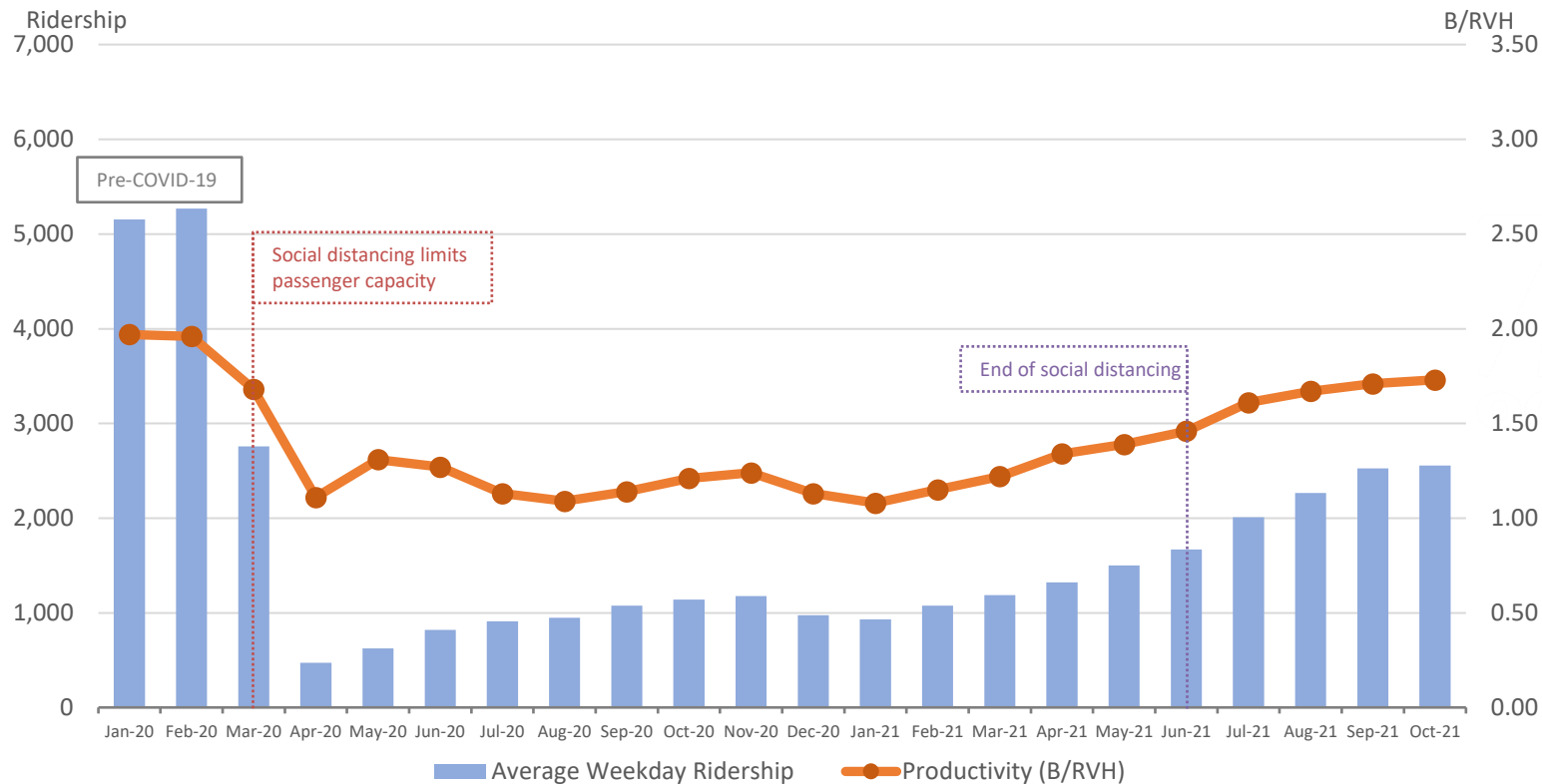
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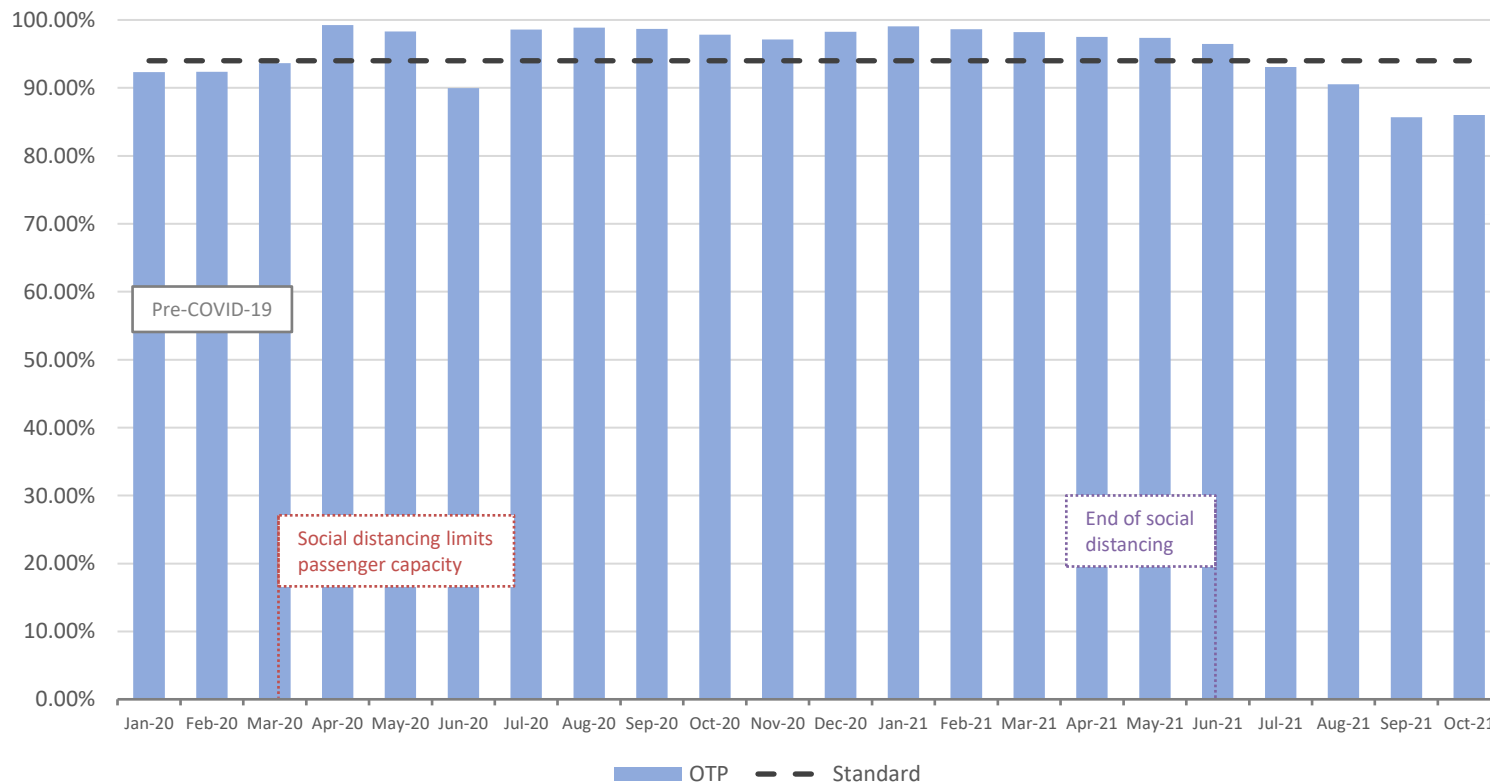
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# OC ACCESS ON-TIME PERFORMANCE

(AVERAGE WEEKDAY)



# CUSTOMER COMMUNICATION AND FEEDBACK

## COVID-19 Safety Measures

### Safety/Customer Communications

OC Bus October Service Change customer communications reinforced ongoing rider safety messages. Also, the OC Bus Comeback Campaign continued to promote incentives to encourage ridership along with featuring safety messaging.



## Customer Comments

### Bus Pass-bys

- Complaints on pass-bys decreased to an average of nine complaints per week in October compared to 10.6 complaints per week in September.

### Overcrowding

- Passenger overcrowding complaints decreased to an average of one complaint per week in October compared to three complaints per week in September.





## NEXT STEPS

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- Continue to track service performance
  - Ridership trends through the holiday season
  - On-time performance
- Upcoming service changes
  - February 13, 2022
  - June 12, 2022