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To: Regional Planning and Highways Committee
From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: 2022 Technical Steering Committee Membership

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority Technical Advisory Committee provides feedback and input on local streets and roads related items. The Technical Advisory Committee relies on a Technical Steering Committee made up of nine Technical Advisory Committee representatives from local agencies to provide guidance on technical issues. Proposed 2022 Technical Steering Committee membership recommendations are presented for Board of Directors' review and approval.

Recommendation

Approve proposed 2022 Technical Steering Committee membership recommendations.

Background

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was established in 1976 under the legislation enabling the creation of the Orange County Transportation Commission, a predecessor agency to OCTA.

The TAC provides input regarding the allocation of Measure M2 competitive grant funds. The TAC also provides advice to staff on issues related to technical aspects of streets and roads planning. The TAC is comprised of representatives from all Orange County cities, the County of Orange, and a non-voting representative from the California Department of Transportation. The TAC uses a Technical Steering Committee (TSC) to vet, review, and discuss major technical items prior to submittal to the TAC for final review and consideration. The chair and vice chair of the TAC also serve as the chair and vice chair of the TSC.

The TSC consists of nine TAC voting members, which are chosen by the TAC and approved by the OCTA Board of Directors (Board). There is one position for each of Orange County's five supervisorial districts, two at-large positions, and chair and vice chair positions. The TSC membership selection process is administered by the President of the City Engineers Association of Orange County (CEAOC) and the TAC/TSC chair, with staff support from OCTA, before recommendations are advanced to the full TAC for consideration. In recommending and selecting TSC members, priority is given to maintaining a good balance between local agencies with consideration given to north and south, small and large, and balance amongst supervisorial districts.

Discussion

In August 2021, OCTA solicited letters of interest from local agencies to fill TSC vacancies for the 2022 calendar year. At that time, it was noted that five of the nine regular TSC positions would be open for consideration. These positions included the chair, vice chair, First District, Fourth District, and one at-large position.

In September, letters of interest from five eligible TAC members were received. In accordance with OCTA procedures for administering the TSC (Attachment A), the President of the CEAOC and the chair of the TSC/TAC reviewed all letters of interest, and OCTA staff provided input to develop the 2022 TSC membership recommendations (Attachment B).

Consistent with past practice, the vice chair, representing the City of Aliso Viejo, is recommended to become the 2022 chair. In order to ensure that both north and south and large and small local agencies are represented in TSC leadership positions, a representative from the City of Santa Ana is being recommended for the 2022 vice chair position. The First District position is recommended to be filled by a representative of the City of Westminster. The Fourth District position is recommended to be filled by a representative of the City of Anaheim, and the open at-large position is recommended to be filled by a representative of the County of Orange.

In finalizing these recommendations, the President of the CEAOC and the TSC/TAC chair emphasized the need to generally maintain a balance between large and small local agencies. Their consensus recommendation was unanimously endorsed by the TAC on October 27, 2021 and is now being advanced for Board consideration and approval.

Summary

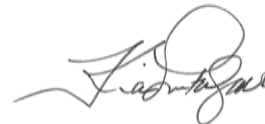
The TSC provides guidance and direction on complex technical issues before presentation to the full TAC. Members of the TSC serve two-year terms, with the exception of the chair and vice chair, who serve one-year terms. There are five positions recommended for approval in the next calendar year. The recommended list for 2022 TSC membership is presented for Board consideration and approval.

Attachments

- A. Technical Steering Committee Policies and Procedures
- B. Proposed 2022 Technical Steering Committee Membership List

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