



**December 12, 2018**

**To:** Finance and Administration Committee

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

**Subject:** Fiscal Year 2018-19 First Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report

### **Overview**

The Quarterly Grant Reimbursement Status Report summarizes grant activities for the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. This report focuses on activity for the period of July through September 2018.

### **Recommendation**

Receive and file as an information item.

### **Discussion**

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has secured grant funding from federal and state grant agencies to deliver programs, projects, and services to improve mobility in Orange County. The use of these funds is consistent with capital programming policies approved by the OCTA's Board of Directors (Board). The Quarterly Grant Reimbursement Status Report summarizes awarded/executed, current, and closed grant agreements.

#### **Awarded/Executed Grant Agreements:**

During the first quarter, OCTA awarded/executed four formula grants which are summarized below.

#### **Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Formula Grant Program:**

OCTA executed a grant agreement with FTA to secure the OCTA's FTA Section 5307 formula fund allocations for FFY 2017. The grant agreement secures \$65.9 million in federal capital and operating assistance to support salaries and benefits of OCTA's maintenance staff, capital cost of contracting, non-fixed-route paratransit operating assistance, replacement of approximately 24 40-foot

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compressed natural gas (CNG) fixed-route buses and the Orange Parking Structure project.

FFY 2017 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled:

OCTA executed an FTA grant agreement to secure \$2 million in FTA Section 5310 funds allocated to OCTA for FFY 2017. The funds will be used to support the capital costs of contracting for ACCESS services.

FFY 2017 FTA Section 5337 State of Good Repair:

OCTA executed an FTA grant agreement to secure \$4.3 million in FTA Section 5337 funds allocated to OCTA for FFY 2017. The funds will be used to cover preventative maintenance expenses and the construction phase of the Slope Stabilization project.

FFY 2017 FTA Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program:

OCTA executed a grant agreement with FTA to secure \$5.2 million in FTA Section 5339 funds allocated to OCTA for FFY 2017. The funds will be used to support 98 engine repowers, as well as the replacement of two 40-foot CNG fixed-route buses serving in the OCTA fleet.

Current Grant Agreements:

OCTA's FTA formula grant agreements total 15, and FTA discretionary grant agreements total three (Attachment A).

The 15 FTA formula grant agreements have a total federal amount of \$375 million. A total of \$307.6 million has been reimbursed, leaving a balance of \$67.4 million. The balance of these 15 FTA formula grant agreements will primarily fund the OC Streetcar, Orange Parking Structure, fixed-route bus procurements, rideshare and vanpool programs, the Laguna Niguel/San Juan Capistrano passing siding project, and rail rehabilitation projects.

The three FTA discretionary grant agreements have a total federal amount of \$17.9 million. A total of \$13.4 million has been reimbursed, leaving a balance of \$4.5 million. The balance of these three FTA discretionary grant agreements will primarily fund a new control point at 4<sup>th</sup> Street on the OCTA-owned railroad right-of-way (ROW), as well as slope stabilization improvements on the railroad ROW from the City of Laguna Niguel to the City of Lake Forest. The balance will also fund security camera surveillance systems for commuter rail stations and transit facilities located in the cities of Anaheim, Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, and Garden Grove.

The total FTA formula and discretionary grant agreements amount to \$392.9 million. The total amount reimbursed through the first quarter under these grant agreements is \$321.1 million, leaving a balance of \$71.8 million.

OCTA also has 45 State and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) formula grant agreements (Attachment B) and 10 State discretionary grant agreements (Attachment C).

The 45 State and FHWA formula grant agreements total \$376.6 million. The total amount reimbursed through the first quarter under these other grant agreements is \$269.1 million, leaving a balance of \$107.5 million.

The 10 State discretionary grant agreements total \$8.3 million. A total of \$1.2 million of these discretionary grant agreements has been reimbursed, leaving a balance of \$7.1 million. These State discretionary grant agreements have a defined grant expiration date. Project expenses must be fully paid and reimbursed prior to the grant agreement expiration date.

Combined, the State and FHWA formula and discretionary grants total \$384.9 million. The total amount reimbursed across all these grant agreements equals \$270.3 million, leaving a remaining balance of \$114.6 million.

This report activity is as of September 30, 2018; any grants with a deadline between the quarter end and the date this report is published will be fully reimbursed and closed out. This activity will be reflected in next quarter's report. Additionally, for each of the discretionary grants staff anticipates the remaining balances to be fully reimbursed prior to the grant agreement expiration date.

#### Grant Agreements Pending Close-out:

There are ten grant agreements totaling \$66.2 million which are pending close-out in the first quarter of fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19. All invoices for these grant agreements have been submitted to the external funding agency for reimbursement, and OCTA is pending final payment and/or approval of close-out documentation. OCTA Board approved reprogramming \$0.4 million of remaining funds from the Sand Canyon Grade Separation Project to the San Juan Creek Bridge Project in July 2017. These grant agreements are summarized in Attachment D.

#### Closed Grant Agreements:

There are nine grant agreements totaling \$16.6 million that were closed out in the first quarter of FY 2018-19. These grant agreements are summarized in Attachment E.

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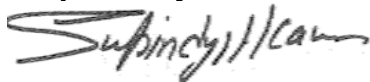
***Summary***

This report provides an update of the grant agreement funded activities for the first quarter of FY 2018-19, July through September 2018. Staff recommends this report be received and filed as an information item.

***Attachments***

- A. First Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, July through September 2018, Federal Transit Administration Formula and Discretionary Grant Agreements
- B. First Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, July through September 2018, State and Federal Highway Administration Formula Grant Agreements
- C. First Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, July through September 2018, State Discretionary Grant Agreements
- D. First Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, July through September 2018, Grant Agreements Pending Close-out
- E. First Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, July through September 2018, Closed Grant Agreements

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