




June 6, 2022

To: Regional Planning and Highways Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: Grant Acceptance for the Countywide Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority was recently awarded \$150,000 for the Countywide Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan through the statewide Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program. To utilize these grant funds, Board of Directors' approval is requested to accept the award and enter into agreements with the granting agencies.

Recommendations

- A. Adopt Orange County Transportation Authority Resolution No. 2022-034 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to accept the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant award and execute required grant-related agreements and documents with the California Department of Transportation.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and process all necessary amendments to facilitate the recommendation above.

Background

The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program was created to support the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) mission to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. On September 2, 2021, Caltrans issued a fiscal year 2022-23 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant statewide call for projects, which made available approximately \$34 million to regional and local agencies for transportation planning grants. In response to this opportunity, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) submitted a request for

\$150,000 for the Countywide Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan (Plan).

Discussion

On April 4, 2022, OCTA was notified that Caltrans selected the Plan for funding. This Plan builds on previously completed plans including the Southern California Association of Governments 2019 Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan, OC Transit Vision, Orange County Mobility Hub Strategy, OC Active, the Human Services Coordinated Plan, The Plan will also incorporate the Making Better Connections Study currently under development.

The Plan will provide recommendations for effective investments that shift travel trips away from single occupancy vehicles, increase transit and non-motorized travel, reduce travel costs, and improve transportation system efficiency. In developing the Plan, OCTA will collaborate with Caltrans, Orange County local agencies, and other stakeholders.

The award of \$150,000 will be matched with \$50,000 State Transportation Improvement Program Planning, Programming, and Monitoring funds, for a total cost of \$200,000. OCTA is seeking Board of Directors' approval of Resolution No. 2022-034 (Attachment A), which authorizes the acceptance of the awarded grant funds, confirms the required matching funds, and authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to file and execute grant applications and agreements, certifications and assurances, and other documents. The resolution also confirms the match commitment to the project as noted above.

Next Steps

Following execution of the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning grants, staff will follow OCTA's procurement process to award professional services contract(s) in the in early 2023.

Summary

OCTA was awarded \$150,000 through a competitive grant from Caltrans. A resolution to accept the grant award and authorization to enter into grant-related agreements and documents is presented for adoption as required by the grant program.

Attachment

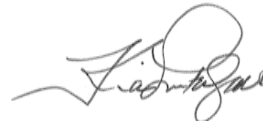
- A. Resolution No. 2022-034 of the Orange County Transportation Authority, 2022-2023 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program Authorization

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