



**June 16, 2022**

**To:** Legislative and Communications Committee

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

**Subject:** Proposed Schedule for the Orange County Transportation Authority's 2023-24 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority is beginning the process of preparing legislative platforms for the upcoming sessions of the California State Legislature and United States Congress beginning in 2023. The legislative platforms communicate comprehensive legislative and regulatory priorities that provide direction to staff, advocates, and legislative representatives in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

### **Recommendation**

Approve the preparation plan and timeline for the Orange County Transportation Authority State and Federal Legislative Platforms.

### **Discussion**

Prior to each legislative session, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Government Relations staff collects proposals and input from the OCTA Board of Directors (Board), OCTA division directors and department managers, OCTA advisory groups, the Orange County legislative delegation, national, regional, and state transportation agencies; interest groups and related associations, area cities and the County of Orange, interested members of the public, and various other stakeholders. Staff evaluates and consolidates these proposals into a framework document that guides OCTA's legislative activities. Working drafts are first submitted to the Board through the committee process. After receiving committee input, staff prepares final documents for the committee that, if approved, go to the full Board for adoption.

The State and Federal Legislative Platforms provide guidance on state and federal statutory, regulatory, and administrative policies for staff and its legislative advocates to pursue in the subsequent legislative sessions. Timely adoption of the platforms allows time to draft bill language, secure bill authors, introduce legislation, recommend advocacy positions on bills, and develop support for OCTA projects and funding priorities.

Once the draft 2023-24 State and Federal Legislative Platforms are prepared, the documents will be reviewed by the Legislative and Communications Committee and then the full Board. After extensive circulation and revision, the State and Federal Legislative Platforms will be presented for final adoption at the Board meeting on November 28, 2022. The proposed schedule for the 2023-24 State and Federal Legislative Platforms is included as Attachment A.

On November 22, 2021, the Board adopted the 2021-22 State and Federal Legislative Platforms, which are included as attachments B and C, respectively.

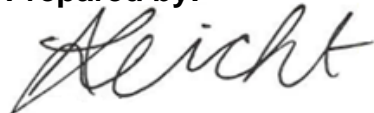
***Summary***

The proposed timeline and process for the preparation of the 2022-23 State and Federal Legislative Platforms are presented for approval.

***Attachments***

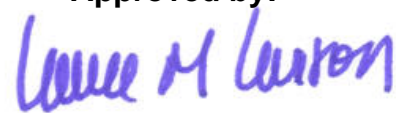
- A. Proposed Schedule for the Orange County Transportation Authority's 2023-24 State and Federal Legislative Platforms
- B. State Legislative Platform 2021-22, Orange County Transportation Authority, Adopted on November 22, 2021
- C. Federal Legislative Platform 2021-22, Orange County Transportation Authority, Adopted on November 22, 2021

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