



April 24, 2017

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Taxpayer Oversight Committee Measure M Annual Public Hearing Results and Compliance Findings

Overview

Measure M, Orange County's one-half cent sales tax for transportation, passed in 1990 and renewed in 2006, calls for an independent committee to ensure compliance with the ordinance. As required by the Measure M ordinance, the Taxpayer Oversight Committee conducted the 26th Measure M Annual Public Hearing on April 11, 2017. The Taxpayer Oversight Committee found the Orange County Local Transportation Authority has proceeded in accordance with Measure M Ordinance No. 3 during 2016.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Background

The Measure M Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC) is required by the Measure M ordinance. The TOC is an independent committee representing all five supervisorial districts in Orange County. The TOC is responsible for ensuring the transportation projects in Measure M are implemented according to the investment plan approved by the voters in 2006. The TOC meets bimonthly to review progress on the implementation of Measure M.

Annually, the TOC is required to hold a public hearing to receive comments from citizens regarding Measure M as part of its oversight effort to determine whether the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), acting as the Orange County Local Transportation Authority (OCLTA), is proceeding in accordance with the Renewed Measure M (M2) Transportation Ordinance and Investment Plan.

The results of the hearing and the findings of the TOC are transmitted to the OCTA Board of Directors annually. The TOC has consistently found OCTA in compliance for the past 25 years.

Discussion

The 26th Measure M Annual Public Hearing took place on April 11, 2017. The hearing was publicized through news releases, public notices, and posted on OCTA's social media sites and *On the Move* blog.

Following the public hearing and review of the annual financial audit of OCLTA and all other information the committee members have been provided to date, the TOC made the determination at its April 11, 2017 meeting that during 2016, OCTA has proceeded in accordance with the M2 Transportation Ordinance and Investment Plan. Eric H. Woolery, Orange County's elected Auditor-Controller, serving as Chairman of the TOC, has included a draft letter stating its findings (Attachment A).

Additionally, in accordance with M2 Ordinance No. 3, Section 10, Paragraph 3, Chairman Woolery certified that the revenues, through fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, have been spent in compliance with the Ordinance.

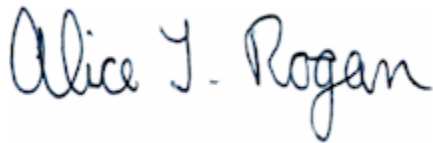
Summary

Subsequent to bimonthly meetings and the Measure M Annual Public Hearing on April 11, 2017, the TOC has determined that OCTA is proceeding in accordance with the M2 Transportation Ordinance and Investment Plan.

Attachment

- A. Memo to Michael Hennessey, Chair, Orange County Transportation Authority, from Eric H. Woolery, Chair, Measure M Taxpayer Oversight Committee, dated April 11, 2017, Subject – 26th Annual Measure M Public Hearing

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