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To: Transit Committee

From: Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: Proposition 1B California Transit Security Grant Program Authorization for 2015 and 2016

Overview

In 2006, Proposition 1B authorized the issuance of general obligation bonds to support transportation improvements throughout the state. Included in Proposition 1B is the California Transit Security Grant Program, which makes available over \$3.52 million annually to Orange County to fund eligible transit system safety, security, and disaster response projects. For fiscal years 2015 and 2016 allocations, a list of candidate projects is presented for consideration, along with an authorizing resolution to execute grant-related agreements, as required by the program.

Recommendations

- A. Adopt Orange County Transportation Authority Resolution No. 2017-003 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to file and execute grant-related agreements with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services as the designated administrative agency of the California Transit Security Grant Program.
- B. Approve the candidate project list and authorize staff to amend the Federal Transportation Improvement Program to accommodate grant revenues.

Background

California voters passed Proposition 1B on November 7, 2006, which authorized the issuance of general obligation bonds for specified purposes, including grants for transit system safety, security, and disaster response projects. The California Transit Security Grant Program (CTSGP) makes available \$60 million statewide annually to support capital projects that enhance the safety, security, and emergency response capabilities of transit

systems throughout California. As with State Transit Assistance (STA) funds, CTSGP funds are allocated to eligible transit operators on a formula by which 50 percent is based on population share and 50 percent is based on the level of fare revenues. The funding level for individual agencies is based on the agency's relative share of STA program funds received during the 2005, 2006, and 2007 fiscal years. The CTSGP program requires that awarded funds be expended within a three-year time frame.

As the designated administrative agency, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) provides program guidance and a schedule of documents needed to secure funding. The program guidance also identifies the funding amounts available to each transit operator, which includes over \$7 million available to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for fiscal years (FY) 2015 and 2016. To secure funds, project proposals are reviewed in advance by CalOES to determine funding eligibility.

Discussion

On December 9, 2016, staff submitted for review by CalOES draft project proposals seeking the total allocations available to OCTA for FY 2015 and FY 2016. The funds were proposed to support the following draft candidate projects:

Candidate Projects	FY 2015	FY 2016
Raymond Avenue Grade Separation	\$200,000	\$200,000
State College Boulevard Grade Separation	\$478,931	-
OCTA Transit Security & Operations Center	\$2,741,643	\$3,180,574
Video Surveillance System Upgrades at OCTA Bases	\$100,000	\$140,000
Total	\$3,520,574	\$3,520,574

The candidate projects were selected based on several factors, including program eligibility, project readiness, overall funding need, and expenditure within the grant performance periods, which end on March 31, 2018, and March 31, 2019, respectively. Descriptions of the candidate projects are provided in Attachment A.

The funds pursued to support these candidate projects complement the proposals included in the Transit Projects Programming Revisions item that is to be presented to the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) at the same meeting. An updated Capital Funding Program that reflects the recommended changes is included as Attachment B.

As part of the CTSGP, OCTA is required to document by resolution, authorization to submit documents and enter grant-related agreements should funds be awarded. The resolution also helps streamline the funding process and facilitate a prompt response to grant agency requests. Board Resolution No. 2017-003 is presented for consideration as Attachment C.

Fiscal Impact

Unlike typical grant programs which transfer funds on a reimbursement basis, Proposition 1B CTSGP funds are received by OCTA in a lump sum once the bond funds are available. As required, a separate interest bearing account will be established to capture CTSGP revenues. Any interest accrued will be tracked and used toward eligible capital projects contingent on approval by the OCTA Board and the granting agency. CTSGP funds do not require local match contributions or cost-sharing arrangements.

Summary

A list of candidate projects is presented for consideration to secure over \$7 million in Proposition 1B CTSGP funds available to OCTA for FY 2015 and FY 2016. An authorizing resolution to submit proposals and execute grant-related agreements is also presented for consideration, as required by the grant program.

Attachments

- A. Candidate Projects 2015 and 2016 California Transit Security Grant Program (CTSGP)
- B. Capital Funding Program Report
- C. Resolution of the Orange County Transportation Authority 2015 and 2016 California Transit Security Grant Program Authorization

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