

## April 23, 2018

**To:** Members of the Board of Directors

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Taxpayer Oversight Committee Measure M2 Annual Public

Hearing Results and Compliance Finding

#### **Overview**

As called for by the Measure M2 Ordinance, the Taxpayer Oversight Committee is required to review annual audits and conduct an annual hearing to determine whether the Orange County Transportation Authority is proceeding in accordance with the Investment Plan. The annual public hearing took place on April 10, 2018.

#### Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

#### Background

The Measure M2 (M2) Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC) is mandated by the M2 Ordinance. The TOC is an independent committee representing all five supervisorial districts in Orange County. The TOC is responsible for ensuring that transportation projects in M2 are implemented according to the Investment Plan approved by the voters in 2006. The TOC meets bimonthly to review progress on the implementation of M2.

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

The results of the hearing and the finding of the TOC are transmitted to the OCTA Board of Directors annually. The TOC has consistently found OCTA in compliance for the past 26 years.

### **Discussion**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Hearing took place on April 10, 2018. The hearing was publicized through news releases, public notices, and posted on OCTA's social media sites and the *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 10, 2018 meeting that during 2017, OCTA has proceeded in accordance with the M2 Transportation Ordinance and Investment Plan. Eric Woolery, Chairman of the TOC, prepared an official 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, 2017, have been spent in compliance with the Ordinance.

# Summary

Subsequent to bimonthly meetings and the M2 Annual Public Hearing on April 10, 2018, the TOC has determined that OCTA is proceeding in accordance with the M2 Transportation Ordinance and Investment Plan.

#### Attachment

A. Memo to Lisa Bartlett, Chairwoman, Orange County Transportation Authority, from Eric Woolery, Chair, Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee, dated April 10, 2018, Subject – 27th Measure M2 Annual Public Hearing

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