



June 21, 2018

To: Legislative and Communications Committee
From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Proposed Schedule for the Orange County Transportation Authority's 2019-20 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority is preparing the legislative platforms for the upcoming sessions of the California State Legislature and United States Congress beginning in 2019. 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's (OCTA) Government Relations staff collect legislative proposals and input from the OCTA Board of Directors (Board); division directors and department managers; national, regional, and state transportation agencies; interest groups and related associations; cities and the County of Orange; OCTA advisory groups; users of OCTA services; and various other stakeholders from the public and private sectors. Guidance is also sought from the Orange County legislative delegation.

Staff evaluate and consolidate these proposals into a framework document that guides OCTA's state and federal legislative activities for the upcoming legislative sessions. Working drafts are first submitted to the Board through the committee process. After receiving committee input, staff prepare final documents for the committee that, if approved, go to the full Board for adoption.

Based on the strategic initiatives adopted as part of the OCTA Strategic Plan, 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 2019-20 State and Federal Legislative platforms are formulated, the documents will be reviewed by legislative advocates, legal counsel, members of the Legislative and Communications Committee, and the OCTA Board. After extensive circulation and revision, the State and Federal Legislative platforms will be presented for final adoption at the OCTA Board meeting on November 26, 2018, subject to the results of the November 2018 elections. The proposed schedule for preparing the 2019-20 State and Federal Legislative platforms are included as Attachment A.

On November 28, 2016, the OCTA Board adopted the 2017-18 State and Federal Legislative platforms and adopted revisions to the platforms on November 27, 2017. Copies of the revised 2017-18 State and Federal Legislative platforms are included as attachments B and C, respectively.

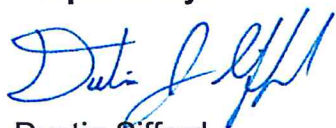
Summary

The proposed timeline and process for the preparation of the 2019-20 State and Federal Legislative platforms are presented for approval.

Attachments

- A. Proposed Schedule for the Orange County Transportation Authority's 2019-20 State and Federal Legislative Platforms
- B. Orange County Transportation Authority State Legislative Platform, 2017-18, Amended and adopted on February 26, 2018
- C. Orange County Transportation Authority Federal Legislative Platform, 2017-18, Revised and adopted on November 27, 2017

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