




**October 1, 2018**

**To:** Regional Planning and Highways Committee

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

**Subject:** Grant Award for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program

### **Overview**

The California Office of Traffic Safety awarded the Orange County Transportation Authority \$75,000 in competitive Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Grant Program funding. The grant award will support implementation of bicycle and pedestrian education classes, which are intended to raise public awareness of safe pedestrian and bicycling practices.

### **Recommendation**

Adopt Orange County Transportation Authority Resolution No. 2018-120 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the State of California Office of Traffic Safety award, and to negotiate and execute grant-related agreements and documents with the California Office of Traffic Safety.

### **Background**

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) makes grants available to local and state public agencies for programs that help enforce traffic laws, educate the public about traffic safety, and provide varied and effective means of reducing fatalities, injuries, and economic losses stemming from collisions. Best practice strategies are developed to reduce the number of persons affected in crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists. The strategies typically include classroom education, bicycle rodeos, community events, presentations, and workshops.

In 2017, OTS awarded the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) \$75,000 in Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program funding for a similar effort which funded classroom instruction and bicycle skills training, distribution of bicycle lights, helmets, reflectors for pedestrians, and training of safety instructors.

In October 2017, OTS released a statewide competitive call for projects, which made available \$25 million in federal and state funding. In response to this opportunity, OCTA submitted two proposals. One proposal requested \$100,000 to lead bicycle safety education classes, and the other requested \$200,000 to create bicycle and pedestrian safety videos.

***Discussion***

OTS awarded OCTA \$75,000 of the \$100,000 requested in Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Grant Program Project (Project) funds to lead bicycle and pedestrian safety education classes, distribute safety materials, and conduct community traffic skills classes. OCTA staff worked with OTS to revise the scope of the Project to meet the reduced level of funding provided. OTS did not fund the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Video Project portion of the submitted grant (\$200,000) due to new OTS policies in place that will not support funding media and marketing efforts.

With the current award, OCTA will develop and implement bicycle safety education classes to raise public awareness of safe bicycling and pedestrian practices. The OTS grant award will fully fund the Project and does not require a local match contribution or cost-sharing arrangement. The Project will take approximately 12 months to complete.

OCTA Board of Directors Resolution No. 2018-120 is presented for consideration (Attachment A). OCTA has similar authorizing resolutions on file with OTS and other grant agencies, including the Federal Transit Administration, State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, and California Department of Transportation.

***Summary***

OTS awarded OCTA \$75,000 to develop and implement bicycle safety education classes to raise public awareness of safe bicycling and pedestrian practices, and reduce injuries involving bicyclists and pedestrians. An authorizing resolution to accept the grant award and enter into grant-related agreements with the OTS is presented for adoption as required by the grant program.

***Attachment***

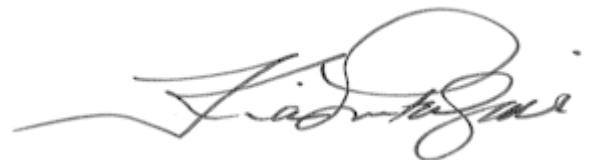
- A. Resolution No. 2018-120 of the Orange County Transportation Authority,  
2018 California Office of Traffic Safety Grant Program Authorization

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