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To: Regional Planning and Highways Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: Orange County Transportation Authority State and Federal Grant Programs – Update and Recommendations

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority provides grants to local agencies through various state and federal funding programs. Status reports on these programs, as well as project changes, are presented for review and approval.

Recommendations

- A. Authorize conditional approval of delay requests for three projects from the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, and the County of Orange, contingent on the availability of Orange County Transportation Authority's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds.
- B. Approve one project cancellation from the City of Costa Mesa and authorize staff to reprogram savings to the 2019 Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program.
- C. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute any required agreements or amendments to facilitate the recommendations above.

Background

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) issues periodic state and federally funded calls for projects (call). Examples of prior calls include the Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program (BCIP), Transportation Enhancements (TE) Program, State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) formula grant call, and Arterial Pavement Management (APM) Program.

Revenues for the prior calls include federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program funds, federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds, former federal TE (eliminated in the current Federal Transportation Act), Federal Transit Administration funds, state Proposition 1B SLPP funds, and Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee funds. To meet OCTA state and federal requirements, project-specific amendments are requested by local agencies and are presented below for review and approval.

Discussion

BCIP, TE, SLPP, APM Updates

Since 2010, the Board of Directors (Board) has programmed \$83.71 million in state and federal funds to the cities and the County of Orange (County), for a total of 183 project phases of work. The progress and information for each of the active projects is listed in Attachment A. A summary of the progress of phases is provided in the table below.

Project Phase Status	Environmental / Engineering	Right-of-Way	Construction	Total
Planned	1	2	6	9
Started	5	1	23	29
Completed	12	-	123	135
Cancelled	1	-	9	10
Total	19	3	161	183

NOTE:

BCIP projects may have more than one phase of work

Planned – Phase is planned

Started – Phase has started or nearly completed

Completed – Phase is complete

Delay Requests

For this review period, the Board is requested to approve three delay requests for the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, and the County contingent on the impacts of the federal CMAQ rescission. The time extensions will allow the cities and the County to delay the year in which they obligate each funded phase of work. Extensions are related to delays during the design phase that subsequently extended the project schedule. However, due to the uncertainty of the federal rescission, staff is recommending these time extensions be approved contingent on OCTA's CMAQ apportionment not being impacted by the federal rescission, further explained below.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act authorized \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020. The FAST Act contains a \$7.569 billion rescission that is scheduled to take place in 2020. The rescission will cancel budget authority for transportation programs, such as CMAQ, with unobligated balances prior to September 30, 2019. The Federal Highway Administration Office will release balances and proposed rescission amounts in October 2019.

OCTA has programmed ten BCIP projects, for approximately \$9.646 million in CMAQ funds, which may be impacted by the rescission if the projects do not receive federal Authorization to Proceed before September 30, 2019 (Attachment B). In addition, the three projects requesting delays could also be impacted. Additional details on the delay request is provided in Attachment C. OCTA will work with local agencies towards timely delivery of all of the impacted projects.

Project Cancellations

For this review period, the Board is requested to approve cancellation of the Fairview Park Multipurpose Trail project in the City of Costa Mesa (Costa Mesa). In 2016, Costa Mesa voter's approved Measure AA, which restricted development at Fairview Park and prohibits this project from proceeding. Staff is recommending that the project be cancelled and the funds be redirected through the upcoming 2019 BCIP call, which is the subject of a separate item. Additional details on the cancellation are provided in Attachment D.

The Comprehensive Funding Plan (CFP), which provides funding information for OCTA-funded capital projects, and also highlights the recommended changes included in this item, is provided in Attachment D. The CFP demonstrates the current project programming based on actions recommended in this report and prior Board actions.

Summary

Status reports from the BCIP, TE Program, SLPP, and APM Program are provided for review, including three project delay requests and one project cancellation for Board approval. A summary of the proposed rescission under the FAST Act is provided for Board information.

Attachments

- A. State and Federal Grant Programs Project Status
- B. Projects Potentially Impacted by Federal Rescission
- C. State and Federal Grant Programs, Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program Requests
- D. Capital Funding Program Report

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