



June 24, 2019

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 June 11, 2019.

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 bi-monthly 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 27 years.

Discussion

The 28th Annual Public Hearing took place on June 11, 2019. The hearing was publicized through news releases, public notices, and posted on OCTA's social media sites, and the On the Move blog. There were two members of the public present at the public hearing, one of whom addressed the committee commending the TOC for its service and how well it operates. In addition, ten members of the public submitted 2019 OC Go implementation feedback on the OCTA website. Nine of the digital submissions expressed that Measure M funds should not be used for toll roads or managed lanes in South Orange County; and one digital submission stated that there is redundancy between OCTA, the California Department of Transportation, and the Transportation Corridor Agency.

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 June 11, 2019 meeting, that during 2018, OCTA has proceeded in accordance with the M2 Transportation Ordinance and Investment Plan. Orange County's Auditor-Controller, Eric Woolery, who serves as the Chairman of the TOC, prepared an official memo 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, 2018, have been spent in compliance with the Ordinance.

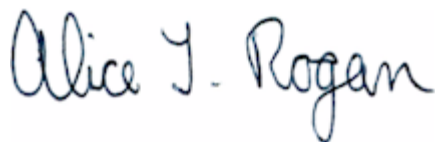
Summary

Subsequent to bi-monthly meetings and the M2 Annual Public Hearing on June 11, 2019, the TOC has determined that OCTA is proceeding in accordance with the M2 Transportation Ordinance and Investment Plan.

Attachment

- A. Memo from Orange County Auditor-Controller Eric Woolery, Chair, Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee, to Tim Shaw, Chairman, Orange County Transportation Authority, dated June 11, 2019, re: 28th Measure M2 Annual Public Hearing

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