OC Bridges Railroad Grade Separation Program Budget Update Summary of Programming and Funding Actions

The OC Bridges Railroad Grade Separation Program (OC Bridges Program) is being managed by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) as a program of projects and is currently programmed to be delivered with more than 13 different funding sources, making this one of the most complex funding programs OCTA has ever managed. State and federal programming documents reflect funding on a project-by-project basis for each phase of project delivery, not as a program of projects. The state and federal funding sources have very specific rules for eligibility for each phase of project delivery and limitations for capturing construction bid savings.

The use of state and federal funds for the OC Bridges Program of projects started in 2005, when the City of Fullerton secured \$12.8 million in federal grant funding for the State College Boulevard grade separation project. Several years later, in January 2008, OCTA and the cities of Fullerton and Placentia applied for funding from the state's Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) program for the seven grade separation projects. In April 2008, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) programmed a total of \$182.8 million in TCIF funds for the projects, toward the total estimated OC Bridges Program cost of \$416.7 million.

In July 2010, the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) approved a revised OC Bridges Program cost of \$589.6 million, an increase of \$172.9 million, which was supported with \$144.7 million in federal funds and \$28.2 million in M2 funds.

In February 2013, the Board approved actions to reprogram TCIF bid savings from the Kraemer Boulevard, Placentia Avenue, Orangethorpe Avenue, and Tustin Avenue/ Rose Drive grade separation projects to the Lakeview Avenue and State College Boulevard grade separation projects.

In October 2013, the Board approved an amendment to the OC Bridges Program funding plan which included several programming actions to add funds, as required, based on updated project costs. The October 2013 Board action resulted in a revised OC Bridges Program cost of \$623.7 million.

In January 2014, the Board approved actions to submit a TCIF nomination to the CTC for the Raymond Avenue grade separation project to use TCIF bid savings from the Lakeview Avenue grade separation project. The January 2014 Board action also resulted in a use of Proposition 1B Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account (TSSSDRA) funds and additional Regional Surface Transportation Program funds. The OC Bridges Program cost was amended to \$634.6 million, an increase of \$10.9 million.

In June 2016, the Board approved actions to reprogram unused TCIF savings for the Interstate 405 improvement project and add additional TSSSDRA and Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account funds. The OC Bridges Program cost was amended to \$631.2 million, a decrease of \$3.4 million.

In November 2016, the Board approved an amendment to the OC Bridges Program funding plan which included several programming actions to add funds, as required, based on updated project costs. The November 2016 Board action resulted in a revised OC Bridges Program cost of \$663.963 million.

In June 2018, in the Capital Programming Update Board item, the Raymond Avenue grade separation funding was updated to include an additional \$0.400 million in TSSSDRA funding.

In November 2018, the Board approved an amendment to TCIF funds in the OC Bridges Program funding in the Capital Programming Update. State College grade separation's TCIF funds increased from \$32.057 million to \$32.800 million, Orangethorpe Avenue's TCIF funds decreased from \$34.520 million to \$30.324 million, Lakeview Avenue's TCIF funds increased from \$26.924 million to \$27.520 million, Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive's TCIF funds decreased from \$25.473 million to \$22.962 million, and Raymond Avenue's TCIF funds increased from \$10.034 million to \$10.400 million. The November 2018 Board action resulted in a net decrease of \$5.002 million in TCIF funds.

In February 2019, the Board approved an amendment to the cooperative agreement with the City of Fullerton for the State College Boulevard grade separation project to add funds, as required, based on updated project costs. The February 2019 Board action resulted in an increase of \$1.920 million for the State College Boulevard grade separation project.

In June 2019, the Board approved an amendment to the cooperative agreement with the City of Fullerton for the Raymond Avenue grade separation project to add funds, as required, based on updated project costs. The June 2019 Board action resulted in an increase of \$0.718 million for the Raymond Avenue grade separation project.

In July 2020, pending Board approval, a request to increase the OC Bridges Program funding plan which includes several programming actions to add funds, as required, based on actual costs. This Board action will result in an increase to the OC Bridges Program by \$1.521 million, from \$666.179 million to \$667.700 million, and to allow for the closeout of the program.

The total OC Bridges Program cost after the July 13, 2020 Board action: \$667.700 million.