



**September 9, 2020**

**To:** Finance and Administration Committee

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

**Subject:** Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs Report – July 2020

### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority has a comprehensive investment and debt program to fund its immediate and long-term cash flow demands. Each month, the Treasurer submits a report detailing investment allocation, performance, compliance, outstanding debt balances, and credit ratings for the Orange County Transportation Authority's debt program. This report is for the month ending July 31, 2020. The report has been reviewed and is consistent with the investment practices contained in the Investment Policy.

### **Recommendation**

Receive and file as an information item.

### **Discussion**

As of July 31, 2020, the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) outstanding investments totaled \$2 billion. The portfolio is divided into three managed portfolios: the liquid portfolio for immediate cash needs, the short-term portfolio for future budgeted expenditures, and the bond proceeds portfolio to meet Measure M2 (M2) transportation program needs. In addition to these portfolios, OCTA has funds invested in debt service reserve funds for the 91 Express Lanes Program.

The weighted average book yield for the OCTA portfolio is 1.7 percent. The book yield measures the exact income, or interest, on a bond without regard to market price change. The yield is the income return on an investment, such as the interest received from holding a particular security. The yield is usually expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the investment's cost and market value.

OCTA's month-end balance in the Local Agency Investment Fund was \$10,899,573, with an average monthly effective yield of 0.9 percent. OCTA's month-end balance in the Orange County Investment Pool (OCIP) was \$17,021,140. For the month of June, the monthly gross yield for the OCIP was 1.3 percent. Yields for the month of July will be received in August.

As a result of the coronavirus, several rating actions have continued to occur throughout the month of July. Specifically, during the month of July, four securities held within OCTA's investment portfolio were downgraded. The total number of securities on the Negative Credit Watch remained at seven securities for the month. Please refer to I-8 (Rating Downgrades) and I-9 (Negative Credit Watch) of Attachment A for further details. As of July 31, 2020, the securities reflected on I-8 and I-9 still meet the minimum ratings requirements set forth by OCTA's Investment Policy.

OCTA's debt portfolio had an outstanding principal balance of \$1 billion as of July 31, 2020. Approximately 62 percent of the outstanding balance is comprised of M2 debt, nine percent is associated with the 91 Express Lanes Program, and 29 percent is for the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Loan.

### ***Summary***

The Treasurer is submitting a copy of the Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs report to the Finance and Administration Committee. The report is for the month ending July 31, 2020.

### ***Attachments***

- A. Orange County Transportation Authority Investment and Debt Programs, For the Period Ending July 31, 2020
- B. Orange County Transportation Authority Portfolio Listing as of July 31, 2020

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