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To: Finance and Administration Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Fiscal Year 2020-21 First Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report

Overview

The Quarterly Grant Reimbursement Status Report summarizes grant activities for the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. This report focuses on activity for the first quarter of fiscal year 2020-21, covering July through September 2020.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has secured grant funding from federal and state grant agencies to deliver programs, projects, and services to improve mobility in Orange County. The use of these funds is consistent with capital programming policies approved by OCTA's Board of Directors (Board). The Quarterly Grant Reimbursement Status Report summarizes awarded/executed, current, pending close-out, and closed grant agreements.

Awarded/Executed Grant Agreements:

OCTA executed seven formula grants and one discretionary grant during the first quarter, which are summarized below. In addition to these first quarter activities, OCTA executed a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) agreement securing Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding of \$160.4 million on July 6, 2020. These funds will be used to support operating costs for fixed-route and paratransit services and are provided on a reimbursement basis.

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 FTA Section 5307 Formula Grant Program

OCTA executed an FTA grant agreement to secure \$52.2 million in FTA Section 5307 formula funds allocated to OCTA for FFY 2020 (Attachment A, Row 6). These funds will be used to provide capital and operating assistance to cover preventative maintenance expenses, capital cost of contracting, and non-fixed-route operating assistance.

FFY 2020 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled

OCTA executed an FTA grant agreement to secure \$2.3 million in FTA Section 5310 funds allocated to OCTA for FFY 2020 (Attachment A, Row 12). The funds will be used to support the capital costs of contracting for ACCESS services.

FFY 2020 FTA Section 5337 Formula Grant Program

OCTA executed an FTA grant agreement to secure \$3.5 million in FTA Section 5337 funds allocated to OCTA for FFY 2020 (Attachment A, Row 15). The funds will be used to support preventative maintenance expenses and Fullerton Transportation Center staircase rehab project.

FFY 2020 FTA Section 5339 Formula Grant Program

OCTA executed an FTA grant agreement to secure \$6.8 million in FTA Section 5339 funds allocated to OCTA for FFY 2020 (Attachment A, Row 17). These funds will be used to support the purchase of 55 40-foot paratransit replacement vehicles.

FFY 2018 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/FTA Section 5309 Discretionary Flex Funds

OCTA executed an FTA grant agreement securing \$913,116 in FHWA/FTA Section 5309 flex funds (Attachment A, Row 20). These funds will be used to support the replacement of the San Juan Creek Bridge. The new bridge will improve load and storm capacity, increase safety, and reduce maintenance needs.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)

OCTA executed an agreement to secure \$6.3 million in LCTOP funds for continuation and expansion of the college pass programs (Cypress, Coastline Colleges, Irvine Valley, and Saddleback colleges), and ten battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure (Attachment B, Rows 22-26). On March 23, 2020, the Board approved transferring \$2.9 million from FY 2018-19 LCTOP Bravo!

Main Street Operations to two new LCTOP projects, including the Metrolink Service Expansion (\$2.1 million) and Bravo! 529 Operations (\$812,976).

FY 2020-21 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) – Programming, Planning, and Monitoring (PPM)

The California Department of Transportation approved the funds transfer agreement for the annual STIP allocation for the PPM program in the amount of \$1 million. Reimbursable projects related to this program began in July 2020 (Attachment B, Row 30).

FY 2020-21 SB 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) State of Good Repair (SGR) Program

OCTA expects to receive \$6.4 million in SGR funds during FY 2020-21 (Attachment B, Rows 35-36). On October 26, 2020, the Board authorized the use of the FY 2020-21 SB 1 SGR funds for the Power Generator Replacement project at the Anaheim and Irvine Construction Circle bus bases. The remaining funds will be used to support modifications, upgrades, and the replacement of OCTA's existing bus bases and transit facilities. Funds would be utilized for projects, such as, but not limited to, electrical, fire alarm and elevator upgrades, generators, heating ventilation, air conditioning, roof and concrete replacements, lighting and facility modifications, as well as the future construction of transit security operations center.

Current Grant Agreements:

OCTA's FTA formula grant agreements total 17 and FTA discretionary grant agreements total four (Attachment A).

The 17 FTA formula grant agreements have a total federal amount of \$606 million. A total of \$312.9 million has been reimbursed, leaving a balance of approximately \$293.1 million. The balance of these 17 FTA formula grant agreements will primarily fund the OC Streetcar, fixed-route bus procurements, rideshare and vanpool programs, Laguna Niguel/San Juan Capistrano passing siding project, and rail rehabilitation projects.

The four FTA discretionary grant agreements have a total federal amount of \$162.9 million. This includes the full funding grant agreement award of \$148.9 million. A total of \$56.6 million has been reimbursed, leaving a balance of \$106.3 million. The balance of these four FTA discretionary grant agreements will primarily fund the OC Streetcar and slope stabilization improvements on the railroad right-of-way from the City of Laguna Niguel to the City of Lake Forest.

The total FTA formula and discretionary grant agreements amount to \$768.9 million. The total amount reimbursed through the first quarter under these grant agreements is \$369.5 million, leaving a balance of \$399.4 million.

OCTA also has 37 active state and FHWA formula grant agreements (Attachment B) and 12 active state discretionary grant agreements (Attachment C).

The 37 state and FHWA formula grant agreements total \$242.7 million. The total amount reimbursed through the first quarter under these other grant agreements is \$116.2 million, leaving a balance of \$126.5 million.

The 12 state discretionary grant agreements total approximately \$8.6 million. A total of \$573,411 of these discretionary grant agreements has been reimbursed, leaving a balance of \$8.1 million.

This report activity is as of September 30, 2020, and any grants with a deadline between the quarter end and the date this report is published will be fully reimbursed and closed out. This activity will be reflected in next quarter's report. Additionally, for these grants, staff anticipates each of the remaining balances to be fully reimbursed prior to the grant agreement expiration date.

Grant Agreements Pending Close-Out:

There are currently no grant agreements pending close-out in the first quarter of FY 2020-21.

Closed Grant Agreements:

There are three grant agreements totaling \$60.5 million that were closed out in the first quarter of FY 2020-21. These grant agreements are summarized in Attachment D.

Summary

This report provides an update of the grant agreement-funded activities for the first quarter of FY 2020-21, July through September 2020. Staff recommends this report be received and filed as an information item.

Attachments

- A. First Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, July through September 2020, Federal Transit Administration Formula and Discretionary Grant Agreements
- B. First Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, July through September 2020, State and Federal Highway Administration Formula Grant Agreements
- C. First Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, July through September 2020, State Discretionary Grant Agreements
- D. First Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, July through September 2020, Closed Grant Agreements

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