



## COMMITTEE TRANSMITTAL

**January 25, 2021**

**To:** Members of the Board of Directors

**From:** Andrea West, Interim Clerk of the Board *Andrea West*

**Subject:** Measure M2 Community-Based Transit Circulators Program  
Project V Ridership Report and Proposed Program Revisions

### Transit Committee Meeting of January 14, 2021

**Present:** Directors Do, Jones, Shaw, and Sidhu  
**Absent:** None

### **Committee Vote**

Following the roll call vote, this item was declared passed 4-0 by the Members present.

### **Committee Recommendations**

- A. Receive and file the Project V Ridership Report as an information item.
- B. Approve Project V Program revisions related to the impacts of the coronavirus and recent internal audit recommendations.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute, and amend as necessary all existing cooperative agreements for Project V services, in order to implement the recommendation above.

### **Committee Discussion**

At the January 14, 2021 Transit Committee meeting, the Measure M2 Community-Based Transit Circulators Program Project V Ridership Report and Proposed Program Revisions item was pulled from the consent calendar and a verbal report was requested. Staff provided an overview of the recommendations with a focus on the proposed changes to performance metrics for the Project V Program.

**Committee Discussion (Continued)**

With Board of Directors (Board) approval, the Project V Program's productivity measurements would move from a boarding per revenue vehicle hour metric to a total operating cost per boarding metric. The subsidy provided by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) would not increase beyond the escalation noted in the report, and operating costs beyond the OCTA subsidy would be the responsibility of the local agency. Operating costs exceeding specific levels would trigger public disclosure requirements and city council or Board of Supervisors actions. Staff also shared that the existing Project V cooperative agreements will expire within the next few years. The revised productivity measurements are intended to be in effect only for the remaining portion of the exiting grants for Project V services. Any future calls for projects would return to the Board for specific authorization.

Director Shaw expressed appreciation for the new metric that requires notification and action by the applicable agency. He also asked about the overall funding status of the program and whether the proposed changes could be accommodated based upon current revenue projections. Staff responded that the proposed changes can be accommodated within projected cash flows while still maintaining future financial capacity.

Transit Committee Chairman Do stated that the presentation addressed his concerns with the recommendations.