

Measure M2 (M2) Adjustments Related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Board Date	Title	Board Action	Reason
May 22, 2020	M2 Senior Mobility Program (SMP) Temporary Guideline Requirement Suspension	Approved a temporary suspension effective June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021, of the SMP guideline requirement related to procuring third-party contracted transportation service using a competitive bidding process.	A transportation provider notified six cities that they would be discontinuing all services in Orange County, effective May 31, 2020, due to unforeseen circumstances and concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The short notice left several local jurisdictions with little time to competitively procure another third-party service provider.
June 22, 2020	Amendment to M2 Ordinance No. 3 (M2 Ordinance)	Amended the M2 Ordinance to revise the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements for fiscal year (FY) 2019-20 and FY 2020-21.	Local jurisdictions are required to meet specific requirements in order to receive M2 revenues, one of which is related to MOE. MOE is the amount local jurisdictions spend in discretionary non-transportation funds for streets and roads purposes. The intent is to ensure that M2 revenues do not supplant funding for streets and roads that a local jurisdiction was spending prior to M2. To address the anticipated near-term negative growth in general fund revenues, OCTA amended the M2 Ordinance as it relates to the MOE requirements for FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21.
August 10, 2020	Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs (CTFP) Semi-Annual Review (SAR) - March 2020	Approved requested project adjustments to the CTFP projects and Local Fair Share (LFS) funds and exempted certain CTFP and M2 Eligibility Guidelines to incorporate these adjustments.	The March 2020 process reviewed the status of M2 grant-funded projects and provided an opportunity for local agencies to update project information and request project modifications. In this cycle, 36 of the 77 project adjustment requests were attributed to COVID-19-related impacts.

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October 12, 2020	M2 SMP Temporary Guideline Exceptions	Approved SMP guideline exceptions related to meal delivery service and held funds in reserve for local agencies with suspended services.	To continue providing services to seniors, several agencies were providing meal delivery in lieu of transporting seniors to their nutrition programs. The SMP Guidelines detail the types of senior transportation trips that are eligible for funding through the SMP. In addition, the M2 Ordinance requires that M2 net revenues be expended within three years of receipt. To provide flexibility and relief, the Board approved temporary exceptions to the SMP Guidelines to allow local agencies to continue delivering meals and held funds in reserve for local agencies that suspended their SMP services.
December 14, 2020	CTFP SAR - September 2020	Approved adjustments to CTFP projects, LFS and SMP funds, and approved cooperative agreement amendments for all active Project V services to extend grant terms for up to 24 months.	The September 2020 SAR process reviewed the status of M2 grant-funded projects and provided an opportunity for local agencies to update project information and request project modifications. In this review cycle, 40 of the 64 project adjustment requests were attributed to COVID-19-related impacts.
January 25, 2021	M2 Community-Based Transit Circulators Program Project V Ridership Report and Proposed Program Revisions	Approved Project V program revisions related to the impacts of COVID-19.	Project V services are required to adhere to established minimum performance standards. Under the current guidelines, funds are subject to cancellation if a service continues to perform below minimum performance standards. The Project V Program revisions provide local agencies flexibility to reinstate and fund Project V services in a post-COVID-19 environment while shifting evaluation metrics to be more financially focused, context-sensitive, and locally-driven.
May 24, 2021	Amendment to M2 Ordinance	Amended the M2 Ordinance to revise the MOE requirements for FY 2021-22.	To assist local jurisdictions with the transition back to the pre-pandemic MOE benchmarks, the revised MOE requirement was extended through FY 2021-22.