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To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: 2021 Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer Initiatives and Action Plan – Third Quarter Progress Report

On January 25, 2021, the Board of Directors (Board) approved the 2021 Board and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Initiatives (Attachment A) and Action Plan (Attachment B). The Action Plan consists of three Board initiatives and nine CEO initiatives monitored through 96 milestones throughout the calendar year. Progress reports on these milestones are provided on a quarterly basis for Board review. This report provides a summary of progress on third quarter (Q3) milestones from July 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021. At the conclusion of Q3, 50 of the 96 milestones have been completed. Highlights of these accomplishments are provided below.

Q3 Progress Report

During Q3 of the calendar year 2021, 24 milestones were scheduled for completion. At the end of Q3, 15 milestones have been completed. Some of the accomplishments include:

- Achieved Ready to List status for the State Route 55 Improvement Project (between Interstate 405 [I-405] and Interstate 5);
- Expanded the College Bus Pass Program to include students at Irvine Valley College;
- Procured a consultant to review and assess the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) diversity, equity and inclusion efforts;
- Awarded a new service agreement for the OC ACCESS paratransit and OC Flex microtransit operations; and
- Initiated the 2018-2021 Measure M2 Triennial Performance Assessment.

The nine milestones not completed that were assigned to Q3 are summarized in Attachment B. This includes eight milestones that were moved to quarter four (Q4) and one that will be carried over to future initiatives. The delay of items from the Q3 to the Q4 were due to scheduling conflicts and delays in coordination with external entities. The carry over item is related to a decision by American Public Transportation Association to host their International Event elsewhere due to coronavirus restrictions on major gatherings in California.

In addition, several Q4 milestones will be carried over to 2022 as listed below.

- As part of the I-405 Improvement Project, OCTA anticipated to complete and fully open bridges at Talbert Avenue, Magnolia Street, and Goldenwest Street. The Talbert Avenue and Magnolia Street bridges opened to traffic in mid-2021. However, a significant amount of contaminated soils were encountered at the construction site for the Goldenwest Street bridge, requiring mitigation. This delayed the opening of the Goldenwest Street bridge, which is now anticipated for the second quarter (Q2) of 2022.
- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) decided to postpone its Triennial Review schedule by one year. As a result, OCTA will postpone the internal compliance training. Development of the training curriculum will begin once the FTA guidance is released, and the training is now anticipated for completion in June 2022.
- As a result of manufacturing delays, OCTA will not receive the delivery of the first OC Streetcar vehicle this year. Production of all the OC Streetcar vehicles is now expected in Q2 of 2022. OCTA will continue to work with Siemens Mobility, Inc. to ensure any future schedule changes will be communicated in a timely manner.

The Q3 progress report is complete and included for your review. I am proud of the overall progress OCTA has made throughout this challenging year thus far. As we enter the last quarter of 2021, we will continue navigating and adapting to the impacts of the pandemic. I look forward to advancing the 2021 Board and CEO Initiatives while addressing the immediate needs of the public, our customers, and our employees to keep Orange County moving. Please contact me at (714) 560-5343 with any questions or suggestions.

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