



May 13, 2024

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

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Subject: 2024 Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer Initiatives and Action Plan – First Quarter Progress Report

On February 12, 2024, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) approved the 2024 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 107 milestones throughout the calendar year. Reports detailing the progress on these milestones are provided on a quarterly basis for Board review. This report provides a summary of progress on first quarter (Q1) milestones from January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024. At the conclusion of Q1, nine of the 107 milestones have been completed. Highlights of these accomplishments are provided below.

Q1 Progress Report

During Q1 of the calendar year 2024, seven milestones were scheduled for completion. At the end of Q1, four of those seven milestones have been completed, while an additional five other milestones were completed ahead of schedule. Some of the highlights achieved in Q1 include:

- Submitted the Federal Transportation Improvement Program project list and financial plan (covering the period for fiscal year [FY] 2024-25 through FY 2029-30) to the Southern California Association of Governments. This program contains more than 60 transportation improvements projects in Orange County that are anticipated to use a total of approximately \$1.645 billion over five years;
- Coordinated with Southern California Regional Rail Authority's Metrolink to re-initiate Angels Express. This service will transport riders from Orange, Los Angeles, and Riverside Counties to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim baseball team home games;
- Re-negotiated a new three-year contract with the Transportation Communications Union / International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers, which represent facilities technicians and parts clerks, to ensure the continuation of safe and reliable OC Bus service that is essential to the people of Orange County;

- In an effort to continue collaborating with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12, Caltrans was requested to look into opportunities to enhance freeway directional signs and identify areas for historical, cultural, and other essential community destinations throughout Orange County. This could implement transportation solutions to improve travel for residents, workers, and visitors; and
- Released the Tier 2 Grant Program call for projects for the Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program (also referred to as Project X). This Program funds larger regionalized water quality improvements from transportation-generated pollution.

While nine total milestones were accomplished during the quarter, some of which are noted above, delivery timeframes for three milestones originally scheduled for completion in Q1, were extended and are now anticipated to occur in the second quarter. For more details, please refer to Attachment B.

The Q1 progress report is complete and included for your review. I am pleased with the progress OCTA has made thus far and am confident we will continue to advance the 2024 Board and CEO Initiatives as the year unfolds, while staying committed to 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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Attachments