



June 18, 2026

To: Legislative Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Proposed Schedule for the Orange County Transportation Authority's 2027-28 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

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Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority is beginning the process of preparing legislative platforms for the upcoming sessions of the California State Legislature and the United States Congress, beginning in 2027. The legislative platforms communicate comprehensive legislative and regulatory priorities that provide direction to staff, advocates, and legislative representatives in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Recommendation

Approve the preparation plan and timeline for the Orange County Transportation Authority State and Federal Legislative Platforms.

Discussion

Prior to each legislative session, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Government Relations staff collects proposals and input from the OCTA Board of Directors (Board), OCTA division directors and department managers, OCTA advisory groups, the Orange County legislative delegation, national, regional, and state transportation agencies, interest groups and related associations, area cities and the County of Orange, interested members of the public, and various other stakeholders. Staff evaluates and consolidates these proposals into a framework document that guides OCTA's legislative activities. Working drafts are first submitted to the Board through the Board Committee process. After receiving Legislative Committee input, staff prepares final documents, which, if approved, go to the Board for adoption.

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The State and Federal Legislative Platforms provide guidance on state and federal statutory, regulatory, and administrative policies for staff and legislative advocates to pursue in the subsequent legislative sessions. Timely adoption of the platforms allows time to draft bill language, secure bill authors, introduce legislation, recommend advocacy positions on bills, and develop support for OCTA projects and funding priorities.

Once the Draft 2027-28 State and Federal Legislative Platforms are prepared, the documents will be reviewed by the Legislative Committee and then the Board. After extensive circulation and revision, the State and Federal Legislative platforms will be presented for final adoption at the Board meeting on November 23, 2026. The proposed schedule for the 2027-28 State and Federal Legislative platforms is included as Attachment A.

On November 24, 2025, the Board adopted the 2025-26 State and Federal Legislative platforms, which are included as Attachments B and C, respectively.

Summary

The proposed timeline and process for the preparation of the 2026-27 State and Federal Legislative Platforms are presented for approval.

Attachments

- A. Proposed Schedule for the Orange County Transportation Authority's 2027-28 State and Federal Legislative Platforms
- B. State Legislative Platform 2025-26, Orange County Transportation Authority, Adopted on November 24, 2025
- C. Federal Legislative Platform 2025-26, Orange County Transportation Authority, Adopted on November 24, 2025

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