



September 10, 2025

To: Finance and Administration Committee
From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Annual New York Credit Update – July 2025

Overview

Since the early 1990s, the Orange County Transportation Authority has maintained an active investor relations program. As part of this program, each year the Orange County Transportation Authority conducts a series of meetings with the rating agencies and financial institutions in New York, New York. This year, the meetings took place from Wednesday, July 30, 2025, to Thursday, July 31, 2025.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Background

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and its affiliated agencies have issued approximately \$2.85 billion of debt to advance various capital programs since 1987. One sub-component of debt issuance is the servicing of debt, which includes updating the rating agencies on the progress of OCTA's programs and services on an annual basis.

Every year, OCTA provides a comprehensive presentation to various organizations. This year, OCTA met with Bank of America, MetLife Investment Management, Moody's Investors Service, S&P Global Ratings, and Stantec.

It is important for OCTA to provide constant communication to the municipal market. The annual meetings provide the opportunity to discuss the issues facing OCTA and the Orange County economy. OCTA's track record has clearly established OCTA's credibility with the rating agencies and investors.

Discussion

The following representatives from OCTA were in New York the week of July 28, 2025: Chair Doug Chaffee, Vice Chair Jamey Federico, Director Michael Hennessey, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, along with Darrell Johnson, Andrew Oftelie, Kirk Avila, and Robert Davis. In addition, Melissa Shick from OCTA's municipal financial advisory firm, KNN Public Finance, attended the meetings.

During the meetings, representatives discussed the successes and challenges of OCTA's multimodal transportation services and current projects. Staff focused on the Orange County economy, OCTA's financial position, and key agency priorities, including the Measure M2 Program, Express Lanes operations, and debt programs. The team also emphasized OCTA's reserves and the strong debt service coverage ratios for OCTA's debt obligations. The meetings were well received. The credit analysts thanked OCTA for continuing its commitment to provide annual in-person updates. The rating agencies were complimentary about the quality and comprehensive nature of the presentation book (July 2025 Credit Update) and the presentations made by three members of OCTA's Board of Directors and staff.

A detailed summary report on the New York meetings has been prepared by KNN Public Finance, and has been included as Attachment A. The report identifies the members of each firm and covers the discussion topics for each of the organizations. A copy of the July 2025 Credit Update is provided as Attachment B.

Summary

The Orange County Transportation Authority has been proactive in delivering information to the municipal market to ensure that the Orange County Transportation Authority's credit ratings remain strong. A summary report of the most recent meetings in New York is provided as an attachment.

Attachments

- A. Letter from Melissa Shick, Managing Director, KNN Public Finance, to Robert L. Davis, Treasury and Public Finance Manager, Orange County Transportation Authority, dated August 18, 2025, re: New York Credit Update I July 2025, Financial Advisor Report to OCTA
- B. Orange County Transportation Authority Annual Credit Presentation July 2025

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