



**May 14, 2026**

**To:** Transit Committee

**From:** Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

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**Subject:** Acceptance of Grant Awards from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee and the Federal Transit Administration

**Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority has been awarded two grants totaling \$4,960,000. A \$4 million grant from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee will support the OC Connections for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games Project, which will implement special event operations and transportation demand management strategies to support the summer Olympics. Additionally, a \$960,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administration will fund the Security Cameras and Access Controls at Orange County Transportation Authority Transit Centers Project. Board of Directors' approval is required to accept these grants.

**Recommendations**

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the award of \$4 million in Clean Transportation funding from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee for the OC Connections for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games Project.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to accept the award of \$960,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program funding from the Federal Transit Administration for the Security Cameras and Access Controls at the Orange County Transportation Authority Transit Centers Project.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to negotiate and execute grant-related agreements and documents with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee and the Federal Transit Administration.

- D. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, as well as execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the recommendations above.

### ***Background***

#### **Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee Grant**

On April 4, 2025, the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) released a notice of funding opportunity for the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) - County Transportation Commissions (CTC) Partnership Program. The notice made \$16 million available to provide the CTCs with flexible funding to implement innovative projects that have high potential to significantly reduce automobile trips and vehicle miles traveled, in combination with traditional TDM strategies.

On August 1, 2025, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) submitted an application to the MSRC requesting \$4 million in grant funds for the OC Connections for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games (LA28) Project in order to prepare for the influx of visitors to Orange County during the upcoming summer Olympics. The project includes planning and implementation of expanded bus and special event operations, upgrades to transit stations and park-and-ride facilities, improved first/last mile connections, and other transportation demand management strategies. This project will help alleviate the traffic congestion which is expected to exceed the current capacity of the freeways, roadways, and intersections.

#### **Federal Transit Administration Grant**

On May 15, 2025, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a notice of funding opportunity making approximately \$398 million in competitive grants for the Fiscal Year 2025 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program.

On June 16, 2025, OCTA submitted an application to the FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Program requesting \$960,000 to purchase and install security cameras and access control systems at five to six OCTA-operated high-use transit centers throughout Orange County.

***Discussion***

**Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee Grant**

On October 16, 2025, the MSRC approved an award of \$4 million in Clean Transportation Funding for OCTA's OC Connections for the LA28 Project to enhance the public transit experience for the increased number of visitors expected in Orange County during summer 2028. An overview of the project is included in Attachment A.

**Federal Transit Administration Grant**

On January 15, 2026, the FTA announced the award of 62 projects totaling \$398 million under the Fiscal Year 2025 Buses and Bus Facilities Program, and OCTA's project was not included for award. On March 17, 2026, FTA published a subsequent notification of 34 additional projects to be awarded \$388 million using Fiscal Year 2026 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program funds, as well as available prior year funds. OCTA's request for \$960,000 for Security Cameras and Access Controls at OCTA Transportation Centers was included in this list of awarded projects. The project includes the purchase and installation of security cameras and access control systems at a minimum of five and up to six OCTA-operated transportation centers, improving safety for passengers and staff, enhancing emergency preparedness, and supporting OCTA's broader goals of resilience and the protection of critical transit infrastructure. An overview of the project is included in Attachment A.

**Next Steps**

Following acceptance of funding from the MSRC Clean Transportation Program and the FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program, staff will proceed in accordance with OCTA's procurement process to award both contracts.

***Summary***

Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve acceptance of two grant awards, and execution of, the necessary agreements to access those grants. One grant agreement is with the MSRC for \$4 million in Clean Transportation funding for the OC Connections for the LA28 Project and the second grant agreement is with the FTA for \$960,000 for the Security Cameras and Access Controls at OCTA Public Transportation Centers Project.

***Attachments***

- A. Project Descriptions: OC Connections for LA28 and Security Cameras and Access Controls at OCTA Transportation Centers
- B. Capital Funding Program Report

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