

## **Measure M2 Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs and Local Formula Programs Summary**

### **Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs (CTFP)**

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) CTFP represents a collection of competitive Measure M2 (M2) funding programs, which are available to Orange County local jurisdictions to assist in funding streets and roads, transit, and transportation-related environmental cleanup and improvement efforts.

Each program within the CTFP has a specific objective, funding source, and set of selection criteria. Applications for CTFP competitive programs are submitted during calls for projects (call). Each funding program has its own call cycle with some calls occurring annually (and others occurring less frequently), depending upon local jurisdiction interest, funding availability, and transportation needs. OCTA staff and various technical review committees review, vet, and develop funding recommendations for each call prior to submittal to the OCTA Board of Directors for final input, review, and approval of programming recommendations.

A brief summary of each of the competitive M2 funding programs included in the CTFP is provided below.

#### **Regional Capacity Program**

The Regional Capacity Program (Project O) is a competitive program, which funds improvements to the County's Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH). The MPAH is the County's backbone arterial highway network, and Project O supports roadway construction and widenings, intersection improvements, and arterial highway to freeway transitions.

#### **Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program**

The Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (Project P) is a competitive program, which provides funding to implement multi-jurisdictional signal synchronization projects in order to provide drivers a better travel experience by providing reduced travel times, stops, and delays. The overall goal of the program is to regularly coordinate 2,000 signals along 750 miles of the County's roadway network.

#### **Transit Extensions to Metrolink**

The Transit Extensions to Metrolink Program (Project S) is a competitive program, which provides funds to local jurisdictions in order to enhance their regional transit capabilities through creation of new connections between residential/employment centers and the existing Metrolink system.

### Community-Based Transit Circulators

The Community-Based Transit Circulators Program (Project V) provides competitive funds to local jurisdictions to develop and implement local transit services, such as community-based circulators, shuttles, bus trolleys, and other shared-ride services, which both complement regional bus and rail services, and also meet needs in areas not adequately served by regional transit.

### Safe Transit Stops

The Safe Transit Stops Program (Project W) allocates funds to eligible local jurisdictions so they can implement passenger amenity improvements (i.e., constructing or improving shelters, providing new and/or additional seating, waste receptacles, signage, etc.) at the 100 busiest bus stops in the County.

### Environmental Cleanup Program

The Environmental Cleanup Program (Project X) provides competitive funds for water quality improvement projects that address transportation-generated pollution. Project X is a two-tiered funding program with Tier 1 projects mitigating the more visible forms of pollution (i.e., trash and debris) that accumulate on County roadways. The Tier 2 component of the program provides funding for multi-jurisdictional projects focused on implementing large-scale best management practices construction projects.

### **Local Formula Funding Programs**

Formula funds are distributed to local jurisdictions by OCTA on a regular basis, so long as local jurisdictions are eligible to receive M2 funds (and meet other program-specific criteria). A brief summary of the formula-based programs is provided below.

#### Local Fair Share Program

The Local Fair Share Program (Project Q) provides flexible formula funds to help local jurisdictions pay for the escalating cost of restoring aging street systems. These funds may be used for other local transportation needs as well, so long as the Local Fair Share funds are supplementing and not supplanting local jurisdictions' transportation expenditures.

#### Senior Mobility Program

The Senior Mobility Program (Project U) provides formula funds to fill in gaps between local fixed-route buses and OC ACCESS services. Under this program, participating local jurisdictions are eligible to receive funds and vehicles from OCTA to assist in operating local transit systems, which best fit the needs of older adults in their communities.