Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Transit Security Grant Program Projects Description

Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR)/Anti-Terror Anti-Crime (ATAC)

The VIPR and ATAC will deploy several uniformed and plainclothes officers, as well as an explosives detection canine, to conduct counter-surveillance during both daylight and nighttime hours. The VIPR and ATAC operations also includes a community outreach team that is responsible for making public contact to re-enforce basic counter-terrorism strategies that can be employed by the general public. They will also be responsible for reinforcing a positive relationship between law enforcement and commuters.

Examples of operational activities to be carried out by the VIPR and ATAC teams include:

- Random visual searches of public areas (i.e., parking lots, bicycle storage areas, passenger waiting areas) at train stations and transportation centers
- High visibility foot patrol on the platforms at train stations and transportation centers
- Boarding of both buses and trains and ensuring that passengers are ticketed
- Foot patrol of railroad rights-of-way, concentrating on "choke points" for transcontinental rail traffic
- Foot patrol and searches of OCTA facilities
- Positive identification checks for OCTA facilities

OCTA has conducted VIPR and ATAC operations for OC Bus since 2019, with the level of operations scaled depending on grant availability from year to year.

Transportation Center Surveillance Protection

The project will add video surveillance equipment, including 12 multi-directional panoramic cameras that provide live, uninterrupted monitoring, along with four access control card readers at the Fullerton Park-and-Ride property. The project also includes the installation of a wall-mounted server cabinet, ancillary equipment, locking hardware, an access control panel, and all necessary conduit and camera/reader cabling. This project will enhance the safety, security, and resilience of the property. The proposed system will send immediate alerts via email and to mobile devices based on video recordings. This project will allow OCTA and its law enforcement partners to monitor the property remotely, respond quickly, and provide video evidence of any suspicious, criminal, or terrorism-related activity that is detected.

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