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To: Finance and Administration Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Environmental Mitigation Program Endowment Fund Investment Report for December 31, 2025

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority has developed a Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan, acquired conservation properties, and funded habitat restoration projects to mitigate the impacts of the Measure M2 Freeway Program. The California Community Foundation manages the non-wasting endowment required to fund the long-term management of the conservation properties. Each quarter, the California Community Foundation publishes a comprehensive report detailing the composition of the pool and its performance.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Background

On September 26, 2016, the Board of Directors approved the selection of the California Community Foundation (CCF) as an endowment fund manager for the Measure M2 Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program. Annually, approximately \$2.9 million is deposited in the endowment. These annual deposits are expected over a ten-to-twelve-year period, or until the fund totals approximately \$46.2 million. As of December 31, 2025, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has made ten deposits to the CCF Endowment Pool (Pool), each in the amount of \$2,877,000.

Discussion

As of December 31, 2025, total assets in the Pool stood at \$1.21 billion (Attachment A), while foundation assets totaled \$2.65 billion. Pool performance lagged the Blended Benchmark over the short- and mid-term periods (up to ten years) but remained closely aligned over the 20-year horizon.

The endowment balance as of December 31, 2025, was \$39,898,925, exceeding the target of \$36,208,324 for the second quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2025-26. Based on CCF's performance to date, OCTA remains on track to meet the endowment target of \$46.2 million in FY 2027-28 (Attachment C). The total endowment portfolio increased 3.4 percent for the quarter and 13 percent over the trailing one-year period.

Global equity markets remained strong through the second quarter of FY 2025-26, supported by broadening artificial intelligence-related gains, resilient consumer spending, and strong international equity performance. International markets outperformed United States (U.S.) equities over the past year, marking the widest relative U.S. underperformance in more than two decades. The Federal Reserve reduced its policy rate by 75 basis points during calendar year 2025, ending the year at a target range of 3.50 – 3.75 percent.

The Pool's results reflected these market conditions. Public equities delivered strong absolute returns over the trailing one-year period, while fixed income continued to provide stability during periods of market volatility. Overall, the Pool remains well diversified and positioned to support long-term objectives through disciplined risk management.

Diversification, strategic asset allocation, and appropriately sized investments within the endowment portfolio remain the primary strategies to safeguard the portfolio against outsized volatility while supporting long-term performance objectives.

Summary

Orange County Transportation Authority staff is submitting a copy of the California Community Foundation Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2025.

Attachments

- A. California Community Foundation Endowment Pool Investments – December 31, 2025
- B. California Community Foundation Fund Statement – 10/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
- C. Environmental Mitigation Program Portfolio Performance – Actual/Projection vs. Target

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