



# **February 12, 2025 Minutes**



# MINUTES

Technical Steering Committee

Item #1

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## **Voting Representatives Present:**

Tom Wheeler, Chair	City of Lake Forest
Iris Lee, Vice <i>Chair</i>	City of Seal Beach
Temo Galvez, District 1	City of Fountain Valley
Jamie Lai, <i>District 3</i>	City of Yorba Linda
Rudy Emami, <i>District 4</i>	City of Anaheim
Joe Ames, <i>District 5</i>	City of Costa Mesa
Jacki Scott, <i>At-Large</i>	City of Laguna Niguel

Orange County Transportation Authority  
550 South Main Street, Room 09  
Orange, California

**February 12, 2025, 1:30 p.m.**

## **Voting Representatives Absent:**

Nabil Saba, <i>District 2</i>	City of Santa Ana
Robert McLean, <i>At-Large</i>	County of Orange

## **Guests Present:**

Paul Rodriguez	Rodriguez Consulting Group
Traci Rodriguez	Rodriguez Consulting Group

## **Staff Present:**

Rose Casey  
Kia Mortazavi  
Adriann Cardoso  
Charvalen Alacar  
Amy Tran  
Chance Groom  
Rachyl Occhipinti  
Melanie Masud  
Anup Kulkarni  
Stephanie Mooney



*Meeting was called to order by Mr. Wheeler at 1:30 p.m. on February 12, 2025.*

## **Self-Introductions**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. The Minutes for the June 12, 2024 Meeting were approved.**

Ms. Scott motioned to approve the minutes.

Ms. Lee seconded the motion.

The Minutes were approved; there was no further discussion.

### **REGULAR ITEMS**

- 2. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs – 2025 Call for Projects Programming Recommendations – Charvalen Alacar**

Ms. Alacar reported that the 2025 Regional Capacity Program (Project O) and Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (Project P) Call for Projects (Call) was authorized by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) in August 2024 with applications due by October 24, 2024.

Ms. Alacar explained that for Project O, OCTA received 10 applications requesting a total of \$33 million in Measure M2 (M2) funding. Following evaluation, one application was deemed ineligible due to not meeting minimum traffic volume requirements. The remaining nine applications were recommended for funding, totaling \$25.7 million.

Ms. Alacar added that for Project P, OCTA received six applications totaling \$12 million. All six applications met program requirements and were recommended for funding. These projects would improve 167 signals across 12 jurisdictions.

Ms. Alacar reported that for the 2025 call, 15 local agency projects totaling \$37.7 million in M2 funding were being recommended.

Mr. Wheeler asked about the \$12 million design request and its implications for future funding. He stated that such a large design request suggests significant future construction costs, and the committee should consider the potential impact on available funding for other projects.



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Mr. Rodriguez explained that the Los Patrones Parkway Extension project was recommended for final engineering funding. He stated that the project had previously received funding for the project approval and environmental document (PA&ED) phase and is expected to cost approximately \$230 million in total. He stated that the project is planned as a four-lane facility with multiple access points and is intended to serve as a bypass for Antonio and La Pata.

Mr. Rodriguez added that Ranch Canyon Parkway, another proposed project, was not recommended for funding due to insufficient traffic demand. He stated that the project does not meet minimum eligibility criteria. The estimated cost for construction is \$110 million, with a significant portion allocated to a bridge.

Mr. Galvez expressed concerns about large projects consuming a disproportionate share of available funds. He suggested implementing a funding cap to prevent any single project from using more than 50 percent of available M2 funds. He noted that similar restrictions exist in other funding programs and that such a policy would ensure equitable distribution of resources.

Mr. Emami raised concerns regarding Senate Bill 1 (SB1) funding allocations. He stated that the County of Orange (County) receives 50 percent of SB1 funds despite maintaining only 5 percent of regional streets. He stated that the County should utilize more SB1 funding for major projects rather than relying heavily on Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program (CTFP) grants.

Mr. Wheeler recognized a concern regarding OCTA funding allocation. He noted that large projects should be phased and suggested OCTA explore setting funding caps per agency.

Ms. Lai motioned to approve.

Mr. Emami seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **3. Correspondence**

- OCTA Board Items of Interest – See Agenda.
- Announcements by Email – See Agenda.



#### **4. Committee Comments**

Ms. Scott asked about the status of a consultant's report related to prior interviews with cities regarding CTFP reimbursement and invoicing processes.

Ms. Cardoso stated that Cumming Group has provided approximately 32 draft recommendations and is finalizing its report, which is expected on February 25<sup>th</sup>. She indicated that staff may provide a verbal update at the February 26<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting and confirmed that a formal report will be issued.

Mr. Galvez inquired about a report related to stakeholder meetings for the M2 Ten-Year Review, noting that paving restoration was a priority expressed by most cities.

Ms. Cardoso responded that multiple stakeholder groups are being interviewed and that the compiled report is expected to go to the Board toward the end of 2025.

#### **5. Staff Comments - None**

#### **6. Items for Future Agendas - none**

#### **7. Public Comments – none**

#### **8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.**