Scope of Work

State Legislative Advocacy and Consulting Services

Reporting Relationship

The Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Manager of State and Federal Relations and/or his/her designee will be the key contact and will coordinate the work of CONSULTANT. OCTA, at its sole discretion, may enter into more than one contract with additional firms with a Reporting Relationship of:



Role of the CONSULTANT

Under the coordination of the Manager of State and Federal Relations and/or his/her designee, CONSULTANT shall be responsible for implementing the objectives described below.

Objectives

Objective 1: Maintain regular contact with the Governor's office; members of the Legislature and committee staff; and state departments, agencies, boards, commissions, committees, and staff to determine impending changes in laws, regulations, and funding priorities that relate to OCTA.

- Meet with members of the Governor's office and Legislature to discuss policy issues affecting OCTA.
- Meet with members and staff of state agencies on issues that could impact the programming, delivery and funding of OCTA projects and services, including the California Transportation Commission; California State Transportation Agency; California Department of Transportation; California Air Resources Board.
- Track and attend meetings and actions by state agencies directly impacting transportation, including those associated with the Department of Finance; California Department of Tax and Fee Administration; Office of Planning and Research; California State Transportation Agency, Department of Transportation; California High-Speed Rail Authority; California Highway Patrol; California Department of Motor Vehicles; California Public Utilities Commission; California Environmental Protection Agency; and California Air Resources Board.

Objective 1 Deliverable:

Electronic reports of issues that could affect OCTA projects or funding.

Objective 2: Notify OCTA of anticipated, newly introduced or amended state legislation and proposed regulations, which could impact OCTA.

- Provide bill number and brief summary of introduced or amended state legislation via e-mail.
- Provide information relative to legislative hearings.
- Provide information on bills' sponsors, supporters, and opponents.
- Advise OCTA of proposed transportation, environmental, employment, and safety related legislation and regulations which could impact OCTA and provide copies as requested.

Objective 2 Deliverables:

- Copies of legislation, committee analyses, and proposed regulations as requested.
- Electronic notification of introduced bills and amendments, with summaries.
- Notification of legislative hearings.

Objective 3: Advocate OCTA's legislative program and positions on legislation, proposed regulations, and funding and transportation programming priorities as adopted by the OCTA's Board.

- Participate in the preparation of OCTA's legislative program by informing staff of upcoming legislative proposals, budget forecasts, and potential policy issues.
- Assist in securing authors and drafting language for sponsor bills.
- Assist in drafting amendments to legislation and regulations.
- Build coalitions to support OCTA's positions on significant legislation.
- Testify on behalf of OCTA on Board-adopted positions on legislation at committee and floor hearings, as appropriate.
- Provide copies of all written correspondence, testimony, and position papers given on behalf of OCTA.
- Schedule meetings with legislators, Governor's office, and state departments for OCTA Board and staff to advocate legislative and funding priorities.
- Participate in transit and transportation lobbying coalitions.
- Analyze and prepare advice on the proposed state budget as it relates to transportation, including, but not limited to, identifying decreases/increases in existing programs, new funding sources, and strategies to enhance transportation funding for OCTA.

Objective 3 Deliverables:

- Copies of all written correspondence, testimony, and position papers given on behalf of OCTA.
- Schedule of meetings with legislators, Governor, and administration.
- Budget analyses.

Objective 4: Provide written and oral reports.

- While the Legislature is in session, highlight significant transportation and related issues in Sacramento of importance to OCTA as needed.
- Submit a monthly written report of advocacy activities and accomplishments.
- As needed, present an in-person report to the Board or the Legislative and Communications Committee during a regular meeting. At least one in-person meeting should occur to develop legislative strategy.
- Once per month, participate via telephone in the Legislative and Communications Committee meeting or other designated committee of the Board.
- Maintain close contact with the Manager of State and Federal Relations on issues of importance.
- Provide electronic updates via e-mail to designated recipients on meetings of the Legislature, transportation issues of importance, press releases, and other issues of importance to OCTA.

Objective 4 Deliverables:

- Written reports highlighting significant transportation and related developments in Sacramento, as needed.
- Monthly written report of advocacy activities and accomplishments.
- As needed, oral presentations to the Board or Legislative and Communications Committee.
- As needed, an in-person legislative strategy session with Members of the Board.
- Monthly conference calls with the Legislative and Communications Committee or other designated committee.
- Electronic updates on issues of importance.

Objective 5: Maintain Sacramento office.

- Maintain an office in Sacramento, convenient to the State Capitol.
- Provide briefings at office prior to meetings at the Capitol.
- Have available an office for use by Board Members and staff while performing OCTA business in Sacramento.

Objective 5 Deliverable:

Office in Sacramento.

Objective 6: Provide monthly invoices of services.

- Provide a written summary of meetings attended on behalf of OCTA.
- Provide a list of issues advocated during the month and status.

Objective 6 Deliverable:

 Monthly invoice that includes a written summary of meetings attended on behalf of OCTA and a list and status of the issues advocated for OCTA during the month.