2026 CTFP Guidelines (Projects O and P) – Proposed Changes List				
No.	Chapter	Section	Page No.	Proposed Change
1	7	2026 Call for Projects	7-3	Update three-year programming cycle to FY 2026/27 - 28/29 and application due date to Thursday, November 20, 2025, by 5:00 PM Remove hardcopy application submittal requirement and specify that only electronic applications shall be submitted.
2	7	Applications	7-5	Remove hardcopy application submittal requirement and specify that only electronic/digital application files shall be accepted. Update OCTA contact information to Cynthia Morales, Principal Transportation Funding Analyst.
3	7	Additional Information	7-11	Update acceptable format of preliminary plans to digital pdf attachments.
4	7	Application Review Process	7-15	Update tentative schedule for the 2026 call as follows: • Board authorization to issue call: September 8, 2025 • Application submittal deadline: November 20, 2025 • TSC/TAC Review: March/April 2026 • Committee/Board approval: May/June 2026
5	7	Selection Criteria, New Facilities,	7-23 7-27 7-39 7-51	Update 2026 call deadline for OCTAM modeling requests to October 9, 2025, which is six weeks prior to the application submittal deadline.
6	8	Overview, 2026 Call for Projects, Other Application Materials	8-1 8-2 8-5	Update references for a 2026 call.
7	8	Applications	8-3 8-4	Update application due date to Thursday, November 20, 2025 by 5:00 PM. Remove hardcopy application submittal requirement, specify that only electronic applications shall be submitted, and update to OCTA contact information.
8	8	Lead Agency	8-6	Update that OCTA Lead is not available for the 2026 call and specify that final applications must only be submitted electronically.
9	8	Application Review and Program Adoption	8-7	Update tentative schedule for a 2026 call as follows: • Board authorization to issue call: September 8, 2025 • Application submittal deadline: November 20, 2025 • TSC/TAC Review: March/April 2026 • Committee/Board approval: May/June 2026
10	8	Project Definition	8-8	Update draft application deadline for "route" projects to October 23, 2025. Allows OCTA at least four weeks to review prior to the final application deadline to ensure projects align with Project P objectives. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify the application from consideration.

Acronyms

Board - Board of Directors Call - Call for projects

FY - Fiscal year

OCTA - Orange County Transportation Authority

OCTAM - Orange County Transportation Analysis Modeling

PDF - Portal document format

PM - Past noon

Project P - Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee
TSC - Technical Steering Committee