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To: Finance and Administration Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Fiscal Year 2024-25 Fourth Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report

Overview

The Quarterly Grant Reimbursement Status Report summarizes grant activities for the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. This report focuses on activity for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024-25, covering April through June 2025.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has secured grant funding from federal and state grant agencies to deliver programs, projects, and services to improve mobility in Orange County. The use of these funds is consistent with the capital programming policies approved by the Board of Directors (Board). The Quarterly Grant Reimbursement Status Report summarizes current and closed grant agreements.

New Grant Agreements:

During the fourth quarter, six grant agreements were executed.

Fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – Programming, Planning, Monitoring (PPM). On October 30, 2024, the California Department of Transportation approved the agreement for the annual STIP-PPM allocation in the amount of \$1,056,000. Reimbursable projects related to this program began in October 2024.

Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339c Low or No Emission Grant Program. OCTA executed an FTA grant agreement to secure \$2.5 million in FTA Section 5339c funds. The funds will be

used to support the purchase of ten zero-emission paratransit vans, as well as the purchase of associated charging infrastructure, charging stations, and training hours for workforce development.

FFY 2024 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. OCTA executed an FTA grant agreement to secure \$3.2 million in FTA Section 5310 funds. The funds will be used to support the capital costs of contracting for OC ACCESS services.

FFY 2022, 2023, and 2024 FTA Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Flex Formula Grant Program. OCTA executed a grant agreement to secure \$61.2 million in FTA CRP and CMAQ funds. These funds will support the purchase of 68 alternative fuel vehicles and provide \$2.5 million toward OC Streetcar project operating costs.

FFY 2022 FTA Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Grant Program. OCTA executed an FTA grant agreement to secure \$750,000 in FTA Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending funds. The funds will support a study examining opportunities to enhance transit along the Harbor Boulevard corridor.

FY 2024-25 SB 125 (Chapter 54, Statutes of 2023). In December 2023, OCTA received a \$380.9 million allocation in SB 125 funding across several FYs to support 14 projects. The funds will be disbursed on an annual basis. On April 30, 2025, OCTA received a disbursement of \$80.3 million in SB 125 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant funding for the Metrolink Fare Revenue Loss Project, Harbor Boulevard Dynamic Bus Lane Engineering Project, and the Construction Critical Rail Infrastructure: Rail Track and Structures Project.

Current Grant Agreements:

OCTA has 13 FTA formula grant agreements and four FTA discretionary grant agreements.

The 13 FTA formula grant agreements have a total federal amount of \$251.2 million. A total of \$162.4 million has been reimbursed, leaving a balance of approximately \$88.8 million. The balance of these FTA formula grant agreements will primarily fund bus operations, the OC Streetcar Project, and rail rehabilitation projects.

The four FTA discretionary grant agreements have a total federal amount of \$153.1 million. This includes the full funding grant agreement award of \$148.9 million. A total of \$136.8 million has been reimbursed, leaving a balance

of \$16.3 million. The balance of these FTA discretionary grant agreements will primarily fund the OC Streetcar Project.

The total FTA formula and discretionary grant agreements amount to \$404.3 million. The total amount reimbursed through the fourth quarter under these grant agreements is \$299 million, leaving a balance of \$105.1 million. These grant agreements are summarized in Attachment A.

OCTA has 41 active State and Federal Highway Administration formula grant agreements that total \$467.8 million. The total amount reimbursed through the fourth quarter under these agreements is \$73.6 million, leaving a balance of \$394.2 million. These grant agreements are summarized in Attachment B.

In addition, OCTA has 22 active state discretionary grant agreements totaling approximately \$70.4 million. The total amount reimbursed through the fourth quarter under these other agreements is \$34.2 million, leaving a balance of \$36.2 million. These grant agreements are summarized in Attachment C.

This report is as of June 30, 2025. Any grants with a deadline between the quarter end and the date this report is published will be reimbursed and closed out. This activity will be reflected in next quarter's report. Additionally, for these grants, staff anticipates each of the remaining balances to be fully reimbursed prior to the grant agreement expiration date.

Closed Grant Agreements:

There were eight grant agreements totaling \$115.1 million that were closed out in the fourth quarter of FY 2024-25.

These grant agreements are summarized in Attachment D.

Summary

This report provides an update of the grant agreement-funded activities for the fourth quarter of FY 2024-25, April through June 2025. Staff recommends this report be received and filed as an information item.

Attachments

- A. Fourth Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, April through June 2025, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula and Discretionary Grant Agreements
- B. Fourth Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, April through June 2025, State and Federal Highway Administration Formula Grant Agreements
- C. Fourth Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, April through June 2025, State Discretionary Grant Agreements
- D. Fourth Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, April through June 2025, Closed Grant Agreements

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