

Federal Transportation Improvement Program and OCFundtracker Database



2027 FTIP Database and Amendment Guide

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Introduction

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is the primary programming and implementation component for projects identified in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

- ❑ The FTIP lists projects and identified funding sources for every transportation project that:
 - ❑ Receives Federal funds.
 - ❑ Receives State funds.
 - ❑ Are Regionally Significant Projects.

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)



What is “Regionally Significant”?

What is considered a “regionally significant” project?

- *Projects that impact the County and region, such as:*
 - Freeways / State Highways
 - Expansions to Principal Arterial (8 lane)
 - Expansions to Major Arterial (6 lane)
 - Routes that provide access to regional shopping centers, airports, amusement parks, etc.
 - Goods Movement Routes
 - Transit Centers, Rail Stations, Airports, Ports
 - Fixed Transit Routes

Types of FTIP Amendments

Administrative Modifications

- *Includes:*
 - That do not affect the regional emissions analysis
 - That do not affect the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures
 - In fund source, fund changes, lead agency, minor project description, and split or combined projects
 - In funding less than 50% or less than \$20 million of the total project cost or project phase

Formal Amendments

- *Includes:*
 - Any major change to the project that can not be made through an administrative modification
 - Any change that may require new conformity determination
 - Cost increases over 50% or \$20 million or more of the total project cost or phase
 - Requires a 10-day public review period



The 2027 FTIP covers a six-year period from FFY26/27 to FFY31/32. Projects listed in the last two years will be considered informational consistent with federal regulations.

2027 FTIP- Additional Provisions

Projects must:

- ❑ Be fully funded.
 - ❑ Includes approved funds *only* (back-up documentation)
- ❑ Comply with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) long-range RTP.

FTIP programming is required for Federal Highway Administration / Caltrans approval and the Authorization to Proceed (E-76) process

Roles and Responsibilities

- ❑ Local Agencies
- ❑ Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
- ❑ Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Roles and Responsibilities

Local Agencies

- Submit projects that are required in the FTIP.
 - *Add new projects*
 - *Delete existing projects*
 - *Modify existing projects*
 - *Carry-over active projects*
- Ensure projects comply with FTIP guidelines.
- Ensure projects comply with Transportation Control Measure (TCM) requirements.
- Ensure projects are fully funded.
- Provide backup documentation authorizing funding for projects.

OCTA

- Administers the FTIP in Orange County.
- Assists with local outreach and initial project nomination screening process.
- Programs OCTA related projects into the FTIP.
- Reviews projects submitted from local agencies for FTIP and RTIP compliance.
- Prepares final submittal to SCAG.
- Prepares group project listings for:
 - *Complete Streets*
 - *Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP)*
 - *Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program (BCIP)*
 - *Highway Bridge Program (HBP)*

SCAG

- Maintains the regional FTIP database.
- Reviews projects for FTIP compliance.
- Initiates regionwide call for project nominations.
- Conducts project selection process.
- Submits projects to Caltrans and Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) / Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for review.
- Prepares group project listings for:
 - *Statewide ATP*
 - *Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)*
 - *Safe-Routes to School (SRTS/SR2S)*

Federal Formula-Based Funding Sources

STBG: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program

Eligible Projects:

- Highway improvements
- Bridge construction and repair
- Transit capital projects
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Safety improvements



CMAQ: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program

Eligible Projects:

- Public transit expansions
- Traffic flow improvements
- Bicycle and pedestrian pathways
- Ridesharing programs

Key Features:

- Focus on improving air quality
- Projects must demonstrate emission reduction benefits

STBG/CMAQ Guideline Compliance

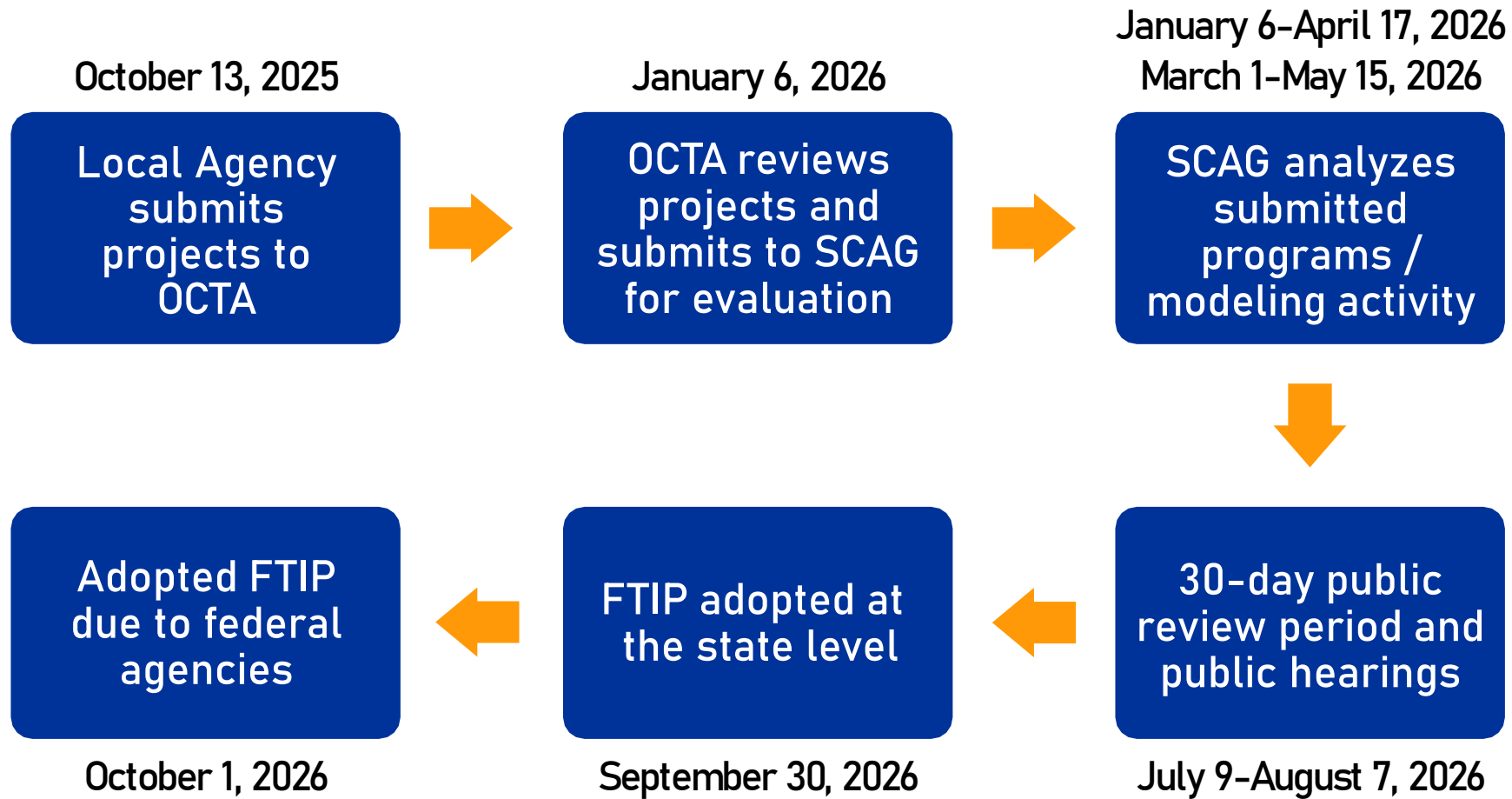
- ❑ Previously, funds were suballocated to counties based on formula and County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) such as OCTA had the flexibility to program the funding for project selection.
- ❑ However, as of July 1, 2023, SCAG is responsible for STBG/CMAQ-funded project selection as the region's MPO.
- ❑ By issuing a corrective action, the FHWA and FTA shifted project selection authority for the CMAQ program and the administration of the STBG program to SCAG to be compliant with federal regulations.

2027 STBG/CMAQ Program Call Process

- ❑ SCAG 2027-2028 STBG-CMAQ Call Prioritization Guidance establishes the framework for project selection and allocation of CMAQ and STBG funds within the SCAG region.
- ❑ OCTA as the County Transportation Commission (CTC) is required to develop a Project Prioritization Framework and Project Recommendations to SCAG as part of the final SCAG project selection.
- ❑ Total Call is approximately \$1.2 billion for SCAG region. Orange County projects could receive approximately \$200 million in this call (the OC target is approximately 17%).
- ❑ SCAG received 66 projects in total from Orange County region; 58 from local agencies, 7 from OCTA, and 1 from SCRRA. The projects combined requested a total of \$420.661 million.



Base FTIP Adoption Submittal



Performance Measures for 2027 FTIP

- ❑ Performance metrics indicate the improvement a project has across different criteria. (Does not apply to studies or inactive projects)
- ❑ Example: Equity section in the FTIP required per SCAG.
- ❑ The Equity module is embedded under the “Performance Measures” tab of each project in the FTIP database. The first question under Equity is REQUIRED.

PERFORMANCE METRIC VIEW INSTRUCTIONS

Select Sections

☐ PM1 - SAFETY ☐ PM2 - PAVEMENT/BRIDGE CONDITION ☐ PM3 - SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ☒ Equity

EQUITY

Service: Is the proposed project located in, adjacent to (within 250 feet), or serving a disadvantaged area (per SB 535, Climate Economic Justice Screening Tool, or Equitable Transportation Community Explorer)? (Required)

Impacts: Have underserved populations explicitly been included in any assessments (e.g., environmental documents, equity assessment, staff report) of the project?

Outreach: Were underserved populations involved in the project development process and given ample opportunity to participate in decision-making processes?

Select one
- Select a Option -

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Required!

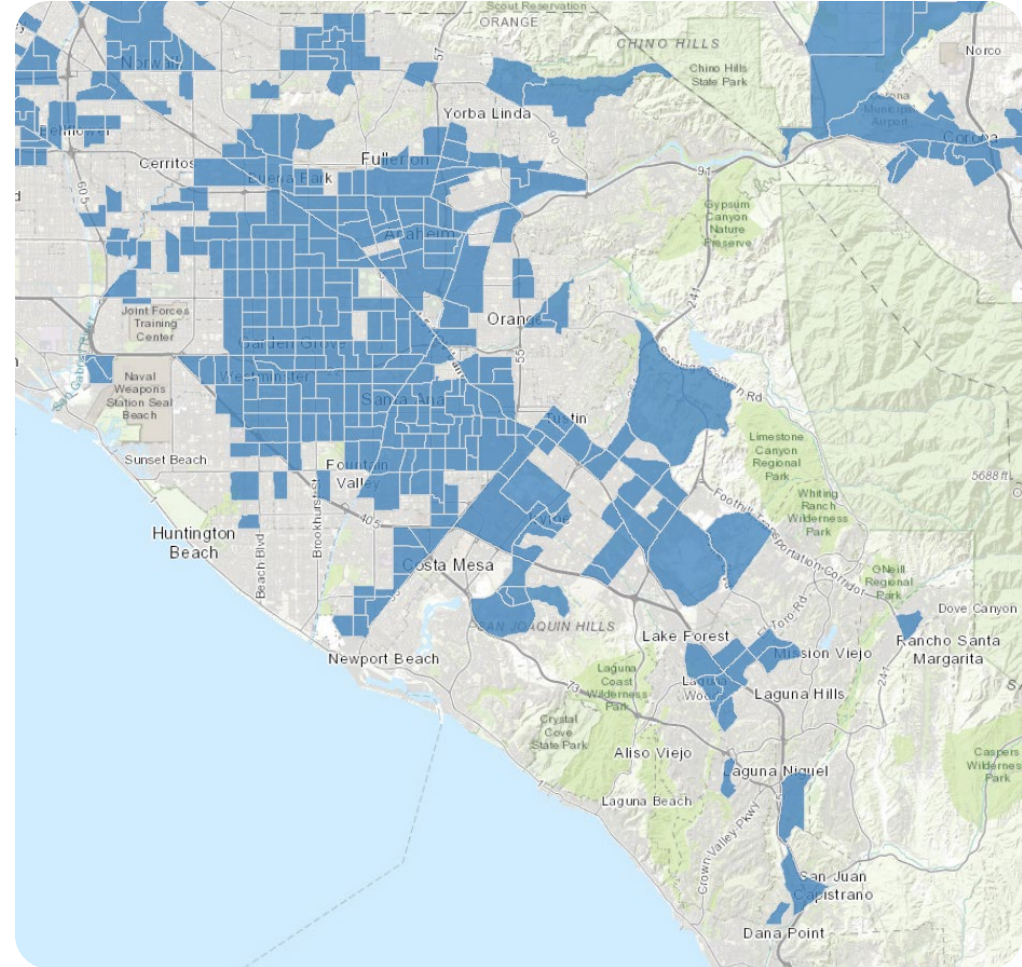
SCAG's Equity Guidelines

- ❑ This metric uses demographic data/mapping to identify affected areas and ensures equitable distribution of resources in these types of areas:
 - ❑ Environmental Justice Areas
 - ❑ Disadvantaged Communities
 - ❑ Priority Equity Communities
 - ❑ And/or Communities of Concern
- ❑ In future FTIP adoptions, mapping may be required so that SCAG can assess if there are issues with the balance of transportation investments in underserved areas.

Equity for 2027 FTIP

- ❑ [SB 535](#)
- ❑ [Priority Equity Community Boundary](#)
- ❑ [Equitable Transportation Community Explorer](#)

Pictured right: Example of one of the mapping tools that can be used to determine if a proposed project is located in, adjacent to (within 250 ft) or serving a disadvantaged area (per SB 535 or Equitable Transportation Community Explorer).



2027 FTIP Adoption Schedule

Tentative Schedule	
January 6, 2026	OCTA 2027 FTIP submittal due to SCAG
January 2026	OCTA 2027 FTIP Plan to Board of Directors
August 2026	Draft 2027 FTIP due to Caltrans
November 2026	2027 FTIP Adoption approved by Caltrans
December 2026	2027 FTIP Adoption approved by FHWA/FTA

- ❑ The 2025 FTIP cycle will still be ongoing while the 2027 FTIP is being reviewed/approved
 - ❑ Amendments will still need to be submitted if there are project changes

FTIP Schedule – Upcoming Amendments

FTIP AMENDMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION SCHEDULE			
Due to OCTA	Due Date	Formal Amendments	Administrative Modifications
Tuesday, July 29, 2025	Tuesday, August 12, 2025		Administrative Modification #25-13
Tuesday, August 26, 2025	Tuesday, September 9, 2025		Administrative Modification #25-14
Tuesday, September 2, 2025	Tuesday, September 16, 2025	Amendment #25-15	
Thursday, September 4, 2025	Thursday, September 18, 2025	Amendment #25-97 2026 STIP Amendment	
Tuesday, September 30, 2025	Tuesday, October 14, 2025		Administrative Modification #25-16
Tuesday, October 28, 2025	Tuesday, November 11, 2025		Administrative Modification #25-17
Tuesday, November 4, 2025	Tuesday, November 18, 2025	Amendment #25-18	
Tuesday, November 25, 2025	Tuesday, December 9, 2025		Administrative Modification #25-19
Tuesday, December 23, 2025	Tuesday, January 6, 2026	Adoption #27-00	

Common Problems

- ❑ Incomplete or unclear descriptions
 - ❑ Sample descriptions can be found on pg. 10 of the [Tutorial and Amendment Guide](#). Click on Guidelines next to Project Description in the TIP Program Information section for detailed information
- ❑ Unidentified number and direction of existing and proposed lanes
 - ❑ Ensure the number of lanes proposed and existing is accurately identified.

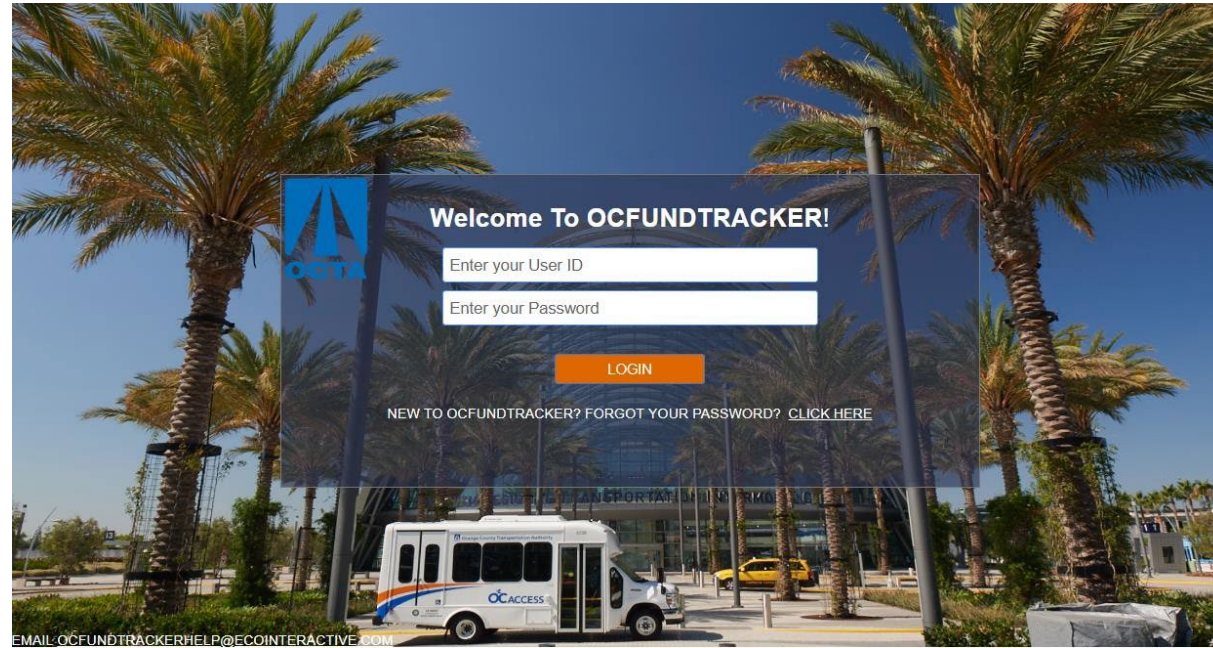
Common Problems

- ❑ Missing local match amounts
 - ❑ List local funding match sources in the Programming Information section. A list can be found on pg. 38 of the [Tutorial and Amendment Guide](#).
- ❑ Missing completion dates
 - ❑ Ensure project has an accurate future completion date.
 - ❑ Additionally, TCM projects have strict requirements regarding completion dates.
- ❑ Missing environmental documents type and dates
 - ❑ Select the appropriate Environmental Document type. Enter the completion date (or anticipated completion date) of the associated document. More information can be found on pg. 14 of the [Tutorial and Amendment Guide](#).

OC Complete Streets/ATP/BCIP/STBG-CMAQ Programs

- ❑ The OC Complete Streets, ATP, and BCIP are programmed into certain group projects and managed in the FTIP by OCTA
 - ❑ The OC Complete Streets Program is intended to support local-agency projects in Orange County that further the goals of complete streets program
 - ❑ The BCIP makes funding available to local Orange County agencies for bicycle and pedestrian projects that reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.
 - ❑ Local agencies are responsible for maintaining accuracy in group project listings and providing backup documentation while OCTA will review for compliance.
- ❑ If a STBG/CMAQ, ATP, or BCIP project is a TCM they require their own FTIP sheet
 - ❑ Local agencies are responsible for managing FTIP sheets and providing backup documentation while OCTA will review for compliance.
- ❑ TCMs are strategies that reduce transportation-related air pollution, GHG emissions, and fuel use by reducing vehicle miles traveled and improving roadway operations.
 - ❑ Bicycle and pedestrian facilities more than 1 mile.

OCFundtracker



- ❑ OCFundtracker is the online database for the TIP in Orange County and the means by which project revisions are processed.

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For all FTIP information, visit the link below:

<https://octa.net/programs-projects/programs/funding-programs/federal-funding/federal-transportation-improvement-program/>

