

Meeting of July 14, 2025

Board Approves Recommendations to Compete for Federal Funding

The Orange County Transportation Authority's Board of Directors approved project prioritization recommendations for the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality programs.

The recommendations will be submitted to the Southern California Association of Governments as part of the competitive funding process for fiscal years 2026-27 and 2027-28.

Sixty-six project applications were submitted by 27 agencies across Orange County, including one project from Metrolink and seven from OCTA. Projects were prioritized based on board-approved criteria, with 21 projects identified as highly recommended and 26 as recommended. The list includes a mix of street improvements, bike and pedestrian enhancements, zero-emission bus purchases and regional rail investments.

OCTA's recommendations represent about half of each project's final score, with the remainder based on SCAG's evaluation criteria. OCTA is targeting up to \$200 million in funding for Orange County, with final selections expected from SCAG later this year.