

# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION



CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE:  
OCTOBER 6, 2015

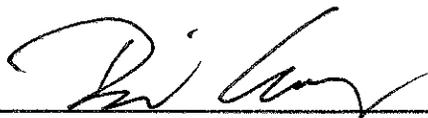
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TITLE:

OC STREETCAR STATUS REPORT  
(NON-GENERAL FUND)  
{STRATEGIC PLAN NOS. 3, 2C; 3, 4B; 6, 1G}

APPROVED

- As Recommended
- As Amended
- Ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- Ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Implementing Resolution
- Set Public Hearing For \_\_\_\_\_

  
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CITY MANAGER

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FILE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and file.

## DISCUSSION

As the OC Streetcar speeds toward implementation, the following is a brief description of recent milestones for the project.

On July 7, 2015, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was approved by City Council. On July 13, 2015, the MOU was approved by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board). The MOU outlines the general cooperative agreement for the development, implementation, operations, and maintenance phases of the project between the City of Santa Ana and OCTA.

Additionally, on August 24, 2015, the OCTA Board approved the following:

- Capital Funding Plan (Exhibit 1)
- Directing OCTA staff to pursue state cap-and-trade funds and other state and federal funding sources
- Directing OCTA staff to submit the required New Starts project application and a letter to the Federal Transit Administration requesting entrance into project engineering, the next phase of the New Starts program
- Authorizing initiation of right-of-way acquisition for the project.

On February 23, 2015, the OCTA Board approved a contract with HDR, Inc. to serve as the project management consultant to assist with the oversight and delivery of the project, including the design and construction phases.

On September 14, 2015, the OCTA Board also approved a contract with HNTB Corporation for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the OC Streetcar Project.

Staff is working with OCTA to review and finalize a Design Cooperative Agreement that details responsibilities of both agencies moving forward through the design phase of the project. The Design Agreement will detail specific areas of responsibility and identify procedures that will be followed to gain approvals, in preparing for the construction phase. Subsequent agreements will be executed for construction, public way use, and operations and maintenance.

Below is a summary of key milestones for the project in the last year:

Action	Approving Agency	Date
Certification of California Environmental Quality Act portion of Revised Environmental Assessment/Final Environmental Impact Report and approval of the project	Santa Ana	01/20/15
Adoption of Locally Preferred Alternative	Garden Grove	02/10/15
Submittal of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	OCTA	02/18/15
Approval of Project Management Consultant for OC Streetcar	OCTA	02/23/15
Issuance of the FONSI	FTA	03/10/15
Approval to enter FTA New Starts Program	OCTA	05/05/15
Approval of MOU - Santa Ana/OCTA	Santa Ana	07/07/15
Approval of MOU - Santa Ana/OCTA	OCTA	07/13/15
Approval of Funding Plan	OCTA	08/24/15
Selection of Design Consultant for OC Streetcar	OCTA	09/14/15
Cooperative Agreement for Streetcar Design	Santa Ana/OCTA	Fall 2015

Future milestones include the project development phase currently scheduled for 2015-2016; the design and engineering phase in 2016-2017; and the construction phase in 2017-2019. It is anticipated that the streetcar would be operational after testing is completed in 2020.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

Approval of this item supports Goal #3 Economic Development, Objective #2 (create new opportunities for business/job growth and encourage private development through new General Plan and Zoning Ordinance policies), Strategy C (support business development and job growth along transit corridors through the completion of critical transit plans/projects including: The Fixed Guideway Project, Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center Master Plan, Complete Streets, and General Plan Circulation Element update).

Approval of this item also supports Goal #3 Economic Development, Objective #4 (continue to pursue objectives that shape downtown Santa Ana into a thriving, culturally diverse, shopping, dining, and entertainment destination), Strategy B (create a comprehensive program to manage parking that includes innovative strategies to provide parking, create revenue, and enhance accessibility in the downtown).

Approval of this item also supports the City's efforts to meet Goal #6 Community Facilities & Infrastructure, Objective #1 (establish and maintain a Community Investment Plan for all City assets), Strategy G (develop and implement the City's Capital Improvement Program in coordination with the Community Investment and Deferred Maintenance Plans).

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.



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Exhibits: 1. Capital Funding Plan



# Capital Funding Plan

Funding Source	Amount (Millions)
Federal New Starts*	\$ 144.37
Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement	\$ 48.45
State Corp and Trade*	\$ 40.00
Measure M2 - Projects	\$ 55.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 288.74</b>

\*Contingent on state and federal approvals

Exhibit 1

