



Agenda Item

City Council

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Tom Kisela, City Manager

FROM: Christopher Cash, Public Works Director

1. SUBJECT

Status and update of the Circulation Element and Mitigation Fee Program for the Measure M2 Program. Resolution No. 11618.

2. SUMMARY

Annual Submittal of Measure M2 eligibility documentation to the Orange County Transportation Authority is required to remain eligible to receive Measure M2 sales tax revenue funds. The submittal documentation for this year requires that the City Council adopt a Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program and adopt a resolution that attests to the consistency of the City's General Plan Circulation Element and confirms that the City's Mitigation Fee Program assesses traffic impacts of new development.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Adopt Resolution No. 11618. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange concerning the status and update of the circulation element, and mitigation fee program for the Measure M (M2) program.
2. Authorize staff to submit M2 eligibility documentation to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

4. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 5: Improve Infrastructure, Mobility, and Technology.

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

In November 1990, voters of Orange County approved Measure M, a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements. The sales tax included funding for the streets that was available to local agencies through a formal distribution and a competitive funding application. In November 2006, voters approved Measure M2 to continue the half-cent sales tax for an additional 30 years, beginning at the expiration of Measure M in 2011. Major improvement plans target Orange County freeways, streets and roads, transit, and environmental programs. As part of the Measure M2 funding request, the City is required to submit resolutions that verify that the City has a Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), a Mitigation Fee Program, and Master Plan of Arterial Highway (MPAH)

Circulation Element Consistency.

Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program

The City's Measure M2 Seven-Year CIP for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 through 2031-2032 is a transportation planning and fiscal forecasting document that is utilized to navigate programming for existing and future capital improvement projects. The Measure M2 Seven-Year CIP is consistent with the City's proposed CIP for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

While the annual submittal of the City's Measure M2 CIP does not commit to the City to fund identified improvements, projects must be included in the Seven-Year CIP to be eligible to receive M2 funding. The seven-Year CIP and Resolution No. xxxxx are included as part of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Staff Report.

Mitigation Fee Program

On a biennial basis, the City must submit a City Council approved resolution to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) certifying that the City has an existing mitigation program that assesses traffic impacts of new development and requires new development to pay their fair share of necessary transportation improvements that are attributable to the new development.

Master Plan of Arterial Highways Consistency

One of the M2 eligibility requirements is for the City Council of the local jurisdiction to pass a biennial resolution verifying that the City's Circulation and Mobility Element is consistent with the County Master Plan of Arterial Highways. The Circulation and Mobility Element that the City utilizes is derived from the 2010 updated General Plan. The Circulation Element within the General Plan describes the number of lanes a given arterial will have in the future, as well as the roadway width of that street. To be consistent with the County's MPAH, an arterial on the City's Circulation Element must show at least as many lanes as the same roadway on the County's MPAH. The City's Circulation Element is consistent with the County MPAH.

7. ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution No. 11618