



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: MARCH 15, 2016

ITEM NUMBER: CC-5

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY BASED TRANSIT CIRCULATOR PROGRAM APPLICATION**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2016**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT – TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION**

**PRESENTATION BY: ERNESTO MUNOZ, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached resolution approving the submittal of a grant funding application for the Costa Mesa Transit Circulator Project under the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Measure M2 Project V - Community Based Transit Circulator Program (Attachment 1).

## **BACKGROUND:**

In November 2006, the Orange County voters passed the Renewed Measure "M" Program, extending the half-cent sales tax for the next 30 years, beginning in the year 2011. Funds from this sales tax are proposed to fund a wide range of improvements to Orange County freeways, arterials, and transit systems.

Measure M2 includes the Project V - Community Based Transit Circulator Program which provides funding for local jurisdictions to develop local bus transit services such as community based circulators, shuttles, and bus trolleys that complement regional bus and rail services, and meet needs in areas not adequately served by regional transit. On November 23, 2015, the OCTA Board of Directors approved the 2016 Call for Projects under this program which can allocate up to \$20 million in Measure M2 funds to local agencies.

## **ANALYSIS:**

OCTA has developed several regional competitive programs under Measure M2. With the current "Call for Projects," only projects under the Community Based Transit Circulator Program are eligible for funding. Cities can receive up to \$50,000 for planning and up to \$550,000 annually for a period of up to seven (7) years for implementation, operation, and maintenance of a local transit/circulator service. This OCTA program funds up to 90 percent of the total project costs.

The complete and final submittal of applications in response to the "2016 Call for Projects" will need to meet certain minimum requirements to be eligible for Measure "M" grants under the Project V Program. While the City met all these eligibility requirements, OCTA requires approval of the attached resolution prior to any consideration of the City's

application. The resolution authorizes the Public Services Director or designee to submit the grant application and to manage the project that receives grant funding. A brief description of the proposed Costa Mesa Transit Circulator Project included in the funding application is provided in Attachment 2.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

One alternative considered is to not adopt the resolution. This alternative would result in the City's project applications being declined and would render the City ineligible to compete for available grant funding.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

If staff is successful in capturing grant dollars under this program, a recommendation will be made to City Council relative to a funding source for any required local match. In addition to the City, other match sources include Costa Mesa Conference and Visitor's Bureau and other private partnerships.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney's office has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

**CONCLUSION:**

The current Countywide "2016 Call for Projects" is the first opportunity for the City to compete for grant funding for the implementation of the Costa Mesa Transit Circulator Project under the Measure "M2" - Project V Program. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution for OCTA's consideration of the project application under the Project V - Community Based Transit Circulator Program.

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ATTACHMENT:    1 – [Project V Resolution](#)  
                         2 – [Costa Mesa Transit Circulator Project Description](#)

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