



Mitigation and Resource Protection Program Oversight Committee
Environmental Oversight Committee
Committee Charter

Purpose

Measure M2 (M2) provides for the allocation of at least 5 percent of net freeway program revenues for programmatic mitigation of freeway projects, subject to a Master Agreement between the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and state and federal resource agencies. The intent is to provide for comprehensive, rather than piecemeal, mitigation of the impacts of freeway projects and to do so in a way that results in high-value environmental benefits in exchange for streamlined project approvals and greater certainty in the delivery of the freeway program as a whole.

The Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) makes recommendations to the OCTA Board of Directors regarding the allocation of revenues for programmatic mitigation and monitors the implementation of the Master Agreement.

Line of Reporting

The EOC will provide recommendations to the OCTA Board of Directors (Board). Currently, all matters related to M2 are considered first by the OCTA Executive Committee, a subcommittee of the Board, for recommendation to the full Board.

Responsibilities

The EOC provides advice on the development and implementation of programmatic mitigation of freeway projects under M2. Activities undertaken by the EOC may consist of the following:

- Inventory and assessment of freeway impacts.
- Inventory and assessment of mitigation opportunities.
- Review and provide input on funding opportunities, including M2 financing, matching funds and grant funding.
- Review and provide input on both the monetary and environmental value of property or other mitigation elements.
- Review and provide input on the Master Agreement.
- Monitor implementation of the Master Agreement, including acquisitions, management, operations and maintenance activities.



Membership

The EOC shall consist of 12 members appointed by the Board as follows:

- Two members representing OCTA, one of whom shall serve as chairman;
- One member representing Caltrans;
- One member representing the California Department of Fish and Game;
- One member representing the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;
- One member representing the Army Corps of Engineers;
- One member representing the California Wildlife Conservation Board;
- One member representing the Measure M Taxpayers Oversight Committee;
- Two members representing non-governmental environmental organizations;
- Two members representing the public.

Members are expected to be able to devote at least 25 hours per year to Committee business. Signators to the Master Agreement are each permitted to designate a primary member and identify an alternate(s). Signators include Caltrans, California Department of Fish and Game, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Terms of Office

Terms of office are three years with no term limitations. Members are surveyed at the end of each term as to whether they wish to continue service on the committee.

Meeting Time and Location

The committee meeting will generally take place on the first Wednesday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Orange County Transportation Authority, 600 South Main Street in Orange, or at such other times as the committee shall designate. All meetings will be announced on the OCTA website.

Selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair will be selected by the Board and the Vice-Chair will be selected by the EOC from among its members.

Duration of Existence

The EOC will continue throughout the duration of the implementation of the Master Agreement.