



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: 05/19/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: OC Public Works

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SUBJECT: Approve 2026 Capital Improvement Programs and Senate Bill 1 Project List

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| CEO CONCUR Concur | COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW Approve resolution to form | CLERK OF THE BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR 3 Votes Board Majority |
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| Budgeted: N/A | Current Year Cost: N/A | Annual Cost: N/A |
| Staffing Impact: No | | Sole Source: No |
| Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A | Funding Source: N/A | County Audit in Last 3 years: No |

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Completed? N/A

Prior Board Action: 5/20/2025 #8, 6/4/2024 #4, 6/6/2023 #11, 5/10/2022 #8

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Approve the OC Public Works, OC Community Resources and John Wayne Airport 2026 Capital Improvement Programs.
2. Authorize receipt of Senate Bill 1, Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 revenue for eligible Local Streets and Roads Programs projects within the Road Fund for FY 2026-27.
3. Adopt a Resolution to approve the County of Orange Senate Bill 1 Eligible Project List for FY 2026-27, Local Streets and Roads Program.
4. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to add, remove, or modify projects within the Senate Bill 1 Eligible Project List for FY 2026-27, as needed, to meet County of Orange needs and priorities.
5. Adopt a Resolution to inform the Orange County Transportation Authority that the County of Orange Local Signal Synchronization Plan is in conformance with the Measure M2 Program.
6. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to make modifications to the Local Signal Synchronization Plan.
7. Approve Capital Improvement Program Project List Report generated from the Orange County Transportation Authority’s OC Fundtracker database.

8. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to make modifications to the Capital Improvement Program Project List Report generated from the Orange County Transportation Authority's OC Fundtracker database.

SUMMARY:

Approval of the OC Public Works, OC Community Resources and John Wayne Airport Capital Improvement Programs and related reports/authorizations, will support OC Public Works' mission to improve public safety, reduce traffic congestion, improve regional mobility and provide flood protection for the County of Orange; OC Community Resources' mission to ensure continued functionality, safety and quality of service of built infrastructure in parks, public libraries, community development, and animal care facilities; and John Wayne Airport's objective to plan, direct and provide high quality aviation services and facilities for Orange County in a safe, secure and efficient manner.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Each year, OC Public Works leads the multi-agency effort to develop and compile the Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) for Board of Supervisors (Board) approval. Including a project in the CIP means the County of Orange (County) plans to develop and construct it. The projects listed on the CIP are expected to deliver significant benefits to residents, businesses and visitors of Orange County. On May 20, 2025, the Board approved the current CIP for FY 2025-26 to FY 2031-32, and previous CIPs were approved by the Board on June 4, 2024; June 6, 2023; and May 10, 2022.

The CIP guides how the County prioritizes its resources when pursuing grant funding and delivering capital improvement projects. It also gives the Board and the public a transparent view of how the County plans to use its resources for infrastructure projects.

Roadway Projects

Roadway projects are intended to enhance public safety, reduce traffic congestion, strengthen the economy and improve the quality of life by adding capacity, performing maintenance activities, synchronizing traffic signals, improving water quality and protecting the environment. Projects are prioritized based on public safety, road and bridge maintenance needs and the leveraging of limited gas tax dollars to secure grants. Funding for roadway and bridge projects is provided by gas taxes, road fee programs, Senate Bill 1 (SB1) and various grant funds.

Flood Control Projects

The Orange County Flood Control Act of 1927 created the Orange County Flood Control District (District) to provide for the control of flood and storm waters and to protect property from flood damage through the delivery of regional flood control projects. To strengthen coordination with local cities, the City Engineers Flood Control Advisory Committee was formed. This committee helps ensure equity and representation across the County and assists in setting priorities for how funding and resources should be used. Funding for flood control projects is provided by the District primarily from assigned local property tax revenues.

Active Transportation Projects

Active transportation projects, which include bikeway and pedestrian improvements, are intended to reduce greenhouse gases, increase the proportion of trips accomplished by walking and biking, increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users, provide cyclists with regional connectivity throughout the County and enhance public health. Funding for active transportation projects is provided by various sources, including SB1 and grant funds.

OC Community Resources (OCCR) Projects

The investment in OCCR facilities, including OC Parks, OC Public Libraries, OC Animal Care and OC Housing & Community Development will further support OCCR's mission to ensure continued functionality, safety and quality of service of OCCR's infrastructure and facilities.

John Wayne Airport (JWA) Projects

JWA serves a unique and crucial role in the Orange County community as it is the only airport in Orange County that provides commercial passenger and air-cargo service and is the primary provider of general aviation services and facilities in the County. The investment into JWA facilities and infrastructure will not only further support JWA's vision to be the airport choice by creating exceptional experiences, but also continue JWA's mission of connecting people, places and opportunities by providing high-quality aviation services and facilities for Orange County in safe, secure and efficient manner.

Funding Eligibility Requirements

The CIP is also an annual eligibility requirement for the County to continue to receive and compete for Renewed Measure M (M2) grant funds. M2 funds are administered by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and are generated from a one-half cent sales tax for transportation purposes. M2 funds are utilized by the County as a major funding component for the transportation elements of the CIP. The County is required to adopt a CIP consistent with an OCTA established format, update it annually and provide it to OCTA to be eligible to receive and compete for M2 funds. OCTA requires all transportation-related projects seeking M2 funds to be listed in the CIP as well as within their OC Fundtracker database.

SB1, also known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, increased per gallon fuel excise taxes, diesel fuel sales taxes and vehicle registration fees, provided for inflationary adjustments to tax rates in future years and created the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA). RMRA funds can be used to address road maintenance, rehabilitation and critical safety needs on both state highways and local street and road systems. RMRA funds may also be used for other transportation priorities, such as capital improvement projects, if the agency's pavement condition index meets or exceeds 80. RMRA funds are administered by the California Transportation Commission. To qualify for RMRA funding, the County must approve an SB1 Eligible Project List and adopt it through a Board Resolution.

Collaboration

OC Public Works manages, designs, advertises, awards and administers OCCR's horizontal and vertical capital improvement projects. OC Public Works and OCCR collaborated to ensure adequate resources are available to deliver the planned workload. To formalize processes, OC Public Works, OCCR and JWA worked in partnership to develop the comprehensive CIP of all three Departments.

Compliance with CEQA: This action is not a project within the meaning CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to CEQA, since it does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The approval of this agenda item does not commit the County to a definite course of action in regard to a project since the action only authorizes renewal and update of the CIP. This proposed activity is therefore not subject to CEQA. Any future action connected to this approval that constitutes a project will be reviewed for compliance with CEQA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This Agenda Staff Report has no financial impact. The project costs reflected in the CIPs are included in the respective department's annual budgeting process. Projects may be added, removed or modified, as needed, to meet County needs, priorities and available funding.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

OC Community Resources

John Wayne Airport

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - 2026 Capital Improvement Program FY 2026-27 to FY 2032-33

Attachment B - Resolution for SB 1 FY 2026-27

Attachment C - OCTA OC Fundtracker Capital Improvement Program Project List

Attachment D - Resolution for Local Signal Synchronization Plan

Attachment E - Local Synchronization Master Plan