

Measure M2 Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs

2026 Call for Projects Workshop

Project O & Project P

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2026 CALL SCHEDULE

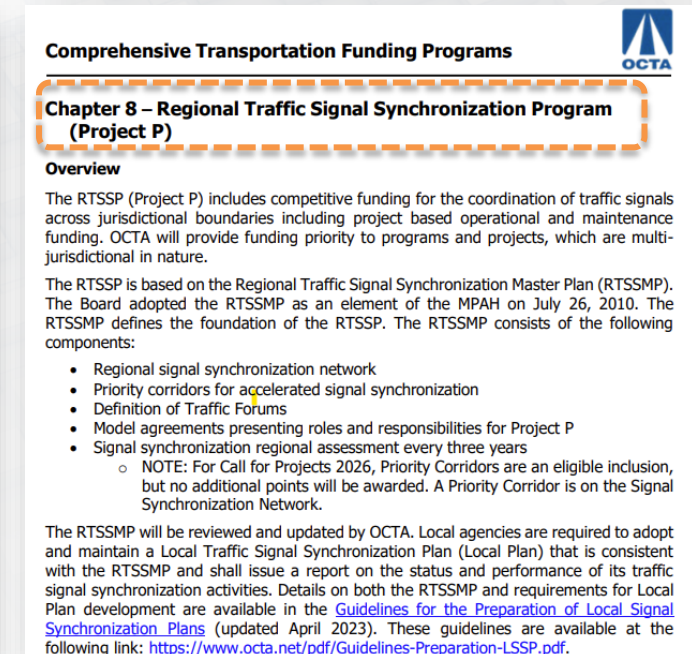
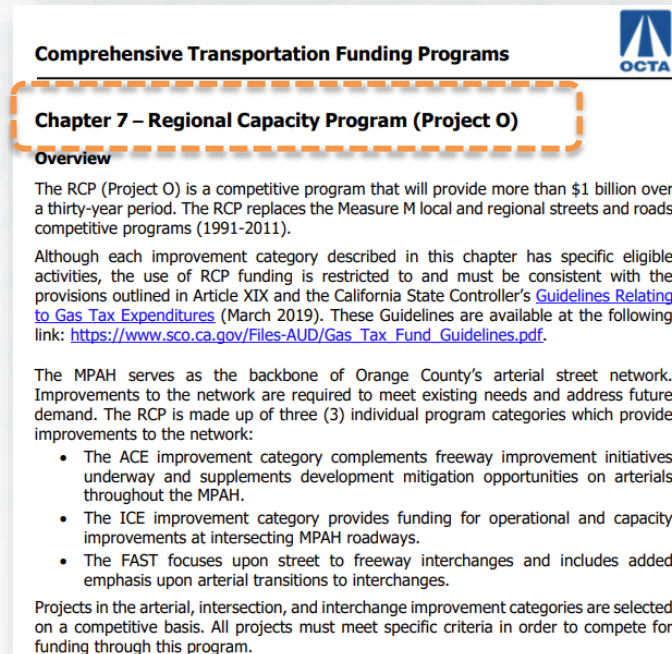
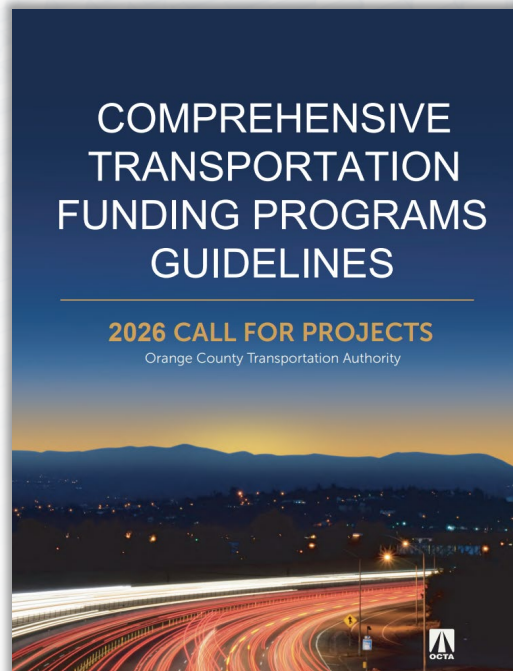
- Call Issued: Sep. 8, 2025
- Pre-Application Consultations: Upon request from local agency
- Draft “Route” Applications Due for Review: Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025
- **Applications Due: Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025 at 5:00pm**
- Qualitative Reviews: Nov. 2025/Jan. 2026
- Local Agency Coordination: Nov. 2025 – Feb. 2026
- Funding Recommendations: Spring, 2026

***Note:** Alternative Analysis (HCM) Methodology and New Facilities must be modeled through OCTAM and requests must be submitted to OCTA by October 9, 2025.*

2026 CTFP GUIDELINES

CTFP Guidelines (2026 Edition): www.octa.net/pdf/CTFPGuidelines2026.pdf.

- Reviewed and approved by OCTA Board (September 2025)
- Provides checklist and application requirements: Supplemental information, checklists, and resolution templates are provided in **Chapter 7** (ACE, ICE, & FAST) and **Chapter 8** (RTSSP)



CALL RESOURCES

Project O (RCP) Webpage:

<http://www.octa.net/Projects-and-Programs/Plans-and-Studies/Funding-Programs/Call-for-Projects/CTFP-Calls-for-Projects/Regional-Capacity-Program/>

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Regional Capacity Program

Background

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Please refer to the 2026 CTFP guidelines for other pertinent deadlines and funding application requirements.

2026 Call Schedule

KEY DATES AND DEADLINES	DATE
Call Released/Board Approval for Issuance	September 8, 2025
Application Workshop and Q&A Session	September 18, 2025
New Facility Modeling Request to OCTA	October 9, 2025
Applications Due to OCTA (by 5:00 p.m.)	November 20, 2025
OCTA Technical Steering/Technical Advisory Committee Review	March/April 2026
OCTA Board Approval of Recommended Projects	May/June 2026
2026 Project O & P Funds Allocated*	July 1, 2026

*This is the earliest date projects can be programmed for the 2026 call

Project P (RTSSP) Webpage:

<http://www.octa.net/Projects-and-Programs/Plans-and-Studies/Funding-Programs/Call-for-Projects/CTFP-Calls-for-Projects/Regional-Traffic-Signal-Synchronization-Program/>

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Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program

Background

The Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (Project P) provides Measure M2 (M2) funding for the coordination of traffic signals across jurisdictional boundaries including project based operational and maintenance funding.

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LIMITED SUBMISSIONS

- Limit submittals to projects that **require consideration** at this time
 - Critical time requirements (i.e., funding commitments)
 - Countywide Baseline Project incentives
- Supports guidance provided by OCTA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - Allows OCTA to focus on CTFP payment backlog and implementation of invoice process streamlining improvements
- Reduces unnecessary workload for both applicants and reviewers
- Helps ensure a focused, efficient review process

2026 PROJECT O CALL

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Overview:

Funds improvements to the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) to help improve intersections and street operations that reduce congestion and increase capacity.

Programming Information:

- Program Period: FY26/27 – FY28/29
- No formal project maximum cost
- Tiered Program (see table)
- 50% Minimum Match
- Match Funding Discounts:
 - **5%** Reduction for commitment not to use M2 Local Fairshare
 - **10%** Reduction for Local Signal Synchronization Plan (LSSP) regional consistency
 - **10%** Reduction for meeting certain Pavement Management Plan (PMP) criteria

	Category 1 (60%)	Category 2 (40%)
Tier 1 >=50	• \$0 - \$5 million • Score at least 50 points • Logical, standalone project • Unallocated balance shifts to Tier 2 for programming	• \$5+ million request • Score at least 50 points • Logical, standalone project • Unallocated balance shifts to Tier 2 for programming
Tier 2	• Balance of unallocated funds from Tier 1 prioritization • Request can be of any dollar value to compete in Tier 2 • Multiple segments of the same project cannot be submitted under both categories.	

2026 PROJECT O CALL: CATEGORIES

Arterial Capacity Enhancements (ACE)

- Arterial improvements including capacity and operational modifications
- Can be corridor based but major intersections may be required to be segregated
- Additional potential project elements may require eligibility approval from OCTA



Freeway Arterial/Streets Transitions (FAST)

- Transitions from the street to freeway system
- Requires concurrence with Caltrans prior to consideration
- May require separate Cooperative Agreements with OCTA



Intersection Capacity Enhancements (ICE)

- Intersection improvements including capacity and operational modifications
- Value engineering will be required to justify full take acquisitions
- ICU is standard basis for level of service calculation (Page 7-38)
 - HCM or alternative methodology may be considered in consultation with OCTA prior to application submission. All requests due by October 9, 2025.
 - Must have a minimum existing LOS of "D" (.81 v/c) to qualify for priority consideration



2026 PROJECT O CALL: PHASES

Sequential Programming:

- Planning Phase (Environmental and Engineering)
- Implementation Phase (ROW and Construction*)

Fast Track option available for **limited** project types – Planning and Implementation Phases at same time.

- Must demonstrate policy variance is necessary
- Only permitted for projects that do NOT have ROW acquisition

ROW or Construction funding requests **cannot be considered unless project is environmentally cleared at the time of the application*

2026 PROJECT O CALL: CHANGES

Changes to Guidelines – CH. 7 Project O (RCP)

- General Updates: Call Dates and Deadlines
- Electronic applications only – hard copies will not be accepted

ACRONYMS:

Regional Capacity Program (RCP)

Q & A

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**9 to raise hand*

2026 PROJECT P CALL

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Overview:

M2 Project P funding for multi-agency, corridor-based signal synchronization throughout Orange County

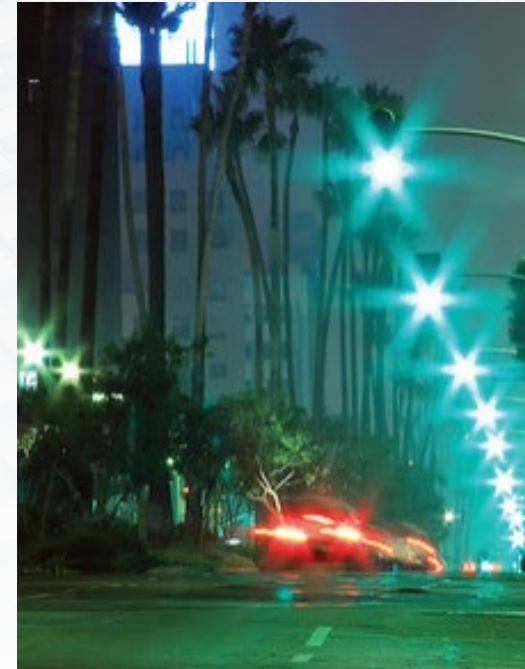
Funding Availability:

- Program Period: FY26/27 – FY28/29
- 20% Minimum Match
- \$250k/corridor** mile or \$75k/signal (whichever is higher)
- Local Agency-led projects only this cycle (OCTA does not have capacity to lead projects during this cycle)

Phases

- Primary Implementation and On-going Operations & Maintenance

***Applies to main corridor only*



2026 PROJECT P CALL

Minimum requirements

- ✓ Must be on SSN/MPAH and consistent with LSSP and TSSMP goals

AND

- ✓ One of the following:
 - Multi-jurisdictional and minimum of 20 signals, or
 - Multi-jurisdictional and minimum length of 5 miles, or
 - Include at least 3 local agencies, 8 signals, and density of 4 signals/mile, or
 - Include full length of the corridor

ACRONYMS:

Signal Synchronization Network (SSN)
Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH)

Local Signal Synchronization Plan (LSSP)
Traffic Signal Synchronization Master Plan (TSSMP)

2026 PROJECT P CALL REMINDERS

Amy Tran, Principal Transportation Analyst



2026 PROJECT P CALL

NO CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS CYCLE

Reminders:

- OCTA will not be leading projects this cycle
- Applications with **FULL** Countywide Baseline participation (applicants + signals) may waive data collection (counts), signal timing development, and signal timing implementation tasks
 - Applicant signals must be part of Baseline project to be waived
 - Applications will receive full points for offset signal participation
 - Offset signals are eligible for improvements, but no additional funding
 - Applicants are still responsible for Before/After studies
 - Applicants are still responsible for O&M
 - Applicants are responsible for Caltrans participating signals

ACRONYMS:

Ongoing Monitoring and Maintenance (O&M)

2026 PROJECT P CALL CHANGES

Changes to Guidelines – CH. 8 Project P (RTSSP)

- General Updates: Call Dates and Deadlines
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ACRONYMS:

Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (RTSSP)

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

SUPPLEMENTAL APP **CHANGES** – TITLE PAGE

Garden Grove Boulevard / West Memory Lane

11/20/2025

Date of Submission

Project Overview

Length of Corridor (mi):	8.5
Number of signals:	34
Total Project Cost:	\$2,862,662.00
M2 funds requested:	\$2,290,129.60
Total Match:	\$572,532.40
Cash Match:	\$543,432.40
In-kind Match:	\$29,100.00

Participating Agencies:	Garden Grove
	Orange
	Santa Ana
	Westminster

Applicant Agency: City of Garden Grove

Contact Name: Juan Navarro, City Traffic Engineer

Contact Number: 714-741-5186

Contact Email: juann@ggcity.org

SUPPLEMENTAL APP **CHANGES** – SECTION 4

Garden Grove Boulevard / West Memory Lane

SECTION 4: FUNDING NEEDS / COSTS FOR PROPOSED PROJECT BY TASK

c. Summary of Intersection Improvement Costs						
LOC.	AGENCY	PROJECT CROSS STREETS	TASK 3 IMPROVEMENT TOTALS			
			Design	Construction	TOTAL	Average Score
1	Westminster	Valley View St*	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	50.00
2	Westminster	I-405/SR-22 Interchange*	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	50.00
3	Westminster	Edwards Street	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 106,929.50	\$ 114,229.50	36.67
4	Westminster	SR-22 EB Off Ramp*	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	50.00
5	Westminster	Knott Street/Goldenwest Street*	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	50.00
6	Westminster	SR-22 WB Off Ramp/Eagle Drive*	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	50.00
7	Westminster	Western Avenue	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 132,759.50	\$ 142,059.50	31.67
8	Westminster	Hoover Street	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 106,929.50	\$ 114,229.50	36.67
9	Westminster	Village Center Drive	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
10	Garden Grove	Beach Blvd (SR-39)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
11	Garden Grove	Dale Street	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 12,915.00	\$ 13,915.00	15.00

YES

Caltrans
participation

NO

Caltrans
participation

SUPPLEMENTAL APP REMINDERS – CALTRANS

- Caltrans is not a Baseline participant = **You need to budget money for Caltrans timing tasks**

Westminster	Agency	Caltrans	Offset	Total	
Number of Signals:	4	5		9	
Project Tasks (Westminster)				Cost / Int	Total Cost
Task 1: Project Management - PI Phase				\$ 2,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Task 2: Data Collection				\$ 5,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Task 3: System Design and Construction				-	\$ 383,018.50
Task 4: Signal Timing Optimization and Implementation				\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Task 5: Project Report				\$ 1,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
Task 6: Project Management - O&M Phase				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Task 7: Continuing Support				\$ 3,500.00	\$ 31,500.00
Task 8: Final Technical Memorandum				\$ 800.00	\$ 7,200.00
	M2 Requested		Match		Total Cost
PI	\$ 387,614.80		\$ 96,903.70		\$ 484,518.50
O&M	\$ 38,160.00		\$ 9,540.00		\$ 47,700.00

9 signals x
\$5k/signal

5 Caltrans
signals x
\$5k/signal

SUPPLEMENTAL APP REMINDERS – APPENDIX E

- TMC breakdown to be included in Appendix E

City of Laguna Hills - TMC Improvements				
Item Description	Unit	Qty	Unit Price	Total
Centracs licenses	LS	1	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Total for City of Laguna Hills - TMC Improvements: \$ 25,000				
City of Lake Forest - TMC Improvements				
Item Description	Unit	Qty	Unit Price	Total
SPM license	LS	1	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Setup and configuration	LS	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Total for City of Lake Forest - TMC Improvements: \$ 25,000				

REMINDERS

General

- Sending a draft supplemental application for review is **HIGHLY** recommended
- Must use 2026 supplemental application template – Applications that do not use the provided template **WILL NOT** be considered
- A Supplemental Application **Guide** (with sample) is available on Call website
- Cabinet photo are not required for agency-led projects
- **Double-check formulas and auto-populated fields**

Vehicle Miles Travel (VMT) Calculation – Appendix C

- Counts must be taken within 3 years of application deadline (must be collected after **11/20/2022**)

Offset signals

- Only count signals on MPAH and within 2,700 feet of main corridor
- If Baseline participant, only list offset signals that will have improvements

Cost estimate/Unit price

- Use round numbers (in thousands, if possible) to avoid round-off errors

Q & A

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APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

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Applications are due on Thursday, November 20, 2025 by 5:00 PM PST

- ✓ Must submit an electronic application and supporting attachments in OCFundtracker: <https://ocfundtracker.octa.net>
- ✓ Supplemental Application electronic file (Excel & PDF) uploaded to OCFundtracker

Checklists and Resolution Templates are provided in Chapters 7 (Project O) and 8 (Project P) of Guidelines

- ✓ 2026 CTFP Guidelines: <http://www.octa.net/pdf/CTFPGuidelines2026.pdf>

Project P (RTSSP) 2026 Supplemental Application and Instructions with Sample

- ✓ <http://www.octa.net/Projects-and-Programs/Plans-and-Studies/Funding-Programs/Call-for-Projects/CTFP-Calls-for-Projects/Regional-Traffic-Signal-Synchronization-Program/>

REVIEW PROCESS



- Application needs to be thorough and complete
- Initial screening for missing elements
- Qualitative review identifies questions for clarification, additional documentation or corrections
- Unique issues or problems may require meeting
- Project recommendations released after consensus review (with agencies) is completed for each program

RECOMMEND:

Meet and discuss complex projects with OCTA prior to submittal

COMMON MISTAKES

Incomplete and incorrect documentation

- Not using the correct template – Make sure using the 2026 Project P Supplemental Application
- Outdated or missing traffic counts **(OCTA Traffic Flow Map is not a qualifying source)**
- Incorrect LOS or ICU calculations/back-up
- Budget information is incomplete or missing – add breakdowns to Appendix E
- Operational Attributes claimed but not substantiated or are inconsistent with guideline definitions
- Excluding Caltrans' intersections and corresponding budget for timing tasks
- **Not checking formulas, auto-populated fields, and/or spell-checking document**

Ineligible

- ROW or construction funding requested **before** environmental reviews are complete
- ADT counts collected beyond 36 months preceding application deadline (before 11/20/2022)
- Poles (traffic signal, signs, camera, etc.) are not eligible for P funding

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