

Meeting of Jan. 8, 2018

OCTA Selects New Board Chair and Vice Chair

The Board selected Vice Chair Lisa Bartlett to serve as OCTA chair for 2018. Bartlett, the Fifth District county supervisor, has been a member of the OCTA board since December 2014. Bartlett also serves on the boards of CalOptima, Orange County Fire Authority, Transportation Corridor Agencies and the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission. Previously, she served for eight years on the Dana Point City Council.

Director Tim Shaw, also the mayor of La Habra, was selected as vice chairman of the board. Shaw has been on the board since 2012.

Sworn in at the meeting to continue serving on the board were Directors Laurie Davies, Barbara Delgleize, Steve Jones, Al Murray and Tom Tait.

2017 Year in Review

A video was presented to highlight the progress that OCTA made in 2017 to keep Orange County moving. Significant advances in the I-405 improvement project were made including securing a \$629 million loan agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation. The design-build contract for the project was executed with OC 405 Partners in the amount of \$1.2 billion, the largest in OCTA's history.

The OC Streetcar also made progress, receiving approval from the Federal Transit Administration to enter the engineering phase. OCTA also submitted a Full Fund Grant Agreement application to the FTA for nearly \$150 million, approximately half the cost of the project.

In addition, work progressed on the I-5 South Improvement Project, which is adding six miles of carpool lanes from San Clemente to San Juan Capistrano and reconstructing the Avenida Pico interchange.

OCTA's collaboration with the Riverside Transportation Commission on the 91 express lanes helped extend the managed lanes eight miles into Riverside. Positive results were realized through OC Bus 360° with close to 20 percent increase in ridership on routes where service was improved. OCTA celebrated the completion of the OC Bridges project, which included seven bridges and underpasses to eliminate the waiting for railroad crossings.

Metrolink provided regional mobility to Anaheim Angels and Los Angeles Rams sporting events. OCTA's Vanpool program has continued to take cars off the streets with 531 vans to 151 worksites. Also continued sustainability efforts were made through the conservation of 13,000 acres and funding to 16 local agency projects to improve water quality.

Along with the accomplishment [video](#), an accomplishment brochure is available online at: <http://www.octa.net/2017AnnualReport/>

Local Transit Projects Look to Meet Community Needs

Project V is a competitive program under Measure M that provides funding to develop and implement local transit services. Services eligible for this program include community-based circulators, shuttles, trolleys, and demand-responsive services that complement regional bus and rail services, and better suit local needs in areas not adequately served by regional transit.

The report given included the ridership from the 17 projects in operation through September 2017. The services include special event, fixed-route and on-demand projects depending on the varying community needs. The special event services saw strong ridership with average boardings of 21 per hour. The cities of Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, and San Clemente ranged from 20 to 46 boardings per hour, exceeding performance standards.

Costa Mesa and Huntington Beach launched services in July 2017 and ridership is expected to increase over time. In addition, San Clemente is providing on-demand rideshare service through a two-year pilot program with Lyft.

All Project V-funded services must average six passenger boardings per hour during the first year of operation, and average 10 boardings per hour within the first two years and each year after. OCTA will continue to work with the local agencies and monitor these services. The next update will be in June 2018 to the board. OCTA is reviewing letters of interest from cities for future projects and an update will be given at the next board meeting regarding a future call for projects.

Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Study Rolls Forward

A draft of 12 conceptual alternatives was presented for review and comment on the Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Corridor Study. The study has been underway since 2015 to examine ways to improve what is one of the busiest transit corridor in Orange County.

As one of the most productive transit corridors, OCTA is continuing efforts to improve the quality, convenience and visibility of service. The conceptual alternatives include enhanced bus service, bus rapid transit, streetcar and rapid streetcar options.

The process of identifying any potential project along Harbor Boulevard will continue with the release of the study to City Councils to review. The cities along the proposed corridors are Anaheim, Fullerton, Garden Grove and Santa Ana.

After presenting the draft report to the cities, a final draft will return to the OCTA board to determine which, if any, alternatives to consider.