

## **Meeting of November 27, 2017**

### **November Employees of the Month Honored**

The Orange County Transportation Authority's board of directors recognized three employees of the month for October.

Resolutions of appreciation were presented to:

- Evelyn Gray, Coach Operator
- Andy Xiong, Maintenance
- Mary Shavalier, Administration

### **CEO Reports Strong Progress Initiatives for Third Quarter**

OCTA CEO Darrell Johnson reported that significant progress was made in the third quarter toward achieving the CEO's initiatives for improving Orange County transportation. The progress report reviewed activities from July through September.

Some key accomplishments included:

- The \$629 million TIFIA loan secured with the U.S. Department of Transportation for the I-405 Improvement Project
- Continued advancement of the State Route 55 project through selection of a firm to prepare project plans
- The Lakeview Grade Separation project was completed and opened ahead of schedule
- Resource management plans were finalized for five of seven properties in the Freeway Environmental Mitigation program.

The CEO Initiative and Action Plan was approved at the start of the year in alignment with the 2017 Board Strategic Initiatives. The action plan consists of 10 initiatives implemented through 59 projects and programs and is monitored through 89 milestones.

In the third quarter, 15 milestones were scheduled for completion and 10 were completed, while significant progress was made on the others.

In addition to the completed initiatives, other significant accomplishments included:

- Increased bus ridership in core areas through OC Bus 360° efforts,
- Progress on the 2018 Long Range Transportation Plan through the managed lanes workshop held by OCTA
- Work on the Transit Master Plan identified 11 corridors for potential transit improvements.

### **I-405 Improvement Project through Irvine Moves Forward**

The environmental document for the Interstate 405 Improvement project, from Interstate 5 to State Route 55 through Irvine, is available for public review and comment until Dec. 15. OCTA and Caltrans are looking to ease congestion and enhance freeway operations for the 8.5-mile segment of the I-405. Car trips on the heavily traveled stretch of freeway are expected to increase by nearly 25 percent to approximately 310,000 daily trips by 2050.

Alternatives include adding one or two regular lanes in each direction, adding auxiliary lanes and making various operational improvements.

The project is part of the Measure M freeway improvement program. The public can comment on the document by emailing [D12.405-South-Improvement-Project@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D12.405-South-Improvement-Project@dot.ca.gov) or by mail to Scott Shelley, Caltrans District 12, Division of Environmental Analysis, 1750 E. 4th St., Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

A public hearing is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at University Community Park in Irvine. Comments gathered from the public will be included and addressed in the final environmental document.