

Meeting of July 14, 2014

Upgrades Headed to Orange County's Busiest Bus Stops

The OCTA board approved more than \$1.2 million in upgrades to 51 of the busiest bus stops in Orange County.

The upgrades are part of the Measure M Safe Transit Stops program, which provides funding for passenger amenities at the 100 busiest bus stops in Orange County.

The upgrades will include installing new transit shelters at stops where there aren't any, replacing aging shelters, providing shade and repairing amenities that have become run down over time. Bike racks and trash cans will also be added at select stops. Upgrades will take place in Anaheim, Brea, Costa Mesa, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana and Westminster.

The board also approved \$370,000 for an OCTA-initiated project to expand real-time information through the regional text4next software.

The current text4next system allows cell phone users to receive the next three scheduled arrival times via text message for a specific stop. The funding will be used to develop the software needed to expand the text4next system to provide real-time arrival information for specific bus stop locations. OCTA's goal is to complete the design and engineering for this text4next system enhancement within 18 months.

New Members Appointed to Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee

The OCTA board appointed three new members to the Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee.

The 12-member committee makes recommendations to the OCTA board of directors on funding for the environmental mitigation program and monitors its implementation.

The three-year terms have expired for all members. Nine of the existing committee members were reappointed to serve for an additional term and replacements have been approved for the three vacant seats.

New members include Charles Baker to represent Caltrans; John Walsh, land agent with the California Wildlife Conservation Board; and David Chapel, a public member selected out of the 17 candidate applications.

The EOC is comprised of two OCTA representatives, Director Pat Bates, who serves as the committee chair, and Director Lori Donchak, and one representative each from the California Department of Transportation, USFWS, CDFW, California Wildlife Conservation Board, Army Corps of Engineers and the OCTA Taxpayers Oversight

Committee. In addition, two public members and two members from a nongovernmental environmental organization serve on the committee.

M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee Members Appointed

Five new members were appointed by the board to the Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee, and nine returning members have committed to serve an additional three-year term.

Seal Beach City Manager Jill Ingram, will represent the second district; Anaheim Principal Civil Engineer Keith Linker will represent the fourth district; and University of California, Irvine Assistant Professor of Planning, Policy and Design Doug Houston, will serve as the scientific/academic member. In addition, two new members were selected as the San Diego and Santa Ana regional Water Quality Control Board representatives: Laurie Walsh, professional engineer – water resource, will represent San Diego, and Stephen Mayville, senior water resources control engineer, will represent Santa Ana.

The ECAC is a 14-member committee that makes recommendations to the OCTA board of directors on funding for transportation-related water quality programs.