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#### Meeting of Sept. 9, 2013

# One-Year Review Finds M2020 Plan On Track to Expedite Projects



Staff presented the board with an update on the M2020 plan since its adoption in September last year. M2020 lays out a schedule and funding plan for Renewed Measure M projects to expedite their delivery.

In all, more than \$5 billion in transportation improvements promised to voters in M2 are planned to be completed or under construction by 2020 as part of the M2020 Plan. This includes \$3 billion to complete 14 freeway projects, \$36

million to environmentally clear the nine remaining freeway projects, \$1.2 billion for streets and roads, \$1 billion for transit, and \$58 million for environmental programs.

OCTA's review of the plan has ensured that the implemented projects and programs remain deliverable. Progress on M2020 projects will continue to be monitored and reviewed by the board.

### OCTA Recognizes the Orange County Sheriff's Department for 20-year Partnership with OCTA



The board presented an award of appreciation to the Orange County Sheriff's Department in recognition of its 20-year partnership with the OCTA. Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens accepted the honor for the department.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department and OCTA first teamed up in 1993 under the Mass Transit Bureau (MTB) to provide law enforcement services to protect OCTA's passengers and employees. Since then, the Sheriff's Department has been responsible for maintaining the safety and security of the public on OCTA buses, transit centers and rail rights of way.

During the past 20 years, the partnership has grown from one sergeant and 17 sheriff's special officers to 24 sworn personnel. The mission of the OCTA Transit Police Services is to maintain a safe and peaceful environment for public transit passengers and employees and to ensure the security of OCTA property.

## OCTA Selected to Serve as LOSSAN's First Managing Agency

OCTA was selected by the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) board of directors to serve as the local managing agency for the rail corridor on Aug. 23. In this position, OCTA will oversee intercity passenger rail service on the 351-mile LOSSAN rail corridor which runs through six counties.

Applications for the role of managing agency were due on June 14 and OCTA, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority all submitted proposals. OCTA's application received the highest overall score.



As the managing agency, OCTA will:



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- Negotiate an administrative support agreement which will be presented in November
- Develop a staff transition plan and budget
- Negotiate with the state to draft an interagency transfer agreement
- Implement key service improvement initiatives to enhance intercity passenger rail service in the LOSSAN rail corridor

Following the approval of the administrative support agreement, OCTA will submit a proposed interim work plan outlining major goals and objectives.

### **Board Honors Employees of the Month**



Frederick Guerrero was named coach operator of the month for his excellent safety and customer service record. Guerrero is a reliable and professional employee who has been with OCTA for 14 years and currently serves as a line captain for the Santa Ana bus base. His can-do spirit and willingness to assist staff and fellow coach operators have earned him recognition for the month of September.



Walter Goc-Ong was named maintenance employee of the month for his innovative contributions, service and dedication. Goc-Ong is an electronic technician who is skilled at troubleshooting and fixing demanding issues. He pays strong attention to detail and has achieved nine years of safety and four years of perfect attendance.



Michael Litschi was named administrative employee of the month for excelling in his duties as manager of rail operations. Litschi demonstrates the highest level of professionalism and integrity in all of his work. He has worked with OCTA for 11 years and was instrumental in preparing the proposal for OCTA to serve as managing agency on the LOSSAN corridor.

### **Board Honors Sheriff's Department Employee of the Quarter**



Deputy Mike Wiggington was honored as the Sheriff's Department employee of the quarter. Wiggington has been with the Orange County Sheriff's Department for 14 years. He is currently a certified hazardous device technician and a TSA certified explosive detection K9 handler. Deputy Wiggington is a team player and works hard to monitor the safety and security of OCTA bus and train operations. His dedication to providing service is unparalleled with a strong desire to serve the needs of the public