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ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT

Keeping Orange County Moving



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ABOUT OCTA

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) serves as the county's transportation planning agency, responsible for funding and delivering the transit services and capital projects that support a balanced, sustainable and multimodal transportation system.

OCTA's work reflects the diverse travel needs of Orange County's 3.2 million residents and its 34 cities.

Formed in 1991 through the consolidation of seven separate transportation agencies, OCTA brings together the region's transit, freeway, rail and active-transportation planning under one regional authority.

OCTA is governed by a 17-member board of directors, with the Caltrans District Director serving as the 18th member in an ex-officio capacity.



DRIVING THE FUTURE OF MOBILITY IN ORANGE COUNTY

Innovating for What's Next

- Over the past several years, OCTA has introduced new tools that strengthen reliability, expand access and improve the everyday experience for riders and drivers alike.
- Whether modernizing the fare system with the Wave card, preparing to launch Orange County's first modern streetcar, or delivering corridor-wide freeway improvements that integrate safety and active transportation, these efforts reflect a single focus: moving people in ways that are efficient, affordable and sustainable.
- From pioneering transit solutions to advancing State-mandated zero-emission requirements, OCTA continues to set the pace for how a modern transportation planning agency responds to a growing, evolving county.

What Sets OCTA Apart

- A customer-first mindset that delivers new tools such as the Wave fare payment system and pay-as-you-go technology.
- A sustainability vision that strengthens long-term resiliency and protects critical coastal corridors.
- A community-driven approach grounded in thousands of public engagements for long-range planning.
- A commitment to expanding access with free youth and college fares and sustained multimodal investments.
- A record of delivering results across streets, transit, rail and freeway improvements countywide.

Looking ahead to 2026 and beyond, OCTA's commitment to innovation – through technology, sustainability and customer-focused solutions – remains the guiding foundation for how the agency plans, builds and delivers for Orange County.

THE 2025 OCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHED THREE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES TO DELIVER ON ITS MISSION OF KEEPING ORANGE COUNTY MOVING. ▶



DELIVER THE PUBLIC A BALANCED, SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

- In 2025, OCTA advanced major improvements across the countywide transportation network, ensuring it remains reliable, efficient and responsive to the needs of a growing and diverse region.
- As promised to voters through the local Measure M sales tax they approved, the I-5 South County Improvements Project reached completion, delivering new carpool and regular lanes, reconstructed interchanges and enhanced active-transportation connections for 390,000 drivers. Construction progressed on the SR-55, where improvements will provide smoother, more reliable travel for nearly 450,000 drivers each day. OCTA also broke ground on the SR-91 improvements, initiating work on new connectors, bridge upgrades and operational improvements to enhance mobility and travel-time reliability for more than 321,000 drivers.
- OCTA also modernized the transit experience. The launch of the Wave fare payment system established a fully paperless fare system, delivering faster boarding and greater convenience. With more than 300,000 transactions, Wave is delivering real savings for riders by combining pay-as-you-go convenience with fare-capping protections. Additionally, the OC Fair Express delivered nearly 23,000 passenger trips, offering an affordable, family-friendly travel option to one of Orange County's most popular events.

ENSURING ORGANIZATIONAL RESILIENCY THROUGH FISCAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

- OCTA remained focused on safeguarding critical infrastructure and strengthening long-term resiliency. Along the San Clemente coastline, the agency advanced work on a \$310 million effort to protect the LOSSAN rail corridor from coastal erosion to preserve a vital passenger and freight link. The work included a range of near-term stabilization measures, including the delivery of more than 300 truckloads of sand.
- Through Measure M, OCTA continued to invest in water-quality improvements, allocating \$3.1 million for local projects that installed more than 1,400 pollution-control devices. Over the past decade, these efforts have supported 233 projects and recharged more than 157 million gallons of groundwater annually.
- The 91 Express Lanes maintained AA- ratings, reflecting strong fiscal stewardship. OCTA also advanced its transition to zero-emission buses with continued deployment of battery-electric and hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles and renewable-energy infrastructure.

UPHOLD CONTINUED EXCELLENCE, DIVERSITY AND COLLABORATION

- OCTA completed the Ten-Year Review of Measure M, Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation, and the Next 10 Delivery Plan, which sets the roadmap for funding and delivering key freeway, transit and environmental projects over the next decade, reaffirming a long-standing commitment to transparency and strategic delivery.
- Community engagement for Directions 2050, OCTA's long-range plan that evaluates the county's future transportation needs, drew more than 5,500 participants and 2,500 surveys, ensuring diverse voices help shape Orange County's long-term mobility strategy.

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