

## **Meeting of June 12, 2017**

### **Board OKs balanced budget of \$1.2 billion**

A balanced budget of more than \$1.2 billion was approved for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning July 1. The budget reflects OCTA's mission to deliver long-term sustainable transportation solutions for the residents of Orange County.

The Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget encompasses all services, projects and programs that are administered by OCTA. Major initiatives include improving bus service through the OC Bus 360° program, continuing Measure M improvements, including to freeways and the OC Streetcar, and operating the 91 Express Lanes.

Funding allocations for the budget include:

- \$349 million for bus operations
- \$170 million for freeway improvements
- \$156 million for streets and roads improvements
- \$10.6 million for environmental programs

### **The Measure M2 quarterly progress update**

The board received the Measure M quarterly update, which highlighted progress on projects and programs between January and March.

M2 program accomplishments of the third quarter included:

- Notice to Proceed No.1 was issued for the I-405 Improvement Project.
- An environmental document for the SR-55 Improvement Project was prepared for public review.
- A Federal Transportation Administration Risk Assessment Workshop on OC Streetcar was completed.
- The Sand Canyon Grade Separation project was closed out.
- OCTA allocated \$32 million for 13 local agency streets and roads projects.
- The first deposit for the Environmental Mitigation Program endowment took place.
- A call for projects totaling \$3.1 million for the Environmental Cleanup Program was approved.

The complete quarterly update can be found at: [www.octa.net/m2reports](http://www.octa.net/m2reports).

### **Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee Members selected**

Two new members were appointed to the Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee for three-year terms. The other existing 12 members expressed

desire to continue serving on the committee and will continue with another three-year term.

The new members are:

- William T. Hunt, from the Orange County Water District, as the representative of a water or wastewater public entity.
- Marc K. Brown filled the position as the Santa Ana regional Water Quality Control Board representative.

The Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee is made up of 14 members, who make recommendations to the OCTA board on the allocation of revenues for transportation-related water quality programs.

### **Environmental Oversight Committee members are appointed**

The board reappointed 11 members to the Environmental Oversight Committee for three-year terms and one new member was appointed to the committee for a three-year term.

New to the committee is Chris Flynn, representing Caltrans District 12. Flynn is the Deputy District Director for Caltrans District 12, Division of Environmental Analysis.

The Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee is made up of 12 members and makes recommendations to the OCTA board on the allocation of revenues for programmatic mitigation and to monitor implementation.

### **Goals set for Long-Range Transportation Plan**

The board received a presentation on the goals and objectives for the 2018 Long-Range Transportation Plan. OCTA updates the LRTP every four years. The plan provides a visionary blueprint for transportation improvements for Orange County over a 20-year horizon.

In preparation for the 2018 plan, goals and objectives were discussed, along with upcoming and ongoing challenges.

Some key considerations included were:

- Growing traffic and limited land
- Housing costs
- Emerging technologies & services
- New vision for transit
- Challenging emission standards
- Uncertain transportation funding
- Managed lanes

Goals discussed:

- To deliver on commitments to Measure M investments and consistency with the Next 10 Plan.
- Improve system performance such as deploying transit resources in a cost-effective manner, improving efficacy of highways and roadways and lastly leverage of emerging technologies and services.
- Expand system choices by deploying on-demand transit and rideshare options and explore public/private partnerships for new transportation capacity.
- Support sustainability by delivering opportunities to reduce funding uncertainty and explore environmental and emission reduction strategies.

The plan is currently in the outreach and data gathering stages, the updated plan is expected to be finished in summer/fall of 2018.