

Meeting of Nov. 11, 2019

Next 10 Plan Bringing Balanced Transportation Improvements to O.C.

The Orange County Transportation Authority's board of directors adopted the 2019 Measure M2 Next 10 Delivery Plan, reflecting a balanced transportation plan that supports sustainability while making improvements to freeways, streets and transit service throughout the county.

The Next 10 Plan, which sets project and program priorities over a 10-year period through 2026, is intended to ensure OCTA's commitment to Orange County voters, keeping the freeway program moving, continuing to invest in streets and roads, advancing rail and transit options and upholding the Measure M environmental agreement.

The plan was updated in response to a new revenue forecast for Measure M, Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, also known as OC Go. Measure M is expected to generate \$13.4 billion through 2041, an increase of \$300 million compared to last year's sales tax revenue forecast.

The Next 10 delivery plan calls for:

- \$4.3 billion of freeway improvements
- \$1 billion of street improvements
- \$1 billion to enhance access to transit services
- \$40 million in water quality grants to prevent the flow of trash and debris into waterways

Board Receives CEO's Third Quarter Initiatives Update

The OCTA board received a third quarter report of CEO Darrell E. Johnson's initiatives and action plan.

The action plan consists of 10 initiatives, implemented through 73 projects and programs and monitored through 88 milestones for the year. Of the 49 milestones scheduled for completion through the third quarter, 40 have been completed.

Accomplishments in the third quarter include:

- Conceptual alternatives for the Beach Boulevard Corridor Study were presented to the OCTA board. The study – which is considering potential improvements to traffic, public transit and pedestrian and bicycle access along the 21-mile long street – is progressing as planned, with recommendations anticipated to be brought to the board in mid-2020.
- OCTA Chairman Tim Shaw, Vice Chairman Steve Jones, Director Michael Hennessey and OCTA staff met with all three rating agencies in New York to discuss the performance of the 91 Express Lanes, the I-405 Improvement Project and Measure M program. OCTA was well-received at each meeting.

Board Recognizes Management Development Academy Graduates

The OCTA board recognized 17 employees who graduated from the agency's 2019 Management Development Academy, an eight-month career-development program for OCTA's future leaders.

The graduates spent a half-day each month in a leadership training program and completed a final project that required the participants to explore how to become a great manager. Their findings – which were gathered from interviews with OCTA managers, information learned from the program and research – were presented to their peers, managers and OCTA's executive directors.