

## **Meeting of June 27, 2022**

### **OCTA Continues to Fulfill Promises to Voters through Measure M**

The Measure M Taxpayer Oversight Committee has determined for the 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive year that the Measure M transportation investment plan is being delivered as promised to the voters of Orange County.

The Orange County Transportation Authority's board of directors received an update on the oversight committee's annual Measure M public hearing that was held on Tuesday, June 14. The committee unanimously found that OCTA is proceeding in accordance with the Measure M plan, which was renewed by 70% of voters in 2006.

The 11-member Taxpayer Oversight Committee was formed to monitor OCTA's use of Measure M funding, approve all changes to the investment plan and hold annual public hearings on whether OCTA has been proceeding in accordance with the plan.

Measure M, or OC Go, will continue funding balanced and sustainable transportation improvements through 2041 with revenues expected to exceed \$13 billion. The voter-approved funding plan allocates 43% to freeways, 32% to streets, 25% to transit, and includes two environmental programs.

For more information about Measure M or the Taxpayer Oversight Committee, visit [octa.net/TOC](https://octa.net/TOC).

### **Board Recognizes June Employees of the Month**

The OCTA board recognized three employees of the month for June.

The honors went to:

- Francis Laurente, a coach operator who works at the Garden Grove base and started his career at OCTA in 2013. Francis achieved eight years of safe driving last fall and regularly volunteers to work on his days off to help with coach operator shortages.
- Miguel Madrigal, a journeyman mechanic at the Garden Grove base who joined OCTA in 1986. Miguel recently requested that paramedics be called to attend to a coworker who was not feeling well, ensuring that the employee received necessary medical attention.
- Eden Wang, a section manager in the information systems department who started at OCTA as a contractor in 2017. Throughout the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Eden has supported OCTA's remote and hybrid workforce by implementing innovative solutions to automate workflows, reduce the use of paper and increase accessibility to online forms and documents.

### **Board Receives Update on South County Transportation Study**

The OCTA board received an update on a study addressing south Orange County's transportation needs as the area continues to grow with new residents and jobs and as travel patterns evolve.

The study, called the South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study, is looking at a wide range of transportation needs and solutions over the next 25 years, including improvements to streets, bus and other transit options, highways and bikeways.

Since the study's launch in 2020, OCTA has remained engaged with the public, key stakeholders and partner agencies to develop long-term strategies for continuing to improve transportation for South Orange County. Potential solutions that are being analyzed include:

- Improvements to streets, including traffic signal synchronization and upgraded technologies to accommodate for connected and autonomous vehicles
- Improving bottlenecks on I-5
- Offering additional high-frequency transit options
- Continuing to fund programs for cities and communities to operate shuttle services
- Enhancing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure

OCTA will continue working with stakeholders and partner agencies over the next couple of months to develop a locally preferred strategy. The study is scheduled to be completed in August. For more information, visit [octa.net/southOCStudy](https://octa.net/southOCStudy).