

Meeting of Nov. 12, 2024

OCTA Receives Updates on Board and CEO Action Plan

The Orange County Transportation Authority's board received a progress report on the 2024 Board of Directors and CEO Initiatives and Action Plan that guides the agency's efforts throughout the year.

The action plan consists of three board initiatives supported by nine CEO initiatives that are monitored through 107 milestones throughout the year.

Twenty milestones were completed between July 1 and Sept. 30. Those include:

- Awarding a construction contract for OCTA's Transit Security and Operations Center.
- Allocating more than \$42 million in Measure M funding to support 13 local transit projects.
- Approving the purchase of a new property for OCTA's future administrative headquarters.
- Working collaboratively with external agencies to update the initial conceptual solutions in the Coastal Rail Resiliency Study.
- Progressing on the environmental phase of the OC Connect project, which would create a biking and walking trail in the cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana.

OCTA Continuing to Make Biking, Walking Easier in Orange County

The OCTA board received an update on how the agency is actively working to improve safety and support walking and biking throughout Orange County.

OCTA began working on its E-bike Safety Action Plan in summer 2023 due to the growing use of e-bikes throughout the county. The plan includes strategies for improving infrastructure, education and legislation to promote the safe use of e-bikes. The final plan is expected to be available by the end of 2024. More information is available at octa.net/ebikes.

In addition, OCTA has been working with the Orange County Health Care Agency on a Safe Routes to School Program to encourage safe walking and biking to school. These efforts include the Next STEP program, which partners with cities and local police departments to promote walking and bicycling education and evaluating infrastructure needs at 25 eligible public elementary schools across Orange County. For more, visit octa.net/SafeRoutestoSchool.

OCTA is also continuing work on the environmental process of the OC Connect project that would create a 4-mile shared-use path in Garden Grove and Santa Ana. The environmental process is expected to be completed by June 2025. To learn more, visit octa.net/OCConnect.

Board Approves 2024 Next 10 Delivery Plan

The OCTA board approved the 2024 Measure M Next 10 Delivery Plan, which outlines how OCTA will deliver \$5.6 billion in transportation improvements over the next decade as promised to Orange County voters through Measure M.

The updated Next 10 Plan incorporates this year's Measure M forecast. The half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements is expected to generate \$14 billion through 2041.

Highlights from the Next 10 Plan include:

- Completing approximately 90% of the freeway projects included in the Measure M plan by 2030, 10 years ahead of schedule.
- Continuing to fund the preservation of OCTA's open space properties that were purchased through the Environmental Mitigation Program.
- Continuing to support the coordination of traffic signals across more than 2,000 intersections in Orange County to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion.
- Continuing to provide funding to cities and the county for local transportation needs through the Local Fair Share Program, as well as ongoing grants to improve streets through the Regional Capacity Program.
- Completing construction and beginning operations of the OC Streetcar.
- Continuing to provide funding for local transit services, including shuttles and trolleys, as well as offering enhanced mobility options for seniors and people with disabilities.
- Providing ongoing grants to improve water quality throughout Orange County through the Environmental Cleanup Program.

To access the full plan, visit octa.net/Next10.