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Meeting of April 28, 2014

OCTA Board Approves New Contracts with Coach Operators, Maintenance Workers



Teamsters Local 952 members.

The board approved three-year collective bargaining agreements with OCTA coach operators and maintenance employees.

Both of the contracts with Teamsters Local 952 run through 2016 and call for no change in wages for the first year and a 4.5 percent increase in the second and third years, respectively.

OCTA employs 835 coach operators and 185 maintenance workers who are

Teamsters Local 952 members. As a cost-saving measure, the coach operators' contract allows OCTA to increase the amount of bus service that is contracted out to 40 percent, an additional 10 percent above the previous collective bargaining agreement. The maintenance workers' contract puts no limit on subcontracting.

Both agreements include no retroactive pay, no cost-of-living allowances and increased contributions for healthcare coverage. Union employees will receive a one-time signing bonus, ranging from \$1,364 to \$1,925.

Members of Teamsters Local 952 voted over the weekend to ratify the contracts and the OCTA board approved the contracts at its Monday meeting.

Regional Bikeways Planning Continues to Make Progress

The board received an update on OCTA's work with the county, cities, cyclists and other stakeholders to develop a regional bikeways plan to ensure that cycling is a safe and viable option for all kinds of cyclists, whether they bicycle to work or are casual weekend riders.

Since 2009, when OCTA developed a Commuter Bikeways Strategic Plan, OCTA officials have been working in the community to develop a plan that can help local jurisdictions find funding and build better bikeways.

Those efforts have included:



- Meeting with stakeholders to identify and rank potential regional bikeway corridors. In a second phase, top-ranked bike corridors are further defined through more detailed feasibility studies.
- The Bikeways Strategy for District 1 and 2 has been submitted, identifying 11 potential regional bikeway corridors. Once completed, the corridors would make up a network of about 133 miles.
- Planning has helped identify a potential OC Bike Loop in Supervisorial Districts 1, 2 and 4 that leverages existing trails along the San Gabriel River, Coyote Creek and the Santa Ana River. The north and south legs consist of two river-to-river routes that run along the Union Pacific Rail right of way and Pacific Coast Highway.
- A Bike Safety Workshop in Irvine on April 14 attracted more than 60 participants. An active transportation safety campaign with OCTA bus wraps, posters and videos was unveiled.



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- OCTA is reallocating staffing resources to appoint an Active Transportation Coordinator, who will serve as the primary contact on bikeways planning.

Board Receives Update on 57 Improvement Project



The board received an update on the progress of the State Route 57 Improvement Project, which is adding capacity to a freeway that serves as a major connection between Orange County and Los Angeles and the Inland Empire.

The 57 freeway carries about 150,000 vehicles per day and serves as a major truck route.

The project built in two segments – between Orangethorpe Avenue in Placentia and Yorba Linda Boulevard in Fullerton and between Yorba Linda Boulevard and Lambert Road in Brea – is complete and open to traffic.

In all, the project cost \$65 million to build using a mix of funds from Measure M and the state's Prop 1B. It includes:

- A northbound general-purpose lane totaling 5 miles
- 12 ramps realigned and reconstructed
- More than 3 miles of soundwalls
- 30 retaining walls
- Widening of 13 bridges

First Revisions Made to OCTA Strategic Plan

The board approved the first revision of OCTA's Strategic Plan, which clearly lays out the agency's goals and objectives for planning. The 2014 -2019 strategic plan provides a centralized location for information on all of OCTA's programs, projects and budgets. The strategic plan, originally adopted in 2011, is updated every few years to ensure it accurately reflects OCTA's current initiatives.

Sections of The Strategic Plan, 291 pages in all, include:

- Organizational Overview
- Continuing and Emerging Issues
- Integration of Plans
- Mobility
- Public Service
- Fiscal Sustainability
- Stewardship
- Organizational Excellence