

Meeting of April 10, 2017

Board Allocates \$35 Million to Help Alleviate O.C. Traffic

Cities throughout Orange County will receive nearly \$35 million to help ease traffic through Measure M, the county's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

The OCTA board awarded funding for 13 projects to improve and widen busy streets and intersections. Five additional projects will receive funding to synchronize traffic signals to ensure drivers hit the most green lights during rush hours.

A call for projects was issued by OCTA in August 2016 through the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program, making funding available for improving congested streets and to synchronize traffic signals. Project applications were reviewed for eligibility, consistency and adherence to Measure M guidelines.

Along with the county, the cities receiving project funds are Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Irvine, Mission Viejo, Orange, San Clemente and Santa Ana.

Winterbottom Takes Oath of Office

Director Gregory Winterbottom was sworn in after being reappointed to a four-year term as one of two public members on the Orange County Transportation Authority's board.

Winterbottom has been a public member of the board since 1993, serving as chairman in 2004 and again in 2013. He currently serves on the OCTA's Transit Committee and Legislative and Communications Committee.

He represents OCTA on the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, which operates Metrolink, and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, a multi-county agency that reviews proposals for and funds projects that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles within the South Coast Air District.

Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station Improvements Move Forward

The board approved releasing a request for proposals for consultant services to prepare the plans, specifications and estimates for the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station Improvement project.

The \$27.9 million project will construct a second main track and platform, extend the existing platform and improve benches, shade structures and a ticket vending machine. The project will increase the capacity of the station to accommodate additional rail services, as well as enhance train reliability, on-time performance and safety.

Once submitted by firms, applications will be evaluated based on qualifications, staffing and project organization, and work plan. The project is expected to begin construction in October 2019, with completion scheduled for December 2020.