

Meeting of May 11, 2015

Employees of the month honored

The OCTA board recognized three Employees of the Month for May 2015. Resolutions of Appreciation were presented to coach operator Jose Iniguez, senior facilities technician Esteban Ponce and associate human resources representative Alyssa Vanesler.

Board receives report on Transit Division

The board received its regular performance report for the Transit Division for the third quarter of fiscal year 2014-15. The report gauges safety, courtesy, reliability, cost effectiveness and overall quality of public transit services offered by OCTA.

The report focuses on OCTA's directly-operated fixed-route service, contracted fixed-route service and ACCESS service for people with disabilities.

The report shows that most of the standards in the areas of safety, courtesy and reliability were met or exceeded. In addition, on-time performance for all three modes was achieved or exceeded, and operating expenses are coming in under budget.

OCTA Seeks a Designer for the OC Streetcar project

The board approved releasing a request for proposals for design consultant services for the OC Streetcar project.

The OCTA, in coordination with the cities of Santa Ana and Garden Grove, is proposing to build and maintain a 4.15-mile streetcar system running from the Santa Ana Regional Transit Center to Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue in Garden Grove.

The city of Santa Ana has certified the environmental impact report, and the Federal Transit Administration has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact for, the project.

The OC Streetcar will be funded through Measure M and OCTA has received acceptance into the project development phase of the New Starts federal grant program. Ultimately, the \$250 million project could be eligible to receive half of its funding from the New Starts program.

OCTA is seeking a design consultant to develop plans, specifications and estimates to support procurement of design-bid-build construction contracts, and to provide support through the construction phase through Dec. 31, 2019.

Board reviews proposed 2015-16 budget

The board got its first look at the proposed OCTA budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year during a workshop following the board meeting.

Staff presented a balanced \$1.01 billion budget to the board, made up of individual budgets for bus service, streets and roads, freeways, rail and other programs.

Key Measure M projects slated to receive funding during the 2015-16 fiscal year include OC Bridges, the I-405 Improvement Project and the OC Streetcar.

OCTA's committees will review the budget in the coming weeks and it is set to be considered by the board for approval on June 8.