

Meeting of August 25, 2014

M1 Fulfills Promise to Voters, M2 Continues to Make Progress

The quarterly reports for Measure M were reviewed by the board and show that the original Measure M is nearing its closeout and Measure M2 continues to deliver on its promises. The reports reviewed by the board, reflect the current activity and progress of the Measure M projects for April 1 through June 30.

The M1 report showed that remaining fund balances are being finalized, and actions for closing out the program continue. The plan is to use available balances to advance Measure M2 freeway and streets and roads projects, as well as provide funding for Metrolink operations.

During the quarter, more than \$2.1 million in payments were provided for streets and roads projects throughout the county and 15 project phases were closed out.

It is expected that the M1 program will be completed by the end of this calendar year.

Measure M2 also made significant progress over the last quarter with several projects advancing to construction.

Some highlights include:

- All seven of the OC bridges grade separation projects are now either complete or under construction, and a completion event for the Kraemer Boulevard grade separation project was held on July 8.
- Construction on the I-5 between Vista Hermosa and PCH began on July 3.
- All lanes on the Sand Canyon grade separation project were opened to traffic on July 14.
- A first call for projects took place for Safe Transit Stops, which includes \$1.2 million in funding for 51 city-initiated bus stop improvements, and \$370,000 for OCTA-initiated improvements to expand the regional text4next system.
- Construction on the SR-57 northern most segment, from Yorba Linda Boulevard to Lambert Road, was completed on May 2.

To date, there have been four rounds of funding, for a total of 65 projects, and \$161 million allocated for streets and roads projects since Measure M2 officially went into effect in 2011.

Funding Approved for Orange County Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

Orange County bicycle and pedestrian projects will receive \$5.7 million in state funding through the Active Transportation Program and additional projects will be submitted to the Southern California Association of Governments for regional funding.

The California Transportation Commission received 770 applications for active transportation project funding and awarded \$184 million in funding to 126 projects. The projects include Safe Routes to School, non-infrastructure, bicycle and pedestrian projects that benefit disadvantaged communities.

Orange County submitted 62 projects and the state will fund nine. The projects that will receive funding are in Anaheim and Santa Ana, and include seven Safe Routes to School improvement projects, one bicycle infrastructure project and one complete streets plan.

Seven additional projects have been recommended for the SCAG regional call for funding.

Five of the projects prioritized for funding are part of the Orange County Bicycle Loop, including:

- The tracks at Brea, Segment 4
- The tracks at Brea, Segments 2 and 3
- Orange County Bicycle Loop – Segment D
- Union Pacific Rail Line Bikeway
- Orange County Bicycle Loop – Segments F and H

All 16 of the bicycle and pedestrian projects that could be funded provide enhanced safety improvements to bikeways.

OCTA Connects with Orange County Bicyclists

OCTA's bicycle safety campaign is connecting with residents online, in person and on the road.

The \$250,000 board-approved budget for public outreach is being used to target bicyclists, drivers and pedestrians through the [Be Bike Smart](#) website, local television and radio public service announcements, bus ads and community outreach.

The campaign educates and promotes bike safety, supports bikeways planning and raises awareness of the OC Loop.

The Be Bike Smart website has made bike safety fun and engaging for both kids and adults. It has already garnered more than 12,000 views and 1,300 bike safety pledges.

This month, OCTA launched the "I Give 3 Feet" bike safety campaign to educate Orange County residents about the new law requiring drivers to give bikers 3 feet of clearance when passing, which will go into effect on Sept. 16.

Other activities include a bikeways roundtable on Sept. 17 at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. and an OC Loop bike ride on October 25.