Meeting of Nov. 9, 2015

Next step taken in I-405 Improvement Project

The Orange County Transportation Authority board approved the selection of a shortlist of firms for the design and construction of the Interstate 405 Improvement Project.

The \$1.7 billion project, set to begin construction in 2018, includes adding one regular lane in each direction and building express toll lanes from the SR-73 to the I-605.

The shortlisted firms are:

- OC 405 Partners
- Orange County Corridor Constructors
- Shimmick/Tutor-Perini
- Skanska-Flatiron

Selection was made based on qualities including firm experience, past performance and quality management program. The final selection is scheduled to be made in early 2017.

OCTA awareness survey results presented

A survey of 2,000 adult Orange County residents was conducted to gain an understanding of the current attitudes and awareness of OCTA and its services, projects and programs.

The survey found that awareness of OCTA has slightly increased since the last study in 2011. The agency received high marks for its impact on the economy, trust and transportation improvements.

OCTA's programs that ranked the highest included the freeway service patrol and ACCESS paratransit services. Participants said they would like OCTA to prioritize roadway and pothole repairs and signal synchronization projects.

Board receives CEO's third quarter initiatives update

The OCTA board received a third quarter report of CEO Darrell Johnson's initiatives and action plan.

The action plan consists of 15 initiatives, implemented through 59 strategies and monitored through 81 milestones for the year. The milestones all fit into the agency's strategic plan goal areas of mobility, public service, fiscal sustainability, stewardship and organizational excellence.

From July 1 through Sept. 30, 10 of the milestones were completed.

Accomplishments include:

- Completing the Measure M2 10-Year Review
- Completing the I-5/SR-74 interchange improvements

- Establishing an operating agreement for the Pacific Surfliner service between the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency and Amtrak
- Conducting a general bus market survey