

## **Meeting of July 23, 2018**

### **July Employees of the Month Honored**

The Orange County Transportation Authority's board of directors recognized three employees of the month for July.

Resolutions of appreciation were presented to:

- Tammie Sowell, Coach Operator
- Richard Nguyen, Maintenance
- William Gonzalez, Administration

### **Bristol Street Transit Corridor Study to Begin**

WSP USA, Inc. was selected to conduct the Bristol Street Transit Corridor Study, a study that will address existing and future transportation needs along Bristol Street.

In February, OCTA completed OC Transit Vision, a 20-year plan for enhancing and expanding public transit in Orange County. The plan identifies the most promising streets for major transit improvements and Bristol Street was selected as one of the initial segments for study based on its potential to increase OCTA transit ridership.

Bristol Street provides access to several key destinations including Santa Ana College, South Coast Plaza and the South Coast Metro area, and has significant potential to connect to other transit modes, including John Wayne Airport and, trains, buses and OC Streetcar.

The Bristol Street Corridor Study will serve as an initial planning study to evaluate a range of possible transit options and to identify the best option that has local support. Six conceptual alternatives will be developed, and various modes will be considered, including bus, bus rapid transit and rapid streetcar.

The final report will allow OCTA and the cities to consider whether to move forward with one of the alternatives, at which point a formal environmental assessment may be required depending on the selection.

### **Planned Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station Improvements Advance**

Plans for improvements to the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station progressed as the OCTA board released a request for proposals to hire a construction management firm for the project.

The project includes construction of a second main line track and platform, lengthening the existing platform and adding additional ticket vending machines, benches and shade structures. The project will increase the capacity of the station to accommodate additional rail service as well as improve reliability, on-time performance and enhance safety.

The project has been environmentally cleared and 30 percent of the design is complete. Final plans, specifications and estimates are anticipated to be completed in early 2019.

### **OC Go Revenue Forecast Dips**

The OCTA board received an updated Measure M2 sales tax revenue forecast that shows projections slightly dropping from last year's forecast.

Measure M, also known as OC Go, is the county's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements that was renewed by voters in 2006.

MuniServices, which provides OCTA with short-term sales tax forecasts, foresees less revenue than previously anticipated because of the continued shift to online sales and the slower growth of new auto sales and construction. Chapman University, UCLA and Cal State University Fullerton, which provide OCTA with long-term forecasts, also foresee less revenue than previously anticipated because of lower inflation, payroll job growth and population growth, and higher migration outside of Orange County.

The newly forecasted revenue is expected to be \$13.1 billion over the next 30 years, which is a drop from last year's forecast of \$13.5 billion. Projects that were originally promised to voters will continue and the impacts of the decreased revenue will be considered and implemented within OCTA's Comprehensive Business Plan and Measure M planning efforts. The board will receive a finalized forecast report later this year.