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Meeting of January 14, 2013

OCTA Votes on New Board Leadership for 2013



Vice Chairman Greg Winterbottom was unanimously selected as the new chairman of the OCTA Board of Directors. Winterbottom replaces outgoing Chairman Paul Glaab.

Winterbottom brings more than 25 years of experience in transportation issues to the OCTA board, on which he has been a member since 1993, serving as chairman in 2004. In addition to his work on the OCTA board, he is currently chairman of the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC). The MSRC funds projects that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles within the South Coast Air District.



Replacing Winterbottom as vice chairman is Fourth District Supervisor Shawn Nelson, who joined the board in 2010. Nelson previously served as the mayor of Fullerton in 2004-05 and 2006-07.

Board Selects Johnson as Next OCTA Chief Executive Officer



Darrell Johnson, the current deputy CEO of OCTA, was selected by the Board of Directors to become the next Chief Executive Officer. Johnson will replace CEO Will Kempton, who announced his retirement effective Feb. 28 to become the executive director of Transportation California.

Johnson joined OCTA in 2003 and has served as the deputy CEO since 2010. He helps lead OCTA on local, state and national issues related to transportation programs and policies. Johnson also assists the CEO in coordinating all business, operations and management activities among the agency's divisions.

Prior to joining OCTA, Johnson worked at Amtrak for 12 years where he held positions in operations, planning and finance. He also contributed to the development of passenger rail services in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

Board Receives Update on February 2013 Bus Service Change Program

As part of the February 2013 Bus Service Change Program schedules for 28 bus lines will be adjusted. Fifteen of the 28 lines will have adjusted running times and nine will have added service. These schedules are revised to improve connections and on-time performance. Other





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changes in bus routes and schedules may be because of construction projects.

Some service changes include:

Line 29: improved passenger load distribution on weekends by adding four trips each day

Line 51: improved headway from 60 minutes to 40 minutes on Saturdays, adding 12 trips

Line 83: shifted timing of the southbound trip from 8:03 to 7:59 a.m., adding more weekday trips

Each year OCTA implements three service change programs that take place in February, June, and October.

Public information materials, including new bus books, will be distributed to the public prior to the service change. For information on schedule adjustments go to www.octa.net/serviceimprovements.

Board Approves Implementation of Transit System Study Pilot Projects

The board approved the final implementation of three pilot projects that were developed as part of OCTA's Transit System Study to improve efficiency of the bus service. These projects will be monitored and changes may be made based on customer comments and operations analysis.

The three pilot projects include:

- A frequency reduction on Route 43 from Fullerton to Costa Mesa and a limited-stop service on Route 543 from Fullerton to Santa Ana. Harbor Boulevard service changes will begin in June.
- A new intracounty express on Route 273 from Laguna Niguel to Costa Mesa via SR-73. This service change will begin in October.
- A new intercounty express on Route 722 from Santa Ana to Long Beach via SR-22. This service change will begin in February 2014.

Based on public comments from three open house meetings and a public hearing, OCTA will conduct a before and after rider survey on the Harbor Boulevard Route 543 to determine service satisfaction and preferences for any modification; evaluate an added stop on Route 273 at SR-73 on El Toro Road, if it's feasible and funding is available; and for Route 722, OCTA will market service to potential riders on routes 50 and 60.

For more information, go to: www.octa.net/servicechange.