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Chairman Winterbottom Announces Goals for 2013

Newly selected OCTA Chairman Greg Winterbottom unveiled his strategic initiatives for the year ahead, placing the focus on improving transit, rail and bicycle programs and advancing the delivery of Measure M2 projects.

Winterbottom's priorities call for emphasizing community outreach, developing effective funding strategies and creating efficient planning methods to speed up M2 project construction.

The strategic initiatives unveiled by Winterbottom include:

- Advance delivery of the M2020 projects
- Explore new and enhanced transit services
- Improve passenger rail services
- Enhance regional bicycle programs
- Emphasize community outreach and involvement in delivery of M2020 projects
- Strengthen regional partnerships
- Develop effective funding strategies and programs
- Maintain M2 ordinance promise to voters
- Continue to support environmental stewardship and sustainability initiatives
- Refine and update the strategic plan
- Ensure accountability and efficiency in operations
- Advance workforce development and maximize human capital potential

Boards Receives Update on Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program

The Measure M2 Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program was initiated in 2007 and provides funding to obtain land and finance habitat restoration projects to offset impacts of 13 freeway projects.

Since the program development, OCTA has acquired more than 950 acres of open space. Purchased properties include Ferber Ranch, Hafen, Hayashi, O'Neill Oaks and Saddle Creek South. The goals for the program are to provide higher value environmental mitigation and expedite project delivery.



The next steps for the Mitigation Program include:

- Issuing draft conservation plans/environmental documents
- Preparing property management plans
- Obtaining permits from Army Corps of Engineers and water resources boards



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- Awarding restoration grants
- Assessing future funding priorities

In the final stages of completion, the program will be administered through the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan.

Board Honors Employees of the Month



Thomas Ruger was named coach operator of the month for achieving 28 years of safe driving. Ruger maintains an excellent work record and has shown dedication to his job by achieving five consecutive years of perfect attendance. His attention to detail and concern for his customers has earned him respect from his supervisors, fellow operators and passengers.



Herman Carter was named maintenance employee of the month for his motivation, versatility and professionalism. Carter demonstrates a positive attitude and is dedicated to providing extraordinary customer service. Carter is always working to reduce costs by implementing improvement and his attention to detail contributes to his high desire to excel.



Deborah Sanders was named administrative employee of the month for excelling in her duties as a senior desktop support technician. Sanders is dedicated to delivering outstanding customer support and performs her job at the highest level. Her teamwork, positive attitude and exceptional follow-through have earned her recognition for the month of January.