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Meeting of Feb. 11

OCTA Honors Employees of the Year

OCTA recognized the employees of the year for coach operator, maintenance and administrative departments. Each of the employees went above and beyond their duties and demonstrated exceptional skill and professionalism in their daily work.

The 2012 Employees of the Year are Sipriana Farrell, Albert Vailea and Jennifer O'Connor.



Lake Forest resident **Sipriana Farrell** was named coach operator of the year for her excellent driving record, attention to detail and exceptional customer service. Farrell has worked at OCTA for 23 years, currently out of the Santa Ana bus base. She has an excellent attendance record and has achieved 22 years of safe driving. Farrell's dedication to high standards has earned recognition from supervisors and the respect of her peers.



Garden Grove resident **Albert Vailea** was named maintenance employee of the year for his work as a dayshift safety captain and the base representative for wellness. Vailea has worked at OCTA for 21 years and is currently in the Garden Grove maintenance department. His infectious, positive attitude and dedication to his duties have earned him recognition among his peers. Vailea can always be counted on to perform his tasks quickly and correctly, setting a standard of excellence.



Orange resident **Jennifer O'Connor** was named administrative employee of the year for excelling in her duties as a marketing program administrator. O'Connor has worked at OCTA for 10 years in the external affairs division. O'Connor is an exceptional employee and demonstrates the highest level of professionalism and integrity in all of her work promoting bus ridership and helping to coordinate communication with customers.

Board Approves Funding Change For Fullerton Bike Path Project

The board received a progress report on projects that were approved in 2010 as part of the Transportation Enhancement Program. The program is made up of 28 projects, 12 of which have been completed, 11 that are currently under construction and five that have been approved and will be completed by the end of the year.

Some completed projects include:

- The Santa Ana Canyon Multi-Use Trail Project
- The Brookhurst Gateway Project
- The El Toro Road Streetscape Project
- The Bristol Street North Landscape Improvements
- The Seal Beach Boulevard Median Improvements Project



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- The Industrial Way Sidewalk Improvement Project for Euclid Street and Slater Avenue

Several large projects that are currently under construction are the Edison Right-of-Way Bike Path and the 17th Street Landscaped Median.

Measure M2 Quarterly Progress Report

The board received an update on the progress of the M2 Transportation Investment Plan for the period between October and December. The report includes budget and schedule information found in the Capital Action Plan, Local Fair Share and Senior Mobility Program quarterly payments made to cities and total payments from M2 inception to December 2012.

Other highlights from the quarter include:

- The selection of Alternative 1 as the locally preferred alternative for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project.
- The first Community-Based Transit/Circulators 2013 call for projects issued on Dec. 4, for a total of \$28 million.
- The progress of the fixed-guideway projects including the Anaheim Rapid Connection Project.

Board Receives Update on Capital Action Plan Milestone

The board was presented with information regarding the progress of the Capital Action Plan for the 2012-13 second quarter. The update entailed that project delivery is making headway and 13 of the 25 planned projects have been completed.

The OCTA Capital Programs Division looks over project development and delivery of highway, rail, grade separations and facility projects. The eight key delivery milestones include:

- Begin and Complete Environmental
- Begin and Complete Design
- Construction Ready
- Advertise for Construction
- Award Contract
- Construction Complete

The milestones achieved for freeway, grade separation and rail projects include:

- Freeway Projects: The contract for construction of the M2 State Route 91 westbound widening from State Route 57 to Interstate 5 was advertised by Caltrans.
- Grade Separation Projects: Final design was completed on the Raymond Avenue railroad grade separation project, led by the city of Fullerton.



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- Rail and Station Projects: The contract for construction for the San Clemente beach trail railroad crossing safety enhancement project was advertised.

OCTA staff will continue to monitor projects to make sure they are completed on time and within budget.