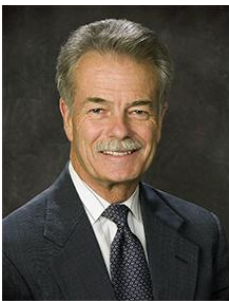




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Meeting of Feb. 25, 2013

Board Honors Chief Executive Officer Will Kempton



The board saluted Will Kempton for his dedication throughout his time in office as OCTA's Chief Executive Officer. Kempton has served as CEO for OCTA since August 2009 and during this time he oversaw 1,500 employees and a \$1.1 billion annual budget.

Kempton has worked in transportation and public service for nearly 40 years. He has successfully lead OCTA out of the worst economic period in agency history and is known for his results-oriented leadership style and his consensus approach to problem solving. Kempton has helped to enhance the quality of life for Orange County residents.

Board Approves Start of Construction for the Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive Railroad Grade Separation Project

The OCTA board approved an agreement for construction of the Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive railroad grade separation project. The \$28 million project will elevate Tustin Avenue and Rose Drive so cars will no longer have to wait at the rail crossing.

USS Cal Builders, Inc was the successful low bidder for the project, which will be funded through the state's Proposition 1B and Measure M2.

The project is part of the OC Bridges program, which is separating the railroad from local traffic along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad corridor through north Orange County.



Water Quality Improvements on the Way Thanks to Measure M2



The board approved spending \$12.7 million for eight projects that will improve water quality throughout the county as part of the Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program.

OCTA's Environmental Cleanup Program provides funds from Measure M2 to improve water quality in Orange County from pollution caused by transportation.

Based on the board-approved criteria, eight projects were approved for funding. The projects include:



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- The Tustin Legacy Detention Basin and Wetlands Project in Tustin
- The Oso Creek Multi-Use Trails **in Laguna Niguel**
- Carnation Avenue Litter Removal Project in Newport Beach
- Peters Canyon Wash Water Capture and Reuse Pipeline in Irvine
- Brookhurst Street “South” Widening and Storm Swale Project in Anaheim
- San Juan Creek Trash Removal & Dry Weather Diversion in Dana Point
- Santa Ana Delhi Channel Diversion Project in Santa Ana
- Industrial Way Water Quality and Storm Drain Improvement Project in Costa Mesa

Over the next 30 years, approximately \$300 million will be provided to improve water quality and reduce pollutants that lead to waterways.

Board Honors Employees of the Month



Lawrence Ernst was named coach operator of the month for his dedication and quality performance record. Ernst has demonstrated a high level of integrity and has performed his duties in a safe, courteous and reliable manner. He handles himself well in high-stress situations and is respected by his supervisors, peers and passengers.



Maichou Lo was named maintenance employee of the month for her innovative contributions, service and commitment. Lo is a detail-oriented worker and always displays a positive attitude. Lo’s dedication to her duties, desire to excel and great attitude makes her an exceptional employee.



Jerry DeJong was named administrative employee of the month for his high level of professionalism and integrity in his position as assistant base manager. His outstanding job of managing and providing quality customer service to the Anaheim Transportation Network has made him a valuable resource. DeJong is a team player who demonstrates exceptional attention to detail and portrays great leadership.