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Meeting of March 14, 2011

Measure M Delivers \$4 Billion In Transportation Projects

Measure M, the 20-year half-cent transportation sales tax, is set to expire on March 31 and has delivered more than \$4 billion in transportation improvements for the county.

A 2009 traffic report indicated a 10 percent improvement in intersection congestion since 1992, despite a 32 percent population growth.

Measure M delivered all promised projects and programs, including:

- Adding 192 freeway lane miles
- Improving 170 intersection and 38 freeway interchanges
- Providing \$600 million to local agencies
- Implementing Metrolink service in Orange County
- Stabilizing transit fares for seniors and people with disabilities

The board voted to designate the remaining Measure M freeway funds for use on the Orange Freeway (SR-57) widening and the San Diego Freeway (I-5) improvement project between Avenida Pico and Pacific Coast Highway.

The \$86 million in unspent Measure M transit funds will be used for Metrolink service operating costs, while the remaining \$10 million of streets and roads funds will be allocated to local agencies through a call for projects, which is currently under way.

Capital Programs Division Meets Metrics for Second Quarter



OCTA's capital programs division presented a set of performance metrics to the OCTA board that report on capital project delivery and Metrolink rail ridership.

The dashboard of metrics are now available on [OCTA's website](#) for the public, along with those from OCTA's transit and external affairs division.

The capital programs division is responsible for delivery of highway, rail, railroad grade separation projects and facility improvements from the environmental phase through construction completion.

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The following are key milestones achieved during the second quarter:

- Construction completed on the Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) Gateway project
- Construction completed on the Riverside Freeway (SR-91) eastbound lane addition
- Both segments of the West County Connectors project began construction
- A construction contract was awarded for the Sand Canyon Avenue railroad crossing separation project
- Design was completed for the Kraemer Avenue and Placentia Avenue railroad crossing separation projects
- A quiet zone ordinance was established in Orange
- Construction began on the Tustin Metrolink Station parking structure
- Design was completed on the Placentia Metrolink Station

Parking Expansion Moves Forward At Laguna Niguel / Mission Viejo Metrolink Station

The board voted to continue working with the cities of Laguna Niguel and Mission Viejo to add additional surface parking at the Laguna Niguel / Mission Viejo Metrolink Station and develop a long-term plan for future parking demands.

A significant growth in ridership at the Laguna Niguel Mission Viejo Metrolink Station is anticipated requiring 1,000 parking spaces by 2030.



Currently, the station houses 300 parking spaces and this project will add 184 additional parking spaces. OCTA and the cities will continue working on a long-term solution to accommodate the anticipated 1,000-space parking demand.