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### Meeting of March 25, 2013

## **MV Transportation Awarded ACCESS Paratransit Contract**



The board awarded a contract to MV Transportation to operate OCTA's ACCESS paratransit service beginning in July.

The \$157.7 million agreement is for an initial four-year term, with two two-year option terms. MV's overall cost for the initial contract term was \$18.5 million below the existing provider Veolia Transportation.

With Veolia's contract expiring June 30,

OCTA conducted a competitive procurement for the service.

More than 30,000 people have ACCESS eligibility and approximately half of those utilize the service on a regular basis, between four and seven days per week.

## **Audit Shows Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program On Track**



An external audit showed the Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program is being implemented in compliance with all regulations and is being delivered as promised.

The performance review ensures OCTA has adhered to M2 Ordinance policies involving property appraisal, acquisition and maintenance. The audit found the program is well managed by OCTA and will be able to adequately fund future mitigation activities.

The M2 Environmental Freeway Mitigation Program, a comprehensive plan to preserve and restore open space

throughout the county will fund \$300 million in projects during the next 30 years and expedite permitting for 13 freeway projects. For more information regarding OCTA's environmental program, visit www.octa.net/environmental.



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### **OCTA Prepares For Higher Transit Demand In Times Of Rising Fuel Costs**



OCTA staff provided the board with an update on its Fuel Crisis Contingency Plan, outlining recommended actions in of the event of a rapid increase in passengers because of rising gas prices. Revisions to the plan include adding up to 68 surplus Metrolink railcars to selected trains and allowing increased passenger loads on buses.

The plan takes into account numerous elements, including:

- Allowing increased passenger loads on transit services
- Promoting alternative travel modes and work plans throughout the region
- Monitoring service capacity
- Reactivating the multi-disciplinary Fuel Crisis Task Force
- Adding service into the system including vanpools and express buses

To ensure the Fuel Crisis Contingency Plan remains current, OCTA continually monitors ridership trends that may suggest the need for additional capacity.

#### **Board Recognizes Employees of the Month**



Curtis Mc Cray was named coach operator of the month for achieving eight years of safe driving. He has received numerous customer compliments and maintained an excellent attendance record. Mc Cray also is a member of the award-winning Santa Ana Bus Roadeo team. He maintains a positive attitude and performs his duties in a professional and reliable manner.



Edward Macias, a certified mechanic at the Garden Grove Bus Base, was recognized as maintenance employee of the month for ensuring the safety and reliability of buses. Macias has done an outstanding job of overseeing various maintenance projects, including preparing buses for OCTA's annual Stuff-a-Bus toy drive.



Matthew DesRosier was selected as administrative employee of the month for excelling in his duties as the health, safety and environmental compliance department manager. DesRosier displays outstanding



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leadership and oversees all aspects in OCTA's safety programs and health and wellness initiatives, garnering accolades within the industry.

## **Board Honors Sheriff's Department Employee of the Quarter**



Deputy Robert Toyer was honored as the Sheriff's Department employee of the quarter. Deputy Toyer, a 23-year department veteran, is currently assigned to the Right of Way team concentrating on trespass enforcement regulations, public disturbance and drug and alcohol violations. He is a leader in Transit Police Services and works diligently to ensure OCTA is one of the safest public transportation systems in the country.

# **Board Honors Freeway Service Patrol Operator of the Year**



Victor Puerto was honored as the Freeway Service Patrol operator for 2012. Puerto, who works along the West County Connectors project area, has demonstrated a high level of integrity and a strong work ethic in providing exceptional service to Orange County motorists. In 2012, he received 138 customer compliments.