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## Meeting of March 26, 2012

### Bikeways Strategy Increases Connectivity Between Destinations

Following the completion of the Fourth District Bikeways pilot project, the board has identified potential bikeways and an implementation plan for north Orange County.

The top three ranking transit corridors in the Fourth District were prioritized based on bike activity, public input, agency support, ease of implementation and safety.

The corridors include:

- Brea Mall to California State University, Fullerton to Santa Ana River Trail
- Santa Ana River to Coyote Creek Trail
- Union Pacific right-of-way trail

The plan includes easy-to-implement strategies for the cities to complete, including use of existing trails for bike lanes and adding striping /additional bike lanes to streets. OCTA would also like to partner with the local jurisdictions in a joint pursuit of grant funding to make building bikeways through the top three ranking transit corridors possible.

The Fourth District Bikeways Strategy seeks to improve bike paths along 100 miles of roadway in north Orange County. It aims to provide increased connectivity between major employment centers, transit stations, colleges and universities. Building on the success of the Fourth District Bikeways Strategy as a pilot project, OCTA will expand efforts in other areas in Orange County through the new Orange County Bikeways Program.

### CEO Gives Year-End Report

CEO Will Kempton gave his final report on his 2011 Action Plan, focusing on OCTA's major accomplishments for the year.

Highlighting the plan, Kempton announced the completion of 41 out of 48 strategies for achieving his 12 major goals. The remaining seven strategies will carry over into the 2012 Action Plan.

Major accomplishments of 2011 include:

- Signal synchronization: Ten signal synchronization projects were completed covering 180 miles of roadway and 702 signals.
- Transit System Study: OCTA completed a comprehensive study designed to



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find efficient, cost-effective and sustainable ways to operate transit services in Orange County.

- Tustin Metrolink station: The Tustin Metrolink station parking structure opened in October 2011 with 823 parking spaces. Measure M2 contributed \$8.25 million to the project with an additional \$9.35 million in state funding.
- Angels Express: The Angels Express was introduced, providing Metrolink train service for home baseball games at Angels Stadium to 20,613 passengers.
- Breaking Down Barriers: Congressman Gary Miller introduced the Breaking Down Barriers Act outlining \$35 billion in annual funding for transportation projects. The Breaking Down Barriers initiative aims to break down technical barriers slowing a project down, speeding up the implementation process.
- Freeway Mitigation Funds: Five properties totaling 945 acres of wilderness habitat have been preserved through OCTA's Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program. The program protects the county's natural resources while adhering to the promise made to voters to implement 13 freeway projects as part of Measure M2.

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



Deputy Edgar Olivia has been with the Orange County Sheriff's Department for 18 years. During his time with Transit Police Services, Deputy Olivia has been a team player, eagerly accepting any assignment. His strong work ethic, professional demeanor, maturity and experience have made him a frequent choice for supervisors to select for special assignments.

### Board Honors Employees of the Month



Sipriana Farrell was named coach operator of the month for her excellent driving record, attention to detail and exceptional customer service. Farrell has achieved 22 years of safe driving and an excellent attendance record. Her dedication to high standards has earned recognition from supervisors and the respect of her peers.

Tri Tran was named maintenance employee of the month. Tran is a highly skilled facilities technician for OCTA's Transit Division. His quality repair work on equipment supporting the bases and terminals have made him a valuable asset to the maintenance team. Tran works closely with his supervisor to ensure the goals and objectives of the department are always met.





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Michael Jackson was named administrative employee of the month for his expertise as field administrator for the Community Transportation Services Department. Jackson demonstrates the highest level of customer service and professionalism on the job. His oversight of the on-board surveillance system on ACCESS and fixed-route buses has greatly contributed to high-quality customer service.

