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## Meeting of April 9, 2012

### Additional Federal Funding Identified for Rail Projects

Additional federal and state funding has been identified for use on Orange County rail projects. The federal funding replaces Measure M and M2 dollars to be preserved for future Metrolink projects.

Funding includes:

- \$20.7 million in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding to be used for:
  - Laguna Niguel to San Juan Capistrano Passing Siding (\$14.7 million)
  - Control Point at 4th Street in the City of Santa Ana (\$4 million)
  - Slope Stabilization from Laguna Niguel to Lake Forest (\$2 million)
- \$13.7 million in FTA funding to be used toward the Orange Transportation Center Parking Structure
- \$10.8 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding for:
  - Anaheim Canyon Station (\$8 million)
  - Laguna Niguel Station Improvements (\$2.8 million)
- \$1.6 million in unprogrammed Southern California Regional Rail Authority funding for the Orange Transportation Center Parking Structure for service enhancements



Changes are being made to accommodate the OC Bridges program. Rail projects previously funded with Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) funds will be used on the OC Bridges projects.

### Adjustments Made to OC Bridges Funding

As a result of additional federal dollars, the funding plan has been adjusted for the Orangethorpe Corridor grade separation projects. The overall program cost has not changed, but the money has been shifted to maximize dollars.

Changes include:

- Reduce the city of Fullerton's contribution from \$10.6 million to \$4.9 million
- Increase Burlington Northern Santa Fe funding to \$8.8 million because of federal requirements
- Increase Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) funding by \$34.9 million

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- Decrease Trade Corridor Improvement funds by \$8.6 million
- Decrease Regional Service Transportation Program and Congestion Management and Air Quality funding by \$29.5 million

### County of Orange to Maintain M2 Environmental Mitigation Property



OCTA awarded a two-year contract to the County of Orange Parks Department for upkeep of the O'Neill Oaks property, purchased as part of the M2 Freeway Environmental Program.

The county will be responsible for maintaining the biological resources of the property including the removal of trash, maintenance of trails and fences, adding and maintaining signage and patrolling the area.

The O'Neill Oaks property is northwest of Rancho Santa Margarita in Trabuco Canyon, occupying 119 acres.

The county will manage the property for two years, with a third year option, until a permanent land manager is identified after completion of the Natural Community Conservation Plan / Habitat Conservation Plan.

Working closely with the environmental community, OCTA is purchasing open space as part of the M2 Freeway Environmental Program. The program advances the environmental permitting process for 13 freeway improvement projects to save taxpayer dollars and speed up project delivery.