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## Meeting of May 24, 2013

### OCTA Roadeo Team Places Third at Grand Championship



The OCTA 2013 International Bus Roadeo Maintenance Team placed third out of 32 teams in this year's American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Grand Championship.

The competition took place on May 4 and 5 in Indianapolis and included 32 maintenance teams, 50 coach operators and 31 agencies. This is the first time an OCTA team has finished in the top three at the International Roadeo.

OCTA's included three mechanics and one coach operator. Awards were based on a combination of coach operator and maintenance scores. The maintenance team, including Ernie Booe, Pat Courchaine and Ray Consiglio, placed first in both the written test and air conditioning (HVAC) test, for an overall second-place finish in the maintenance competition. OCTA coach operator, Darvy Traylor, placed seventh in the coach operator skills competition and qualified for the customer service competition.

### Board Receives Update on June 2013 Bus Service Change Program

As part of the June 2013 Bus Service Change Program schedules for 23 bus lines will be adjusted. Twelve of the 23 lines will have trip adjustments, nine will have new schedules and adjusted running times and two will run on summer schedules. These schedules are revised to improve connections and on-time performance. Other changes in bus routes and schedules may be due to construction projects and new service initiatives.



The June program will also include changes because of summer beach travel, the OC Fair Express and the implementation of Bravo! Route 543.

Some service changes include:

- Line 38: rerouted to include service to Savi Ranch
- Lines 1 and 71: implemented summer schedule on weekdays
- Line 480: running time adjustment to improve on time performance and passenger loads

Each year OCTA implements three service change programs that take place in February, June, and October.



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Public information materials, including new bus books, will be distributed to the public prior to the service change. For information on schedule adjustments go to [www.octa.net/servicechange](http://www.octa.net/servicechange).

### **Measure M2 Quarterly Progress Report**

The board received an update on the progress of the Measure M2 Transportation Investment Plan for the period between January through March.

Highlights from the quarter include:

- A six-mile westbound and eastbound general-purpose lane was added on the 91 Freeway through Anaheim and Yorba Linda.
- In February, construction began to reconstruct the Ortega Highway (SR-74) interchange on the San Diego Freeway (I-5) in order to improve traffic flow.
- The board approved \$12.71 million to fund eight Environmental Cleanup projects
- The first Community-based Transit Circulators call for projects was completed in March and five project applications were received. Those projects are currently under review to determine eligibility.
- Final funding recommendations for the Regional Capacity Program and Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program were presented to the Technical Advisory Committee and were brought to the board in April.

Overall, Measure M2 is progressing well and projects continue to be on schedule.

### **CEO Meets First Quarter Goals**

CEO Darrell Johnson provided the board with a first quarter progress report on the 2013 Chief Executive Officer Action Plan, which outlines his initiatives for the year.

The following are some first quarter milestones that were completed:

- Compliance findings from the Taxpayers Oversight Committee were delivered and OCTA was found in compliance
- MV Transportation, Inc. was awarded with a four year contract to be the new ACCESS service provider
- A construction contract was awarded by Caltrans to C.C. Myers for project improvements on SR-91

Major accomplishments in the areas of public service, fiscal sustainability, stewardship and organizational excellence included the implementation of the first Transit System Study Pilot Project and 28 bus line adjustments for the February 2013 Bus Service Change Program.

### **Board Honors Employees of the Month**



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Harry Marshall was named coach operator of the month for achieving 34 years of safe driving. Marshall maintains an excellent performance record and is an active member of the accident reduction team. His dedication and willingness to make customer safety a priority has earned him respect from his supervisors, fellow operators and passengers.

Jayson Rodriguez was named maintenance employee of the month for his integrity and dedication as a facilities technician. Rodriguez is a dependable employee who upholds a perfect attendance record. He has a high level of technical knowledge and is relied upon daily to solve problems. Rodriguez is a motivated employee who shows outstanding professionalism and versatility in all job aspects.

Reem Hashem was named administrative employee of the month for excelling in her duties as a principal contracts administrator. Hashem's superior work has helped secure more than \$19 million in savings for Orange County transportation projects. Her positive outlook, can-do-spirit and hard work have earned her recognition