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## Meeting of May 25, 2012

### Staff Shares Update on I-405 Freeway Improvement Project

OCTA staff members shared with the OCTA board of directors an update on progress for the San Diego Freeway (I-405), one of the most congested freeways in the county. Board members previewed information that will be presented at the four public hearings in June and to other stakeholders throughout Orange County.

The presentation highlighted the need for improvements to the I-405. The freeway carries more than 300,000 vehicle trips in some areas each day and traffic volumes are expected to increase approximately 35 percent by 2040. Caltrans and OCTA are proposing to widen the freeway to improve travel conditions for commuters.

The staff presentation outlined information about the draft environmental impact report/draft environmental impact statement (DEIR/DEIS) that was released May 18. The DEIR/DEIS contains details about one no-build alternative and three build alternatives for widening the I-405 between the Corona Del Mar Freeway (SR-73) and the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605). The build alternatives include adding one general purpose lane in each direction, adding two general purpose lanes in each direction and adding one general purpose lane and one toll lane in each direction that will be managed together with the existing carpool lane to create an express facility.

Because of numerous questions from the public regarding the alternatives, OCTA staff and its consultant created two videos providing information about each alternative. The videos also have been posted on the [OCTA website](#).

OCTA and Caltrans invite residents and commuters to a series of public hearings to learn about the project and provide comments on the draft environmental document.

The following public hearings are scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. and will include a project presentation:

- **Monday, June 4** at the Orange Coast College Student Center, 2701 Fairview Road in Costa Mesa
- **Wednesday, June 6** at the Westminster Community Services Facility, 8200 Westminster Ave. in Westminster
- **Thursday, June 7** at Rush Park Auditorium, 3021 Blume Drive in Rossmore
- **Thursday, June 14** at the Fountain Valley Senior Center, 17967 Bushard St. in Fountain Valley

For more information, visit [www.octa.net/405improvement](http://www.octa.net/405improvement).

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## Board Honors Outgoing Board Member Cindy Quon After 35-Year Transportation Career

The board recognized the contribution of Caltrans District 12 Director Cindy Quon, who retired Wednesday, May 30. Quon also was an ex-officio member of the OCTA board.

OCTA Chairman and Laguna Niguel Mayor Paul Glaab presented the transportation veteran with a proclamation from the OCTA board. Shawn Nelson, an OCTA director and vice chairman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, also recognized Quon with a proclamation of appreciation for her contribution to Orange County.



During her tenure at the Caltrans leadership helm, Quon and her team worked closely with OCTA to deliver large-scale infrastructure improvement projects such as the San Diego Freeway (I-405) / Costa Mesa Freeway (SR-55) connector, Garden Grove Freeway (SR-22) widening, the Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) Gateway project, Riverside Freeway (SR-91) widening and Imperial Highway grade separation project.

Caltrans has appointed Brent Green as the acting district director. Green also will serve as the interim ex-officio member of the OCTA Board of Directors.

## Board Honors Employees of the Month



Sarah Swensson was named administrative employee of the month in April for her outstanding work as senior community relations specialist. Swensson was the outreach project manager for the Railroad Crossing Safety Enhancement program and provided cost-effective communications and outreach throughout the duration of the program. She has worked diligently on a rail safety outreach program that has garnered both regional and national attention in targeting 5,000 students, 1,000 Boy Scouts, news media and thousands of community members.



Pietro Mallozzi was named coach operator of the month after achieving eight years of safe driving. Mallozzi has demonstrated his integrity by maintaining an exemplary performance record. His commitment to his job and dedication to putting customers first have earned him recognition.



Albert Vailea was named maintenance employee of the month for his work as dayshift safety captain and the base representative for wellness. Vailea's infectious, positive attitude and dedication to his duties have earned him recognition among his peers. Vailea can always be counted on to perform his tasks quickly and correctly, setting a standard of excellence.



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Charlie Larwood was named administrative employee of the month for May. Larwood has performed at the highest level of excellence as transportation planning manager, working diligently on the Fourth District Bikeways Collaborative to develop a plan for biking improvements in northern Orange County. His organizational and communication skills have been an asset to developing Orange County's planning projects.