

Meeting of June 11, 2018

Board Approves \$1.3 Billion Balanced Budget

The Orange County Transportation Authority board approved a budget of 1.3 Billion for fiscal year 2018-19. This balanced budget is a result of OCTA's mission to deliver innovative, long-term sustainable transportation solutions for the residents of Orange County.

The budget will go into effect July 1 including major initiatives such as advancing the I-405 Improvement Project, progressing on the OC Streetcar, launching the OC Flex on-demand shuttle pilot, and enhancing bus service through the OC Bus 360° program.

A breakdown of the budget includes:

- \$ 290 million for bus operations
- \$ 286 million for freeway improvements
- \$ 171 million for streets and roads improvements
- \$ 101 million for rail services and capital improvements.

Measure M2 Quarterly Progress Report Given

The board received a progress report given on Measure M2 projects and programs within the period of January 2018 through March 2018.

M2 program accomplishments of the third quarter included:

- All three segments of I-5 between Avenida Pico and San Juan Creek Road widening project were opened
- Construction activities started on the I-405 Improvement project between SR-73 and I-605
- An agreement was made with Siemens Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$51.5 million, for the purchase of vehicles for OC Streetcar

The complete quarterly update can be found at: www.octa.net/m2reports.

Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Approved

Cities throughout Orange County will receive more than \$40 million to help ease traffic through Measure M, the county's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, also known as OC Go.

The board awarded funding for 11 projects to improve and widen busy streets and intersections. Six additional projects will receive funding to synchronize traffic signals to ensure drivers hit the most green lights during rush hours.

Since Measure M was renewed by voters in 2006, more than \$345 million in competitive funding has been awarded to make Orange County streets and roads better. That's in addition to another \$325 million in formula funding.

The most recent call for projects was issued by OCTA in August 2017 through the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program, making funding available on a competitive basis for projects that will improve congested streets and synchronize traffic signals.

Project applications were reviewed for eligibility, consistency and adherence to Measure M guidelines.

The cities receiving project funds include: Anaheim, Brea, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, Santa Ana and Yorba Linda.

Regional capacity projects include:

- Improving Warner Avenue from Standard to Grand avenues and from Main to Oak streets in Santa Ana
- Widening University Drive from Ridgeline Drive to Interstate 405 in Irvine
- Widening Yorba Linda Boulevard from La Palma Avenue to Santa Ana Canyon Road in Yorba Linda.
- Improving the interchange at Lambert Road and the SR-57 freeway.

Signal synchronization projects include:

- Orangethorpe Avenue Corridor in Fullerton
- Katella Avenue/Villa Park/Santiago Canyon corridor in Anaheim
- Garden Grove Boulevard in Garden Grove.

In addition to the local funds, OCTA secured an additional \$6.8 million from the state through the SB1 gas tax, to provide additional funding for several of the signal synchronization projects.

New Members Chosen for Taxpayer Oversight Committee

Four new members were appointed to be a part of the 11-member, Measure M Taxpayer Oversight Committee. The committee members represent each of the five Orange County supervisorial districts and have been meeting regularly since 1990.

The committee is responsible for overseeing the implementation of transportation improvements, provided through Measure M.

With the recruitment process complete, a lottery was held to fill the first, second, fourth and fifth supervisorial district positions, along with alternates.

The following people were selected for the TOC:

- Dale Soeffner from Garden Grove in the first district
- Mark Kizzar from Huntington Beach in the second district
- Larry Lang from Fullerton in the fourth district
- Neeki Moatazedi from Lake forest in the fifth district

The member recruitment is handled by a five-member panel of the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County. The four new members will begin their terms in July and will serve a three-year term.

Citizens Advisory Committee members selected

The Citizens Advisory Committee consists of 34 members, who serve two-year terms and are selected by OCTA board members. Committee members can serve unlimited terms and play a vital role in OCTA's efforts to incorporate public feedback into the agency's transportation decision-making process.

CAC members provide input on transportation projects, programs, services and outreach activities. The CAC also has a Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee, which meets quarterly to discuss items related to active transportation.

Four new members joined the committee including, Randy Styner of Garden Grove, Lisandro Orozco of Santa Ana, Damon Tordini of Santa Ana, Nick Polichetti of Placentia, Kellie Aamody of Laguna Niguel and Victoria Michaels of Anaheim.