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**Meeting of June 24, 2013**

**Board Approves Funding for Six New Transit Projects**

The board approved \$9.8 million to fund six new services that will expand the reach of transit for Orange County residents.

Funded by Measure M, the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, the money will allow cities to operate year-round, seasonal or special event services that complement OCTA's regional bus and rail systems.

Based on the board-approved criteria, six projects were awarded funding, which include:

City	Amount	Service
Dana Point	\$2,456,511	A summer weekend trolley system along Pacific Coast Highway, a summer weekend harbor shuttle and special event shuttles including service during the Festival of the Whales
Huntington Beach	\$93,287	Special event shuttle services for the Fourth of July and U.S. Open Surfing Competition
La Habra	\$3,434,600	Year-round service within local communities with stops at St. Jude Hospital and the Fullerton Transportation Center
Laguna Beach	\$3,612,360	Expanded festival seasonal service and a new off-season trolley service during the spring and winter months
Lake Forest	\$74,844	Station van service from the Irvine train station to Oakley
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**Board Honors Outgoing TOC Committee Members and Welcomes New**



The board honored outgoing members of the Taxpayers' Oversight Committee from the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth districts. In addition, new members were selected to fill the four open positions.

The independent, 11-member oversight committee is selected by the Orange County Grand Jurors' Association, and was formed to monitor OCTA's use of Measure M funding.

New members include:

- From the First District, Zachary Gutierrez of Garden Grove replaces Richard Egan representing Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Westminster, portions of Fountain Valley and the unincorporated community of Midway City.



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- From the Third District, Terre Duensing of Orange replaces Dowling Tsai in representing Anaheim Hills, Irvine, Orange, Tustin, Villa Park and Yorba Linda.
- From the Fourth District, Cynthia Hall of Anaheim replaces John Stammen in representing Anaheim (excluding Anaheim Hills), Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra and Placentia.
- From the Fifth District, Nilima Gupta of Lake Forest replaces Elliott “Tony” Rouff in representing Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano and the unincorporated areas of Coto de Caza, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores and Wagon Wheel.

Under Measure M, hundreds of local projects that impact residents every day have been completed, including improvements to nearly every freeway in the county, widening streets, signal coordination and intersection improvements. Measure M also made possible Metrolink commuter-rail service in Orange County.

For more information about the Taxpayers’ Oversight Committee or Measure M, visit [www.octa.net/M2TOC](http://www.octa.net/M2TOC).

### **Board Receives Update on ACCESS Service Transition**

MV Transportation will begin operating OCTA’s ACCESS paratransit service on July 1. OCTA, MV and Veolia, OCTA’s current provider, have been working together in order to provide riders with a smooth and efficient contract transition.

MV Transportation’s contract was approved on March 25 with a \$157.7 million agreement for a four-year term, with two two-year option terms.



Top priorities during the transition include:

- Retaining the existing staff who are familiar with ACCESS operations
- Communicating with ACCESS customers and stakeholder agencies
- Maintaining OCTA’s current ACCESS vehicles

OCTA has been monitoring performance to certify service quality is maintained throughout the transition process. Performance metrics and status reports on service transition will be presented to the board in August.