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## Meeting of June 27, 2011

### 2010 Regional Capacity Call For Projects Award

Orange County streets will see an influx of \$56 million after the board voted to fund dozens of improvement projects through voter-approved Measure M2.

The funds are going toward widening major streets, adding turning lanes, improving intersections, enhancing freeway on-ramps and off-ramps and increasing bike lanes. Combined with the local agency matching funds, the total investment will result in more than \$107 million in improvements.



Through Measure M2, the competitive Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program will facilitate 46 projects throughout the county. Applications were reviewed for eligibility, consistency and adherence to guidelines and program objectives. There were 64 applications received from 22 different agencies.

Measure M2 is Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements and was approved by 70 percent of voters in 2006. The program officially went into effect April 1 and is expected to bring in approximately \$15 billion during the next 30 years.

### Committee Members Selected For Oversight Of Measure M Funds

Howard Mirowitz and Merrill Holbrook were selected to serve on the Taxpayers Oversight Committee, representing the second and third supervisorial districts, respectively.

The Taxpayers Oversight Committee (TOC), which ensures taxpayers' dollars deliver on promises made through Measure M, was established by voters in 1990 and again in 2006 with the renewal of the half-cent sales tax. The committee is comprised of two representatives from each of the five districts. The elected auditor-controller also serves as chair of the TOC, bringing total membership to 11.

Those interested in joining the committee were able to apply for the position, and then went through an interview process with the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County. There were 58 applicants for the two seats.

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## OCTA Rodeo Team Places 10<sup>th</sup>

The OCTA 2011 International Bus Rodeo Team placed 10th out of 25 teams in this year's competition taking place in Memphis, Tenn.

Raj Patel came in 21st out of 39 in the Coach Operator category, while the maintenance team of Ray Consiglio, Ernie Booe and Anders Holst came in 7th out of 27 teams.

Additionally, the maintenance team took home the award for top score, 100 percent, in the Written Test event. This is the first time in the history of the Rodeo that any maintenance team has had a perfect score.

During the competitions, excellence and professionalism are encouraged as bus operators and maintenance teams vie in separate events involving safe driving skills and maintenance disciplines. Awards are given in each practice area and there is an overall grand prize for the highest combined score.



From the left: Ernie Booe, Anders Holst, Ray Consiglio, from Santa Ana Base, and Frank Scholl, Maintenance Trainer



Coach Operator Raj Patel from Anaheim Base

## Board Honors Employees Of The Month

Coach operator of the month, Ignacio Cuica, was recognized for 10 years of safe driving and a perfect attendance record. Cuica is known among his peers for always "Putting Customers First."



Maintenance employee of the month, Anh Truong, demonstrates excellence in his troubleshooting skills. Going above the call of duty, Truong's work is always timely and of the highest quality.





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Administrative employee of the month Manny Leon is the senior government relations representative for OCTA, showing a wide range of expertise in state budget issues.



### OCTA Recognizes Sheriff Department Employee



Deputy Chuck Ivec was selected Transit Police Services employee of the quarter. Described as dependable and well respected, Ivec is part of the Fixed Route Enforcement Team, communicating with both coach operators and customers to monitor safety and security. Also a member of the VIPR Team, Ivec helps to deter and disrupt terrorist activity on local transit systems.