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## Meeting of July 8, 2013

### Chairman Highlights Progress on 2013 Initiatives in Mid-Year Report

Chairman Greg Winterbottom provided an update on his 12 strategic initiatives and progress made to date during a mid-year review.

Some highlights of the initiatives that have been accomplished from January through June include:

- New lanes opened on SR-91 between SR-55 and SR-241 on Feb. 21 to advance delivery of M2020 projects
- Transit System Study Pilot Projects were approved and implemented on Jan. 14 to develop and enhance transit service
- \$2.8 million for water quality projects was approved as part of the M2 Environmental Cleanup Program to support environmental stewardship
- A balanced budget was adopted on June 10 to refine strategic plans, ensure efficiency and advance workforce development

Winterbottom's strategic initiatives focused on improving transit, rail and bicycle programs and advancing the delivery of Measure M projects. His priorities called for emphasizing community outreach, developing effective funding strategies and creating efficient planning methods to speed up M2 project construction.

### Anaheim Rapid Connection Continues to Environmental Phase

The board approved the completion of the Anaheim Rapid Connection alternatives analysis and the adoption of the locally preferred alternative, allowing the city to move forward and complete the draft environmental documents.

In addition, OCTA staff will work with the city to ensure that the development of the ARC project is compatible with the proposed Santa Ana/Garden Grove Fixed-Guideway project.

OCTA staff also will work with Anaheim in an effort to reduce the cost of the city's local preferred alternative – an at-grade modern streetcar.



The ARC project is planned to provide a frequent and easy-to-use transit connection between the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center and popular city destinations including the Convention Center and resort area.

A draft environmental report is expected to be completed in 2014.

### Board Selects New Member to Serve on Environmental Committee



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The board appointed Mark Tettemer to serve as the new water agency member for the Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee.

The 14-member allocation committee makes recommendations to the board of directors regarding the Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program. The program helps to improve water quality in Orange County from pollution related to transportation.

A recruitment letter was issued in April to all water and wastewater agencies and two applications were received.

Mark Tettemer was selected based on his background and his current role as the recycled water development manager for the Irvine Ranch Water District. He is responsible for facilitating the use of recycled water through planning, customer development, policy, regulation and legislation. He has previously held positions as a planning commissioner, city councilmember and mayor of Lake Forest.

### **Board Receives Update on New York Meetings**

OCTA representatives met with rating agencies and financial institutions in New York City on last month to give an update on the status of projects and services.

The annual meetings are intended to maintain OCTA's credibility with rating agencies, ensuring that OCTA's credit rating remains strong.

This year's meetings focused on the board of directors and management changes, M2020 plan, the budget, carpool degradation study, sales tax collections, restructuring of the 91 Express Lanes debt and the Orange County economy.

The meetings were attended by Vice Chairman Shawn Nelson, CEO Darrell Johnson, Deputy CEO Ken Phipps and Treasurer Kirk Avila were in attendance.

Presentations were made to the following:

- Moody's Investor Services
- Standard & Poor's
- Fitch Ratings
- J.P. Morgan Bank
- Assured Guaranty
- Stantec
- Barclays



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



Randall Douglas was named coach operator of the month for achieving 23 years of accident-free driving. Douglas displays a professional attitude and



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demonstrates exceptional customer service. His reliability and dedication to high safety standards has earned him recognition from supervisors and the respect of his peers.



Edwin Hernandez was named maintenance employee of the month for his outstanding performance in key service positions. Hernandez has been a great contributor to the Anaheim bus base and makes it his duty to provide coach operators and the public with clean, safe and reliable buses. He is a versatile employee who demonstrates dedication, commitment and professionalism.



Nereida Villasenor was named administrative employee of the month for her expertise as an associate financial analyst within the Financial Planning and Analysis Department. Villasenor is responsible for handling budget development, quarterly variance reporting and special projects related to the Measure M program. Her exceptional financial skills have been valuable in the development of the FY 2013-14 budget.

#### **Board Honors Sheriff's Department Employee of the Quarter**



Deputy Juan Viramontes was honored as the Sheriff's Department employee of the quarter. Deputy Viramontes has been with the department since 1995 and started working with OCTA's Transit Police Services in 2008. He is a dependable employee and well respected by his peers. Viramontes works hard to ensure Orange County is a safe and enjoyable place for residents to live.