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Meeting of July 23, 2012

Millions Headed to Cities for Street Improvements



Cities will see an influx of dollars to improve their streets and roads following the board's approval of funding for 54 projects. Every Orange County city and the county will receive a share of \$21 million for improvements that are expected to be under construction by the middle of next year. The projects range from street rehabilitation to pavement repair to a bicycle trail reconstruction.

Thirty-five Orange County agencies submitted applications for the funds, which are available through a grant program as part of the Proposition 1B bond that provides nearly \$20 billion for transportation improvements throughout the state. The funds require dollar-for-dollar matching funds that must be provided through a local transportation sales tax, such as Orange County's Measure M. Of the 87 applications that were submitted, 54 projects were approved by OCTA for funding. The projects need final approval from the state.

Some of the nominated projects include:

- A pavement rehabilitation project in San Juan Capistrano for which the city will receive \$318,000 to complete the \$636,000 project.
- The Jamboree Road rehabilitation between Chapman Avenue and South City Limits in Orange. The grant will give the city \$1,035,045 to be matched for a total project cost of \$2,070,090.
- The Sunkist Street improvements from Cerritos Avenue to Tryon Avenue in Anaheim. The city will receive \$834,095 for the project and match that for a total project cost of \$1,668,190.

Transit System Study Pilot Projects Get Green Light



The Board is moving forward with four pilot projects as part of the Transit System Study. The study originated in December 2011 and was conducted in order to find better ways to operate transit services provided throughout the county. The goal of the study was to find ways to make the transit system more cost effective and efficient, and to ensure long-term sustainability.

AFFILIATED AGENCIES

*Orange County
Transit District*

*Local Transportation
Authority*

*Service Authority for
Freeway Emergencies*

*Consolidated Transportation
Service Agency*

*Congestion Management
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The improvements slated to be implemented are:

- Modifications to existing routes 70 and 90 to improve service connections. Start date: October 2012
- Faster local service on Harbor Boulevard with underlying local service in place. Start date: June 2013
- Express service on SR-73 between the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Station and the Irvine Business Complex/ South Coast Metro areas. Start date: October 2013
- Express service on SR-22 between the Santa Ana train station and city of Long Beach. Start date: February 2014

Updates Given On Interstate 405 Outreach

The public comment period on the environmental impact report for the San Diego Freeway (I-405) Improvement Project ended July 17 and a summary of the outreach activities and the input received to date was presented to the board.

More than 800 people attended four public hearings held in Costa Mesa, Westminster, Rossmore and Fountain Valley. In total, more than 1200 comments on the EIR were received and that included e-mails, comments made at the public hearings, letters and comments given to the court reporters at the public hearings.



Outreach efforts on the project have included more than 15,000 postcard mailings, newspapers advertisements, community banners and posters, large employer outreach, e-blasts and approximately 30 meetings with stakeholders including businesses, elected officials, civic and community organizations.

The board is expected to select a locally preferred alternative for the project at its Sept. 24 meeting. Completion of the final environmental impact report is expected in the spring.

Board Honors Employees of the Month



Michele Cox was named coach operator of the month for her outstanding record in safety and customer relations. Cox was first hired in 1976 and is nearing 30 years of accident-free driving. Cox has a conscientious attitude and has attributed her long career to a vast amount of patience. She has assisted as a volunteer for numerous events and is being recognized for her hard work and dedication to the agency.



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Anh Le was named maintenance employee of the month. Le is a vital part of the service worker crew and always goes above and beyond to accomplish a given task. Le serves as a motivator for his team and has a perfect attendance record and positive attitude. His dedication to OCTA and his hard work ethic has earned recognition from both his peers and supervisors.



Kristin Essner was named administrative employee of the month. Essner first came to OCTA in 2007 and serves as the senior government relations representative in our Government Relations Division. She exhibits a high level of professionalism in all of her OCTA duties and works hard to ensure that staff, officials and stakeholders are in the forefront of political discussions.