

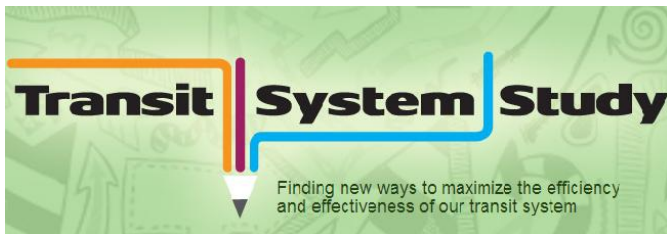


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Meeting of July 25, 2011

Transit System Study Explores New Transportation Options

A comprehensive study designed to maximize the efficiency of Orange County's transit system has been completed and recommendations on implementing changes can now be expected to be brought forward later this summer.



The Transit System Study is an analysis of Orange County's transit system that focuses on finding new ways of providing cost-effective transit service. From its

results, the Board will be looking at a number of concepts such as modified service, Go Local projects and new services such as flex routes and call-n-ride zones.

The implementation plan is anticipated to be voted upon in September, and will be a multiyear, phased approach over the next 10 years to improving transit service throughout the county.

Placentia Avenue Grade Separation Headed To Construction

Construction on the Placentia Avenue grade separation project is expected to cost millions of dollars less than anticipated after a contract with Flatiron West was approved.

Flatiron West, based in San Marcos, was the lowest priced bidder to demonstrate responsibility at \$23.8 million. The firm's bid is 30 percent below the project's estimated cost.

The Placentia Avenue project is the first of seven railroad crossings along the Burlington North Santa Fe rail line in north Orange County that will undergo construction.

The project, known as the O.C. Bridges Program, will improve traffic flow and safety for drivers by building a series of bridges – both underpasses and overpasses – to separate car traffic from trains.

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In late February, more than 2,000 firms were invited to submit bids for the project. Of those, 10 bids were received and opened for

consideration. The project is anticipated to begin toward the end of September.

Moulton Parkway, Atlanta Avenue Improvements On The Way

Nearly \$4 million is being given to Moulton Parkway and Atlanta Avenue, \$3.4 million and \$500,000 respectively, in a grant matching program through Measure M2 and Proposition 1B.

Proposition 1B makes available around \$83.4 million in State-Local Partnership Program funds as part of an agreement to match Measure M2 revenue. Of these funds, \$12 million remains to be allocated to projects on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis by local agencies.

Moulton Parkway and Atlanta Avenue were selected to receive part of the remaining \$12 million for street widening and improvements.

The estimated \$8 million remaining will be put into a reserve for future Orange County transportation improvement projects.

Employees Of The Month

Coach operator of the month Victor Rosa has achieved 10 years of safe driving and maintained an excellent work record. Rosa shows dedication to both co-workers and customers by always demonstrating reliability and safety.



Maintenance employee of the month Jeff Sickles was recognized for his exceptionally innovative work, saving the company thousands of dollars in repair costs. Sickles' dedication and desire to excel set him apart as an outstanding employee.





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Administrative employee of the month Isaac Herrera is a Pass Sales Specialist for OCTA's Finance and Administration division. His creative thinking has led to improved sales tactics and prevention of billing errors.

