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Meeting of Aug. 8, 2011

Nearly \$3 Million Goes to O.C. Oceans, Beaches

Nearly \$3 million was awarded today to provide funding for projects that will improve the quality of Orange County's waterways and beaches.

As part of the Measure M2 water quality program, 2 percent of the half-cent sales tax will be used to protect county waterways and beaches from transportation-generated pollution. The program is estimated to provide approximately \$300 million during the next 30 years to help minimize urban runoff.



Applications for 47 projects were received and 34 of those projects were awarded funding. Projects were selected through a competitive process using a predetermined set of criteria.

The funds awarded will be used to eliminate litter and debris from oceans and waterways. Examples of projects include providing catch basins to prevent trash from entering drainage systems, screens that capture smaller debris, and irrigation system improvements to decrease oily runoff from streets.

For more information on Measure M2's Water Quality Program, please visit: www.octa.net/water

Signal Synchronization Speeds Up Drive For Commuters

The results are in and signal synchronization projects along three major corridors have decreased travel times for drivers by 14 percent,

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decreased the number of stops by 31 percent and increased travel speeds by 17 percent.

Completed in June, the Measure M2 project synchronized more than 252 traffic intersections along 46 miles of roadway used by more than 30,000 vehicles daily. The three project corridors are Bristol Street/State College Boulevard, Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue/17th Street.

Signal synchronization helps reduce stop-and-go traffic patterns and improve travel flow by coordinating green lights for a series of signals. When implemented, drivers can often pass through a number of green lights before stopping.



Over the next three years, drivers are estimated to save \$10 million, or 2.5 million gallons of gasoline because of less time spent on the road.

Not only does signal synchronization decrease travel times, it also helps to reduce emissions. The Bristol Street/State College Boulevard, Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue/17th Street projects saw an overall 13 percent decrease in greenhouse gas emissions.

The synchronization projects cost \$1.8 million to complete and were funded by Measure M2 and state funds.

Additional information on signal synchronization can be found at:
www.octa.net/streets

Board Approves Extended Soundwall For Seal Beach

An additional 2,800 feet of soundwall was approved to be added to the College Park West community's existing soundwall in Seal Beach.



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OCTA is providing \$2 million in Measure M funding to cover the costs of the additions which will provide 39 residences with a five decibel sound reduction.



The wall is in place to reduce the impacts made by the West County Connectors Project on the surrounding Seal Beach communities. The wall will be 14 feet high and 4,900 feet long. Construction on the project will begin after the 7th Street Bridge construction is complete.

CEO Second Quarter Report Presents Great Results

Chief Executive Officer Will Kempton presented an overview on his progress toward accomplishing the goals he set out at the beginning of the year.

Kempton has outlined 48 total strategies to achieve 12 goals over the course of the year that are consistent with OCTA's Strategic Plan. Highlighted completions to date include:

- Delivery of the Capital Action Plan
- Metrolink expansion programs
- The Freeway Mitigation Program
- Transit System Study
- Summer promotional strategies, such as the \$50 Summer Youth Bus Pass