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Meeting of Sept. 26, 2011

OCTA Appoints Hennessey As Public Board Member

Michael Hennessey was sworn in as a new public member of the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

Hennessey, a life-long resident of Orange County, begins a four-year term on the board. He replaces former Director Peter Buffa, who left the board in May after more than five years as a director.

Hennessey has more than 20 years of experience in the Southern California real estate industry, working in housing and development for redevelopment agencies as well as commercial and residential development companies. He is currently the principal of Hennessey Group, a real estate development and consulting firm. Hennessey's experience brings a mix of public and private sector knowledge.

Hennessey has taught real estate and real estate appraisal at Rancho Santiago Community College and Fullerton College. He has a bachelor's degree from UCLA.

Hennessey, a resident of North Tustin, joins the 18-member board that governs OCTA. The board is comprised of the five county supervisors, 10 city members, two public members and the Caltrans District 12 director as a non-voting member.

Signal Synchron To Speed Up Drive For Commuters On La Palma Avenue

The board awarded a contract today to begin signal synchronization along La Palma Avenue. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$800,000 and will speed up the drive for commuters.



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KOA Corporation was selected as contractor for the project because of its experience and detailed knowledge of the traffic characteristics along the La Palma corridor.

Signal synchronization is a simple concept that has proven to significantly reduce travel times for drivers. The signals are timed to maximize the number of green lights for drivers during the heaviest periods of traffic, ensuring that vehicles are moving in the most efficient manner.

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 through synchronized signals.

La Palma Avenue will be the last of 10 initial corridors to complete signal synchronization in Orange County. All of the projects are expected to be finished by summer 2012 and will cover more than 500 signals along approximately 140 miles of roadway.

The funding for the signal synchronization projects totals \$8 million and is provided under the voter-approved Measure M2 and the state's Proposition 1B.

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

Assemblyman Recognized For Work On Taxicab Patron Safety Bill



Assembly member Jose Solorio was recognized by the board for his introduction of Assembly Bill 807, which will help ensure the safety of taxicab patrons in Orange County.

The bill requires stricter reporting requirements for taxicab permits by legally granting the Orange County Tax Administration Program review of taxi driver's records upon demand. This ensures that OCTAP has the latest and most accurate information regarding drivers of taxis in Orange County.



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Board Honors Employees Of The Month

Tyrone Hooks was awarded coach operator of the month for his exemplary service as an employee of OCTA. Hooks has achieved nine years of safe driving and always works hard to put customers first. He is an invaluable asset for OCTA and the Santa Ana base team.

Maintenance employee of the month, Gary Knowles, was recognized today for his motivation, versatility and professionalism while on the job. Knowles' dedication to customer service and teamwork make him a respected member of the Anaheim base team.

Administrative employee of the month, Lora Cross, was project manager of the Tustin Metrolink station parking structure and facility improvements projects. Cross' diligence and expertise in managing the design and construction of the structure have resulted in an early project completion within budget. Cross' leadership promoted unparalleled teamwork between all parties involved.



OCTA Recognizes Sheriff's Department Employee



Sgt. Tim Rainwater was selected Transit Police Services employee of the quarter. Rainwater was instrumental in the development of the new Sheriff's Counter Terrorism Team, which conducts random checks on public transit to help thwart any terrorist activity. He also supervises the Fixed Route Enforcement Team and has planned and participated in several national Rail Safe operations.