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# Meeting of Oct. 7, 2011

# Chair Bates Shares Updates On 10 Strategic Initiatives For 2011

In January, Chair Patricia Bates gave a report on her 10 Strategic Initiatives for 2011 to help deliver transportation solutions improving the quality of life for Orange County residents.

At the board meeting, she highlighted some accomplishments to date:

- Emphasizing Environmental Stewardship: Since May, OCTA has preserved approximately 945 acres through the Environmental Mitigation Program and provided \$5 million for habitat restoration projects.
- Improve Streets and Roads: OCTA awarded \$56 million to local agencies to widen major streets, add turning lanes, improve intersections, enhance freeway on-ramps and off-ramps and increase bike lanes.
- Envision Future Transit: The Transit System Study was conducted to identify long-term ways of providing costeffective transit service over the next decade.
- Advocate for Process Improvements: The Breaking Down Barriers initiative is being championed by OCTA to speed up the delivery of transportation projects and put hundreds of thousands of Americans to work. Congressman Gary Miller released the Breaking Down Barriers Act of 2011 in August.

# California Department Of Parks And Recreation To Maintain M2 Environmental Program Property

OCTA awarded a two-year contract to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for upkeep of the Hayashi property, purchased in May as part of the M2 Freeway Environmental Program.



The state agency will be responsible for maintaining the biological resources of the property including the removal of trash, maintenance of trails and fences, adding and maintaining signage and patrolling the area.

The Hayashi property is located in north Orange County and occupies 296 acres of land.

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The state will manage the property for two years, with a third year option, until a permanent land manager is identified after completion of the Natural Community Conservation Plan / Habitat Conservation Plan.

Working closely with the environmental community, OCTA is purchasing open space as part of the M2 Freeway Environmental Program. The program advances the environmental permitting process for 13 freeway improvement projects to save taxpayer dollars and speed up project delivery.

# **Planning Division Shares Progress Updates**

OCTA's Planning Division gave a report highlighting achievements in fulfilling OCTA Strategic Plan goals for the quarter. The division is responsible for early project development activities and planning for the use of state and federal funds for projects.

The highlights included:

- Fulfilled strategic plan goals on time and on budget
- Obligated 100 percent of state, federal, M1 and M2 funds within the programmed year
- Began implementing the findings from the M2 performance assessment conducted in November 2010.

# **ROADEO Award Winners Receive Recognition**

The OCTA board recognized award winners for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual OCTA Roadeo in the maintenance, bus operations and executive arenas. The Roadeo is a friendly competition that showcases the talents and abilities of OCTA employees. Bus operators and maintenance teams vie in separate events involving safe driving skills and maintenance disciplines.

The first place maintenance team award went to the Santa Ana base and members Charles Henke, Ken Dionne and Chris Jordan. First place for bus operations went to the Anaheim base and team members Al Valenzuela, Romeo Arellano and Jose Chin.

Individual Event Winners:	First Place - Darvy Traylor Second Place - Al Valenzuela Third Place - Frederick Guerrero
Executive Team Winners:	First Place - Carolyn Cavecche Second Place - Janet Sutter Third Place - Lance Larson Turtle Award - Will Kempton