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Meeting of November 26, 2012

OCTA Selects Next Chief Executive Officer

Darrell Johnson, the current deputy CEO of OCTA, was selected by the Board of Directors to become the next Chief Executive Officer effective March 1. Darrell Johnson will replace CEO Will Kempton, who announced his retirement effective Feb. 28 to become the executive director of Transportation California.



Johnson joined OCTA in 2003 and has served as the deputy CEO since 2010. He helps lead OCTA on local, state and national issues related to transportation programs and policies. Johnson also assists the CEO in coordinating all business, operations and management activities among the agency's divisions.

Prior to joining OCTA, Johnson worked at Amtrak for 12 years where he held positions in operations, planning and finance. He also contributed to the development of passenger rail services in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

OCTA Says Farewell to Four Board Members

OCTA recognized outgoing Directors Jerry Amante, Carolyn Cavecche, Larry Crandall and Don Hansen for their service on the OCTA Board of Directors.



Director Jerry Amante joined the board in December 2006 representing the third district. A Tustin city councilman, he served as chairman of the board in 2010 and has, among other accomplishments served as the chairman of the Transportation 2020 Committee and the Central County Corridor Major Investment Study Policy Advisory Committee.

Director Cavecche has represented the third district on the OCTA Board of Directors since March 2004. She was selected to serve as chairman of the board in 2007. Director Cavecche is the current mayor of Orange and has served as a member of the Finance and Administration, State Route 91 Advisory, Transportation 2020 and Executive committees.



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Director Crandall served on the OCTA board as the second supervisorial district representative. He has served on the I-405 Major Investment Study, the Central Corridor MIS Policy Advisory Committee, the Measure M inter-jurisdictional planning forum and the Orange County League of California Cities.

Director Hansen began his term on the OCTA board in November 2009 representing cities in the second district. He is the current mayor of Huntington Beach and has served as a member of the OCTA's Highways Committee, Finance and Administration Committee and the Central Orange County Corridor Major Investment Study Committee.

Board Approves Bus Fare Increase

The board approved a 25 percent fare increase to help address rising operation costs and help OCTA maintain a state-mandated 20 percent farebox recovery ratio. This requires OCTA collect from passengers a minimum of 20 cents for every dollar spent on operating the service.

The increase will go into effect on Feb. 10 and is expected to raise \$6.4 million in additional revenue.

The scheduled fare changes include:

- Cash fare: \$1.50 to \$2
- Day pass: \$4 to \$5
- 30-day pass: \$55 to \$69

To help alleviate the increase for passengers and in response to comments received during the public meeting process, OCTA will implement three new measures:

- Riders will be able to pre-purchase five one-way rides for the price of \$9, approximately \$1.80 per ride.
- Riders will be able to pre-purchase individual day passes at any vendor location at a 10 percent discount.
- Non-profit agencies will be able to purchase discounted bus passes in bulk from OCTA to pass on to their clients.

Board Receives Update On Metrolink Service Expansion Program

In 2011, OCTA completed rail improvements through the Metrolink Service Expansion Program to allow for the operation of 76 daily Metrolink trains in Orange County. Following the completion of those improvements, OCTA installed 10 new Metrolink intra-county trains operating between Fullerton and Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo during high traffic hours.

The report to the board provided an update on the performance of the new trains and outlined options to re-deploy some of the trains in order to maximize ridership.

Findings from the update are include:



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- Current and prospective Orange County Metrolink customers requested more frequent service, especially to Los Angeles and San Diego counties
- Riders called for improved transit connections at Orange County Metrolink stations

Based on these results staff is evaluating options to create additional connections between intra-county trains and implement new Orange County Line trains to fill gaps in existing service areas. Over the next two months, OCTA will work with its partners at Metrolink, RCTC, and BNSF Railway to further discuss additional train options and set a schedule of changes during the January 2013 Metrolink service change.

Board Honors Employees of the Month



Jose Luis Beltran was named coach operator of the month for achieving 11 years of safe driving. Beltran is a model coach operator who embodies OCTA values and always puts the needs of his customers first. He is a dedicated and committed employee who is well admired by his supervisors, peers and passengers.

Valente Nario was named maintenance employee of the month for his productivity, service and commitment. Nario demonstrates superior customer focus and strives to ensure all of his buses are clean and reliable for the coach operators that drive them. Nario is a team player and his dedication and desire to excel have been duly noted.

Kelly Hart was named administrative employee of the month for excelling in her duties as a project manager for OCTA's rail division. Hart demonstrates the highest level of professionalism and integrity in all of her interactions with management, staff and the public. Her teamwork and positive attitude have earned her high recognition from her peers.



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