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Meeting of Nov. 28, 2011

Progress Shown For Measure M2 Projects



Over the last quarter, Measure M2 awarded \$7.8 million to signal synchronization, improved railroad crossing safety and eliminated litter from oceans and waterways. In addition, M2 sales tax revenue increased more than 6 percent compared to this time last year.

The following includes highlights for Measure M2 projects taking place from July through September:

Freeway Projects

- Began construction on the SR-57 for one new northbound lane from Orangethorpe to Lambert passing through Brea, Fullerton and Placentia.
- Began construction to add one new lane in each direction on the SR-91 from the SR-55 to the SR-241 Toll Road.

Streets and Roads

- Awarded \$7.8 million to synchronize more than 400 signals along 140 miles of Orange County roadway.
- Completed signal synchronization along:
 - Brookhurst Avenue, 59 intersections along 16 miles
 - Edinger Avenue/Irvine Center Drive/Moulton Parkway/Street of the Golden Lantern, 81 intersections along 21 miles
 - El Toro Road, 39 intersections along 11 miles
 - Orangethorpe Avenue, 43 intersections along 19 miles

Transit Programs

- Improved railroad crossing safety for pedestrians in Dana Point, Irvine, Santa Ana and San Juan Capistrano.

Environmental Improvement

- Awarded \$2.8 million to eliminate litter and debris from oceans and waterways in 23 cities and the county.

Freeway Mitigation

- Signed two short-term land management agreements with California Department of Parks and Recreation to perform upkeep on two environmental program properties.

Measure M2 is Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements and was approved by 70 percent of voters in 2006. The program officially went into

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effect April 1 and is expected to bring in approximately \$15 billion during the next 30 years.

Survey Shows Satisfaction With 91 Express Lanes



Approximately 90 percent of 91 Express Lanes customers are satisfied with the lanes, according to a recent survey.

The survey looked at customer interaction with the 91 Express Lanes, including travel behavior, frequency and purpose of use. It also examined customer perception of OCTA and the best ways to communicate with Express Lanes users.

The following information was gathered as a result of the survey:

- 90 percent of customers are satisfied with the lanes
- 80 percent are aware that OCTA operates the lanes
- The average number users drive the lanes each month is 7.66
- 69 percent of customers use the lanes to visit friends and family, 46 percent use the lanes to get to work
- Among the work trips, 75 percent originate from Riverside County and 58 percent are destined for Orange County
- 95 percent of customers agree that saving time is the most important service offered by the lanes

OCTA bought the 91 Express Lanes in 2003 from the private company that built them. The purchase removed a non-compete clause that prevented improvements to the adjacent freeway and to date, more than \$10 million from 91 Express Lanes revenue has gone to improve the free lanes on SR-91.

Traffic Congestion in OC Shows Improvement

The intersections in Orange County are operating efficiently according to congestion standards, with a 13 percent average improvement since 1992.

Acting as Orange County's Congestion Management Agency, OCTA is responsible for collecting information to ensure that intersections are operating efficiently. Additionally, counties meeting standards are eligible to receive money from gas taxes to put toward further improvements.

According to the most recent Congestion Management Program, traffic congestion has improved by 12.97 percent in the mornings and 13.24 percent in the evenings since data was first collected in 1992.



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Congestion information is gathered by OCTA, local jurisdictions and public agencies on a biennial basis. It shows the importance of Measure M programs and the toll roads in improving traffic flow to ease congestion.

Board Recognizes Employees of the Month

Flor Valenzuela was named coach operator of the month for her exceptional performance as line captain. She is always a team player and works hard to put customers first. For these reasons, Valenzuela is an invaluable asset to OCTA's team.

Antonio Gallegos was recognized as maintenance employee of the month for his outstanding work ethic and exceptional mechanic skills. Gallegos's knowledge of the bus systems and background in vehicle repairs benefit the maintenance team on a daily basis.

Richard Girard was recognized as administrative employee of the month for his work as Code Administrator for the Orange County Taxicab Administration Program. Girard's high standard of performance, paired with his fair and consistent approach to taxicab safety inspections set him apart from his peers. In addition, Girard always works to expand his knowledge while receiving input and suggestions in order to improve OCTAP.



Flor Valenzuela



Antonio Gallegos



Richard Girard