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## Meeting of Jan. 13, 2014

### Nelson Chosen to Lead OCTA Board in 2014



Orange County Supervisor Shawn Nelson was unanimously selected as the new chairman of the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. He replaces outgoing Chairman Greg Winterbottom, who remains on the board.

Nelson has served as the OCTA board's vice chairman for the last year and is also the Fourth District Supervisor. He has been a member of the OCTA board since 2010 and an active supporter of a wide range of transportation projects, including leading an effort to improve bikeways in North Orange County.



Nelson was elected to the Fullerton City Council in 2002 and served as mayor of Fullerton in 2004-05 and 2006-07. He was first elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors in 2010 and currently serves as the chairman.

Replacing Nelson as vice chairman is Third District City Member Jeffrey Lalloway, who joined the board in January 2013. Lalloway is a member of the Irvine City Council.

### OCTA Recognizes Outgoing Chairman Greg Winterbottom



OCTA recognized Chairman Greg Winterbottom for his service on the OCTA Board of Directors.

Winterbottom has been a member of the OCTA board since 1993 and was also chairman in 2004. Winterbottom works as an independent consultant, helping ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities. He has more than 35 years of involvement in transportation issues including serving as the executive director to the Orange County Consolidated Transportation Services Agency, an agency that provided paratransit service to persons with disabilities.

Projects completed as part of Chairman Winterbottom's 2013 initiatives include:

- \$15 million was awarded to traffic signalization projects to help improve busy streets
- ACCESS service was transitioned to a new contractor to improve service quality, \$46 million will be saved over the next eight years
- Bravo! service was introduced on Harbor Boulevard
- The OC Fair Express service increased ridership with more than 57,000 boardings
- The first public tour of open space was given under the Measure M Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program

Winterbottom remains on the board as one of two public members.



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### **Bikeways Improvement Projects Get Boost from the Board**

Eleven projects to improve bikeways in Orange County received funding from the board as part of the 2014-15 Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program. A call for projects was released last year and OCTA received 11 applications requesting \$6.66 million that come from federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds.

Some projects awarded funding include:

- The 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Trail project in Costa Mesa
- The Lambert Road Bikeway project in the County of Orange
- The Anaheim Coves Northern Extension project in Anaheim
- The La Habra Union Pacific Rail Line Bikeway project in La Habra
- The San Juan Capistrano Bikeway Gap Closure in San Juan Capistrano

OCTA and the 11 agencies will enter into cooperative agreements to ensure projects awarded funding meet all board-approved guidelines.

### **OCTA Swears in New and Returning 2014 Board Members**



At the first board meeting of the new year, Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait along with returning board members Steve Jones, Al Murray and Frank Ury were sworn in as OCTA directors.

Tait has served as Anaheim mayor since November 2010 and previously served in Anaheim from 1995-2004. He has served on the Anaheim Planning Commission, the Anaheim Budget Advisory Commission and as a member of the Anaheim Community Block Grant Foundation. He represents the Fourth District on the OCTA board.

Jones joined the OCTA Board of Directors in January 2013 as a city member representing the First District. He is a member of the Garden Grove City Council and spent eight years on the Garden Grove Planning Commission.

Murray joined the OCTA Board of Directors in January 2013 representing the Third District. He was elected to the Tustin City Council in November 2010 and became mayor in 2012. Director Murray served on the Tustin Planning Commission for three years.

Ury joined the OCTA Board of Directors in January 2013 as a city member representing the Fifth District. He has been on the Mission Viejo City Council for 10 years and has also served on the Community Services and Investment Advisory Commissions.



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### **OCTA Renews Lease on Current Headquarters**

The board voted to renew the lease on OCTA's current headquarters after exploring options to move to a new location. The new 15-year lease is expected to save OCTA \$39.4 million over the next 30 years.

The board considered five options, which included:

- Continuing the current lease while exploring other options
- Obtaining a 10-year renewal of the current lease
- Obtaining a 15-year renewal of the current lease
- Purchasing the current building
- Purchasing the State Fund Building in Santa Ana

