



Orange County Transportation Authority

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) began in 1991 with the consolidation of seven separate transportation agencies. OCTA is the county's primary transportation agency and enhances the quality of life in Orange County by delivering safer, faster and more efficient transportation solutions.

An 18-member Board of Directors governs OCTA. The Board consists of 5 county supervisors, 10 city members, 2 public members and the Caltrans District 12 Director as a non-voting member.

OCTA Programs & Services

Measure M: OCTA administered Measure M1 (M1), a package of transportation improvements promised to voters in 1990 when they approved a special half-cent sales tax. Under M1, 43 percent of funds went to improve freeways, 32 percent to improve streets and roads, and 25 percent for bus and rail services. M1 expires in 2011. On November 7, 2006, Orange County voters approved the Measure M2 Plan (M2), ensuring transportation improvements for another 30 years to 2041. M2 will devote 43 percent of funds to freeway projects, 32 percent to street and road projects, and 25 percent to transit projects.

Bus System: OCTA operates buses in a 798 square-mile area serving more than 3 million residents. OCTA provides local, community, rail connector, express and paratransit services.

Freeways: OCTA assists with planning and funding for all Orange County freeway improvements. The Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) Gateway Project began construction in 2006. This four-year project widened the

remaining two miles of the I-5 in Orange County from the Riverside Freeway (SR-91) to the Los Angeles County line. The I-5 Gateway Project was the final link in the original Measure M's ambitious freeway improvement program.

M2 will bring more freeway improvements to Orange County. The M2 Early Action Plan has begun with improvements slated for the Orange Freeway (SR-57), Riverside Freeway (SR-91), Interstate 405 (I-405) and additional segments of the I-5.

Streets and Roads: OCTA administers a variety of funding programs for cities to widen streets, improve intersections, coordinate signals and rehabilitate pavement. OCTA also administers regional street and road improvement projects.

Planning: OCTA conducts long range planning to improve travel in Orange County. As part of this planning, OCTA will initiate a Major Investment Study (MIS). The goal of the MIS is to determine a recommended "locally preferred strategy" (LPS). When approved by the OCTA Board of Directors, the LPS will help guide transit, street and freeway enhancements and address travel demand.

Commuter Rail: OCTA plans, funds and administers Metrolink rail service in Orange County. OCTA's three Metrolink lines — the Orange County Line, the Inland Empire-Orange County Line and the 91 Line — have more than 14,000 boardings each weekday.

Share the Ride: OCTA has a number of commuting options to help you get to work faster, easier and cheaper, with less stress and with less impact on the environment. OCTA can help you travel by bus, Metrolink rail or the 91 Express Lanes. OCTA offers carpool matching and can help commuter groups form vanpools for travel to Orange County work sites. OCTA's Share the Ride program also helps employers discover new ways to retain employees and increase productivity.

Motorist Services: Through the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE), OCTA administers, installs and maintains all motorist aid call boxes in Orange County and provides competitively bid, contracted tow truck service for motorists with disabled vehicles with the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP). OCTA also administers the Service Authority for Abandoned Vehicles (SAAV), which removes abandoned vehicles from Orange County streets and roads.

OCTAP: OCTA operates the Orange County Taxi Administration Program (OCTAP). OCTAP issues taxi business, driver and vehicle permits on behalf of the County and its 34 cities.

91 Express Lanes: OCTA also owns and operates the four-lane, 10-mile toll road from the Orange/Riverside County line west to the SR-55. The 91 Express Lanes helps drivers save time on their daily drive.