



Measure M2 Fast Facts



Continuing Orange County's Transportation Investment



Voting for Improvements

On November 7, 2006, nearly 70 percent of Orange County voters extended the Measure M one-half cent sales tax for transportation improvements. Measure M2, administered by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), will provide almost \$15 billion* to improve transportation in Orange County over a 30-year period beginning in spring 2011.

The Measure M2 Transportation Investment Plan (M2) is designed to reduce traffic congestion and enhance overall mobility. Improvements in the plan include upgrading most freeways, fixing major freeway interchanges and maintaining streets and roads. Other benefits will be synchronizing traffic signals countywide, continuing to grow our rail transit system, and protecting our environment from the street runoff that pollutes Orange County waterways and beaches.

As with the Measure M1 program, taxpayer safeguards will assure the M2 program is delivered as promised.

Freeways

Orange County freeways will receive 43 percent of net revenues. Relieving congestion on the Riverside/Artesia Freeway (SR-91) is the centerpiece of the freeway program. Other projects include improving Interstate 5 (I-5) in south Orange County and the San Diego Freeway (I-405) in west Orange County.

Streets and Roads

Orange County has more than 7,300 lane miles of streets and roads, many in need of repair and rehabilitation. M2 will allocate 32 percent of net revenues to streets and roads. These funds will help fix potholes, improve intersections, synchronize traffic signals countywide, and make the existing network of streets and roads safer and more efficient.

Transit

Of the M2 net revenues, 25 percent will be allocated to improve Orange County's rail and bus service. These funds will be used to add transit extensions to the Metrolink corridor, reduce bus fares for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, and to establish local bus circulators.

Environmental Programs

Under M2, approximately \$299.2 million* will be available to mitigate the environmental impacts of freeway improvements. A Master Agreement between OCTA and state and federal resource agencies will provide higher-value environmental benefits such as habitat protection, wildlife corridors and resource preservation in exchange for streamlined project approvals for the freeway program as a whole. Approximately \$299.8 million* is also available under the Environmental Cleanup Program to implement water quality improvement projects.

Early Action Plan

In August 2007, the OCTA Board of Directors approved and released an M2 Early Action Plan covering the years 2007 to 2012. Under this plan, the SR-91 Eastbound Lane Addition Project was completed in December 2010, adding a new lane to the eastbound Riverside Freeway (SR-91) between the Eastern Toll Road (SR-241) in east Orange County and the Corona Expressway (SR-71) in west Riverside County to reduce traffic congestion. Construction began on a second Early Action Project in January 2011 on the Orange Freeway (SR-57) to add a northbound lane from north of the SR-91 near Orangethorpe Avenue in Placentia to Lambert Road in Brea.

More Information

For more information on M2, a detailed list of projects, quarterly and annual reports, visit www.octa.net/M2.

*Dollars in year of expenditures per February 2011 forecast