



# OCTA Fast Facts



## 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 administers Measure M, a package of transportation improvements promised to voters in 1990 when they approved a special half-cent sales tax. Under Measure M, 43 percent of funds go to improve freeways, 32 percent to improve streets and roads, and 25 percent for bus and rail services. The current Measure M Plan expires in 2011. On November 7, 2006, Orange County voters approved the Renewed Measure M Plan, ensuring transportation improvements for another 30 years to 2041.

**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.

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*OCTA delivers safer, faster and more efficient transportation solutions for Orange County.*

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**Freeways:** OCTA assists with planning and funding for all freeway improvements. The Garden Grove Freeway (SR-22) Improvement Project added continuous access carpool lanes, auxiliary lanes, widened bridges and improved interchanges. By using the innovative design-build method, these improvements were delivered more than two years earlier than they would have been using traditional construction methods. The Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) Gateway Project to eliminate the bottleneck through Buena Park is 50 percent completed.

**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.

**Commuter Rail:** OCTA funds and supervises 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 4 million boardings per year.

**Commuter Solutions:** OCTA's Commuter Solutions can help you find an alternate way to work including bus transit, Metrolink commuter rail, or the 91 Express Lanes. OCTA offers carpool matching and can help commuter groups form vanpools for travel to Orange County work sites. Commuter Solutions also can help employers discover new ways to retain employees and increase productivity.

**Motorist Services:** OCTA provides emergency call boxes through the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE), offers emergency assistance and towing services with the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) and removes abandoned vehicles through the Service Authority for Abandoned Vehicles (SAAV).

**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.