

2014 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

OUTLOOK 2035

Because Mobility Matters



AT A GLANCE

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SCHEDULE:

OCTA'S outreach will culminate with the public review period in **April/May 2014**. The LRTP will be submitted to SCAG in **August 2014**.

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DESCRIPTION

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) develops a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) every four years to account for new planning efforts, as well as changes in demographics, economic conditions, and available sources of transportation funding.

Outlook 2035 outlines a vision of multi-modal transportation improvements throughout Orange County. This blueprint of transportation projects and programs is the basis of OCTA's input for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). One purpose of the LRTP is to develop a strategy to address the future needs of the transportation system, based on a 20+ year forecast of available revenues and growth in population, employment and housing.

The LRTP reflects OCTA's current policies and commitments and incorporates input from local jurisdictions, business and community leaders, county residents, transportation planning professionals and other stakeholders.

GOALS

The goals of the LRTP are:

- Deliver on commitments of M2 projects and to ensure consistency with M2020 Plan.
- Improve transportation system performance to reduce delay from congestion, increase facility speeds and increase transit ridership
- Expand transportation system choices by investing in new facilities, expanding transit services and improving multimodal integration
- Support sustainability through investment in infrastructure maintenance, reinforcement of the Orange County Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), implementation of environmental strategies and assurance of a financially sustainable transportation system.

KEY ISSUES

OCTA will bring important issues to outreach discussions to initiate a dialogue about solutions. These trends include:

- Demand is outpacing capacity.
- Existing infrastructure requires more investment.
- Further efficiencies could improve traffic flow.
- Transportation funding is uncertain and not predictable.
- Orange County's carpool lanes are congested.
- Intercounty connections need attention.
- Active transportation programs are gaining momentum.
- Demographics and technologies may change driving habits.



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