

OCTA Honors Bus Roadeo Team

The board of directors honored the OCTA bus Roadeo team, which finished in a combined seventh place at the American Public Transportation Association's international competition.

APTA's International Bus Roadeo is a competition of driving and maintenance skills for bus drivers and mechanics who work for transit agencies throughout the country.

OCTA's maintenance team – which consists of Raymond Consiglio, Patrick Courchaine and Christopher Jordan – placed first, and Darvy Traylor placed 32nd overall in the coach operator competition.

New Members Selected for Taxpayer Oversight Committee

Four new members were appointed to be part of the 11-member Measure M Taxpayer Oversight Committee.

The independent oversight committee was formed to monitor OCTA's use of Measure M funding, approve all changes to the Measure M plan and hold annual public hearings on the expenditure of funds generated by the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

The following people were selected for the TOC:

- Douglas Gillen to represent the First District
- Tuan Nguyen to represent the Third District
- Michael Pascual represent the Fourth District
- Douglas Anderson to represent the Fifth District

The member recruitment is handled by a five-member panel of the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County. The four new members will begin their terms this month and will serve a three-year term.

Board Reviews Strategic Initiatives Progress

The OCTA board reviewed its progress on this year's strategic initiatives.

The board established six initiatives in January to help guide OCTA throughout the year. Significant progress has been made on all initiatives during the first half of 2019.

The initiatives and accomplishments include:

- **Deliver Capital Projects**, by continuing construction on the I-405 Improvement Project and completing the Orange Metrolink Station parking structure
- **Champion Fiscal Responsibility**, by receiving the first reimbursement from the federal Full-Funding Grant Agreement for the OC Streetcar and approving a \$1.5 billion balanced budget for the fiscal year
- **Develop State-of-the-Art Regional Transportation Plans**, by working with several transportation technology providers to learn more about new and emerging technologies
- **Strengthen Regional Partnerships**, by initiating a study with LA Metro that will develop options to coordinate transit projects between both counties

- **Implement OC Bus 360° Vision and Offer Modern Transit Solutions**, by launching the Bravo! 529 limited-stop bus service along Beach Boulevard, and receiving an additional nine hydrogen fuel-cell buses
- **Reinforce a Culture of Safety**, by developing a plan to help agencies enhance the safety of students walking and bicycling to school throughout the county.

Board Receives CEO's Second Quarter Initiatives Update

The OCTA board received a second quarter report of CEO Darrell E. Johnson's initiatives and action plan.

The action plan consists of 10 initiatives, implemented through 73 projects and programs and monitored through 88 milestones for the year.

In the second quarter of 2019, 19 milestones were completed.

Accomplishments include:

- Breaking ground on the I-5 project in South Orange County that will widen the freeway and improve interchanges between SR-73 and El Toro Road
- Submitting a draft environmental document to Caltrans for an I-5 widening project between I-405 and SR-55
- Awarding more than \$20 million to help fund projects that will improve bicycling and walking throughout the county
- Awarding nearly \$8 million to help fund projects that will time traffic lights to improve traffic and \$835,000 to improve the intersection of Euclid Street and Westminster Avenue in Garden Grove.