

## **Meeting of November 13, 2023**

### **OCTA Receives Update on Board and CEO Action Plan**

The OCTA board received a progress report on the 2023 Board of Directors and CEO Initiatives and Action Plan that guides the agency's efforts throughout the year.

The action plan, approved in January, consists of three board initiatives supported by nine CEO initiatives, and monitored through 98 milestones.

By the end of September, 43 of the 98 milestones had been completed. Highlights include:

- The final bridge replacement as part of the I-405 Improvement Project opened to traffic.
- Construction and installation of equipment was completed for the 405 Express Lanes customer service center.
- A contract was awarded for the management and operation of the Same-Day Taxi service.
- Santiago Canyon College extended its participation in the College Pass Program for another five years.
- A safety education and public awareness campaign was launched to educate the public on the upcoming OC Streetcar operations.
- The OCTA board approved nearly \$3.4 million in Measure M money to fund projects that will improve water quality throughout Orange County.

### **Cities Invited to Apply for Community Shuttle Services**

The OCTA board issued a call for projects for local agencies interested in operating a community shuttle or other transit service.

The funding comes from Project V, a competitive grant program under Measure M, Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements. The goal of the program is for cities or the county to develop and implement transit services – including shuttles, trolleys and special-event transportation – that meet local needs.

OCTA will be hosting an application workshop on Dec. 5, with applications due by Jan. 25. Projects will be prioritized for board consideration in spring 2024, and funding is anticipated to become available starting in July.

### **Board Approves 2023 Next 10 Delivery Plan**

The Orange County Transportation Authority board approved the 2023 Measure M Next 10 Delivery Plan, which provides an overview of how OCTA will deliver improvements to transit, streets and freeways, and protection to the environment.

The updated Next 10 Plan incorporates this year's Measure M forecast. The half-cent sales tax is now expected to generate \$14.8 billion for transportation improvements through 2041, which reflects a 1.3% decrease from the 2022 forecast.

Highlights from the plan include:

- Freeways
  - Deliver 14 freeway projects
  - Continue annual endowment deposits
- Streets and Roads
  - Return 18% to local agencies for transportation needs
  - Provide annual grants to address street bottlenecks and gaps
  - Fund ongoing coordination of 2,200 traffic signals
- Transit
  - Continue operation of Metrolink and fund station improvements
  - Complete OC Streetcar construction and begin operations
  - Offer enhanced mobility options for seniors and persons with disabilities
  - Continue to support local transit circulators
  - Continue to improve the top 100 busiest transit stops
- Environmental Cleanup
  - Provide ongoing grants for water cleanup