

Meeting of May 13, 2024

Board Receives Update on Coastal Rail Resiliency Efforts

The Board received an update on potential solutions to address the immediate threats to a critical link in Southern California's rail network.

The updates, included as part of OCTA's Coastal Rail Resiliency Study, come following multiple listening sessions with members of the public as well as feedback from the Board, and include sand nourishment in conjunction with rocks and revetment.

The study aims to evaluate and implement short- and medium-term strategies to protect the railway between Dana Point and the San Diego County line for up to 30 years while longer-term solutions are explored.

The immediate goal is to address the areas identified in need of reinforcement as soon as possible before the next storm season arrives. OCTA will continue to work with local, state and federal partners and explore all funding options.

At the same time as the initial assessment is moving forward, OCTA continues meeting with groups of stakeholders in individual listening sessions to discuss the study and get input along the way. A public meeting to gain additional feedback is set from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on May 30, at San Clemente City Hall.

To learn more about the Coastal Rail Resiliency Study visit octa.net/CRRS.

Budget Workshop Held to Discuss Proposed FY 2024-25 Budget

The OCTA Board held a workshop to discuss the agency's proposed \$1.76 billion balanced budget for fiscal year 2024-25.

Overall, 52% of the budget is dedicated to transit, 25% for freeways, and 10% for streets and roads.

Highlights from the proposed budget include:

- Enhancing OC Bus through additional service
- Continued investment in the zero-emission bus pilot program
- Delivering Measure M projects as promised to voters
- Continuing coastal rail resiliency planning

The board will consider the budget following a public hearing on June 10.