

Meeting of March 10, 2025

OCTA Board Reappoints Tam T. Nguyen as Public Member

The Orange County Transportation Authority's Board of Directors has reappointed community leader Tam T. Nguyen as one of the two public members on the board.

Nguyen, a longtime Orange County resident and small business owner, served as OCTA Board Chair in 2024. His new four-year term will run through 2028, allowing him to continue working with the board to help guide transportation policies and programs that serve the county's 3.2 million residents.

Nguyen is president of Advance Beauty College and has been active in community service, including work with nonprofits, chambers of commerce, and public health efforts during the pandemic.

The OCTA Board includes the five county supervisors, 10 city council members from across Orange County, two public members and a non-voting Caltrans representative.

Board Makes \$3.5 Million Available to Improve Water Quality

The OCTA Board has made \$3.5 million available in competitive funding for projects aimed at improving water quality in Orange County.

The funding is available through OCTA's environmental cleanup program for projects that reduce the impacts of transportation-related water pollution by removing litter and debris before it reaches the ocean and other waterways. Cities and the county can propose projects through the program, which is funded by Measure M, Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

Approximately \$3.5 million is available for projects that focus on removing visible trash and debris through the purchase or upgrade of screens, filters and inserts for catch basins. To date, the board has approved funding for 233 of these projects, totaling more than \$40.3 million.

Applications for projects are due May 8 and are expected to be awarded by the OCTA Board in late summer 2025.

OCTA Maintains Strong Performance in Latest Measure M Assessment

The OCTA Board received the sixth Measure M2 Performance Assessment Report, which found that OCTA continues to effectively manage and deliver transportation improvements funded by the half-cent sales tax.

The Measure M2 Ordinance requires an independent performance assessment every three years to evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness and fiscal responsibility of the program. Since its renewal by voters in 2006, Measure M has funded freeway, street and transit improvements countywide, with more than half of the planned projects completed.

The latest assessment, covering July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, concluded that OCTA remains financially strong, has met key program goals and maintains a high level of transparency and accountability.

For more information on Measure M, please visit octa.net/MeasureM.