

Meeting of April 9, 2018

OCTA Continues to Plan for the Future of Transportation

The board received an update on the 2018 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which OCTA develops every four years to plan for Orange County's transportation needs for the next 20 years and beyond.

The findings of the LRTP will be included in the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

The 2018 LRTP will analyze travel conditions based on a 2040 horizon year, which assumes a 10 percent growth in population and 17 percent growth in employment in Orange County.

OCTA is seeking to meet federal performance standards in which HOV managed lanes are required to operate at 45 mph or higher during peak periods. Most HOV lanes in Orange County do not currently meet this standard. OCTA will continue to analyze managed-lane scenarios and how they could affect traffic flow. The draft LRTP is scheduled for public review this summer and finalized in the fall.

OCTA Update on I-405 Improvement Project

Following the I-405 improvement project groundbreaking earlier this year, initial construction activities are now underway. Among these activities are restriping and set up of concrete barriers to protect work areas for tree removal and grading. Other significant construction activities such as paving and bridge demolition are expected to begin in the fall.

Project construction will impact a total of 288 properties, so far 167 right-of-way (ROW) acquisition agreements have been reached.

Kapsch TrafficCom was selected last month as the firm to provide toll-lane-system integration services for design, installation, operation and maintenance of the electronic toll and traffic management system for both the 405 and 91 express lanes.

Alongside the final design efforts, ongoing public outreach efforts are aimed at informing communities within the project area about closures and other traffic information. Those efforts include hosting booths at community events, open houses, online and social media advertisements and an interactive project map with closure and detour information.

The interactive map also will be synched with Waze, the free navigation app to provide real-time traffic information. Likewise, a project mobile app is in development to provide people with updated information needed on the project.

Measure M2 Quarterly Progress Report Given

A report was given to highlight the progress on Measure M2 projects and programs from October to December 2017. The Measure M half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, also known as OC Go, is administered by OCTA.

As part of delivering promised projects through Measure M, the Next 10 delivery plan was created to guide projects and programs from 2017 to 2026. The Next 10 was updated to address and incorporate the 2017 sales tax revenue forecast of \$13.5 billion.

Some M2 accomplishments during the quarter included:

- The selection of a consultant for construction management services for the I-5 between SR-55 and SR-57
- 100 percent design completed for the I-5 between Oso Parkway and Alicia Parkway
- The draft environmental document for the I-405, between I-5 to SR-55, was circulated to the public, and an open house public hearing was held
- The Raymond Avenue grade separation and State College Boulevard grade separation opened to traffic, completing the OC Bridges Program
- 19 applications were submitted for the Regional Capacity Program and the Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program
- The 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program funding application was finalized and submitted to the California Transportation Commission. The application includes substantial funding for the I-5, between Alicia Parkway to El Toro Road and the SR-55, between I-405 to I-5.