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## Meeting of Dec. 9, 2013

### Board Salutes Outgoing Director Gail Eastman

The Orange County Transportation Authority honored outgoing Director Gail Eastman for her service on the OCTA Board of Directors.



Director Eastman was elected to the OCTA Board of Directors in November 2012 as a city member representing the Fourth District, which includes Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton and Placentia. She has served on the Anaheim City Council since December 2010 and since then has been active on several regional and local boards representing Anaheim as a director or alternate. She currently serves on the executive boards of the Association of California Cities-OC, Four Corners Transportation Coalition, O.C. Sanitation District, Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency and Foothill Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency. She also serves as an alternate director on the Southern California Association of Governments.

Director Eastman has been instrumental in delivering many transportation improvements including the Bravo! express line, the OC Fair Express and the OC Bridges Project. Her tireless work and dedication have helped to keep Orange County moving.

### Board Selects Locally Preferred Alternative for I-405 Improvement Project

The board selected Alternative 1 for the Interstate 405 Improvement Project, choosing to add one general-purpose lane in each direction on the freeway between Euclid Street and I-605. The project, to date, has taken nearly 11 years of planning with significant input from local and regional stakeholders.

At the meeting, the board approved Alternative 1 with an 11-4 vote. The implementation of Alternative 1 will help to reduce congestion and increase mobility while minimizing environmental impacts and right-of-way acquisitions.

The \$1.3 billion project will be funded through Measure M2, the county's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements. OCTA's selection of the locally preferred alternative will be forwarded to Caltrans for final review and approval.



The board also voted for the agency to work with federal, state and local stakeholders and the community to have a comprehensive discussion regarding high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes. The management of these lanes will be explored in OCTA's Long Range Transportation Plan.

### Board Receives Update on CTFP Semi-Annual Review

The board was updated on the status of streets and roads projects that are funded through the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs (CTFP) as part of the semi-annual review of projects. The review includes the status of Measure M and Measure M2 grant-funded projects and provides an opportunity for local agencies to update project information and request modifications.

The board approved three project adjustments, including requests for delays.



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- The Fullerton delay will last for 12 months for the Catch Basin Debris Screen project, allowing the city additional time to obtain new proposals after its preferred installer was unable to complete the work
- The Santa Ana delay will last 24 months for the Santa Ana Delhi Channel Diversion project, allowing the city to negotiate cost-sharing agreements with the County of Orange Flood Division and the cities of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa
- The Project S request will delay the Panasonic Avionics Corporation Station Van Program and cancel the Invensys, Inc. Station Van Program to connect to the Metrolink station

The CTFP provides local agencies with a comprehensive set of guidelines for administration and delivery of transportation funding grants. The next semi-annual review is scheduled for March 2014.

#### **Board Honors Employees of the Month**



The board recognized Clemente Carranza as coach operator of the month for achieving 15 years of safe driving. Carranza has been employed with OCTA since July 1998 and maintains an excellent performance record. His high level of professionalism and dedication to customer safety has earned him respect from his supervisors, fellow operators and passengers.



Ernie Booe is maintenance employee of the month for his integrity and dedication as a rebuild mechanic. Booe has been employed with OCTA for more than 34 years and, for the last six years, has upheld a perfect attendance record. He has been a valuable asset to the Roadeo team and last month placed first in the mechanics' contest.



The board honored Blanca Ibarra as administrative employee of the month for excelling in her duties as a base manager in the Bus Operations Department. Ibarra has been employed by OCTA since 1973 and has been a motivated and devoted employee for the past 40 years. Her positive outlook, can-do-spirit and hard work have earned her recognition for the month of December.

#### **Board Honors Sheriff's Department Employee of the Quarter**



Deputy Erik Ivancic is the Orange County Sheriff's Department employee of the quarter. Deputy Ivancic has been with the department since 2000 and is currently assigned to OCTA's service team. He is a dependable and hard-working employee who maintains a high quality of work in all of his assigned duties. Ivancic's attention to detail and willingness to go above and beyond his duties have made him a valuable asset to OCTA's Transit Police Services team.