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## Meeting of August 12, 2013

### OCTA Looking To Improve Streets And Roads Through Measure M

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors issued a call for projects for \$47 million in Measure M funds for local street and road improvements. The dollars will be awarded through the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program.

Approximately \$35 million will be available to add capacity to streets and roads throughout the county and \$12 million will be available for projects to synchronize traffic signals.

Applications are due Oct. 25 and projects are anticipated to be awarded in the spring.

Measure M, the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements renewed by voters in 2006, has provided more than \$108 million for projects as part of the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program.



### Projects Sought to Improve Bikeways Throughout Orange County



The board released a call for projects as part of OCTA's Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program. Approximately \$4.3 million will be available to fund bicycle and pedestrian projects throughout the county. Funds will be awarded based on:

- Connectivity to transportation systems
- Inclusion in a regional bicycle plan
- Air quality improvement
- Financial viability
- Project readiness

Applications are due Sept. 30 and projects are anticipated to be selected by the board later this year. In 2012, OCTA awarded \$9.4 million through the Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program for 23 projects.

### Board Receives Update On ACCESS Service Transition

In the first month of MV Transportation operating OCTA's paratransit service, known as ACCESS, passengers report they have been generally pleased with the service and overall quality.

OCTA has continually monitored performance, safety, customer comments and on-time performance to ensure service quality has been maintained.

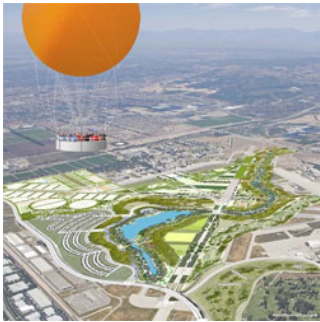
During the first three weeks of service, the accident rate remained less than one accident per 100,000 miles traveled and on time performance increased over the same time last year. OCTA, MV Transportation and Yellow Cab representatives participated in three advisory committee meetings to get feedback from customers on the transition.



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MV has provided 4,500 trips per day to ACCESS riders throughout Orange County.

### **Solar Decathlon Express Receives MSRC Grant**



OCTA received a \$36,800 grant to operate express bus service to the 2013 Solar Decathlon at the Orange County Great Park.

Service will be provided from four locations, Oct. 3 through Oct. 6 and Oct. 10 through Oct. 13. It is the first time the U.S. Department of Energy event is being held outside of Washington, D.C. and it is expected to attract 100,000 visitors.

The competitive grant is funded by the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. For more information, ~~and a list of service locations~~, visit <http://www.solardecathlon.gov>.