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## Meeting of August 26, 2013

### United States Department of Labor Places Hold on Federal Grant Funding

The United States Department of Labor has placed a hold on federal grant funding for California transit services due to the newly enacted Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA). This hold has delayed approval for OCTA's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) competitive and grant programs.

PEPRA impacts 85 of California's 95 FTA grantees which includes OCTA. The transit agencies that are affected are eligible for more than \$1.6 billion in funding for the 2013 fiscal year. This hold on funding could have a major impact on transit services, commuters, jobs and economic development within the state.

Due to the hold on funding, some OCTA projects that may be impacted include:

- Replacement of 74 alternative fuel 40-foot buses
- Construction of bicycle pedestrian and facilities
- Rideshare vanpool program
- ARTIC construction
- Replacement of 20 60-foot articulated buses

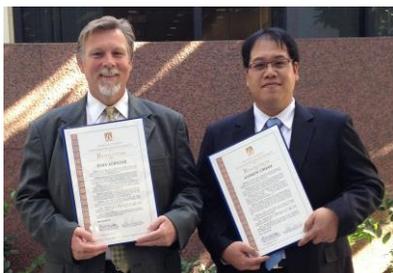
### Board Receives Update Measure M2 Quarterly Progress Report

The board received an update on the progress of M2 projects and programs for the period between April and June. The report includes budget and schedule information found in the Capital Action Plan, Local Fair Share quarterly payments made to cities and total payments from M2 inception to June 2013.

Other highlights from the quarter include:

- OCTA and the California Department of Transportation broke ground on the SR-91 between the I-5 and SR-57.
- Construction started on the Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive and Orangethrope Avenue grade separation projects.
- Applications for Project V from Dana Point, Huntington Beach, La Habra, Laguna Beach and Lake Forest were approved by the board and the Transit Committee.
- A second call for Tier 2 water quality projects was released.
- The board approved 14 projects for funding to improve traffic flow on streets by synchronizing signals and improve roadways.

### CEO Recognizes Caltrans Members For Work On Bridge Bash



OCTA CEO Darrell Johnson honored Principal Assistant Andrew Chuah and Senior Bridge Engineer John Zehnder from Caltrans for their work during the West County Connectors Bridge Bash. Their leadership, dedication and technical expertise helped to make the project a major success.

Preparation and completion of the Bridge Bash lasted 10 months as part of the \$277 million West County Connectors project. The project team consisted of OCTA staff, Caltrans, Atkinson Construction, Cleveland Wrecking Company, local and regional transportation partners, local public works staff, emergency services personnel representing the state and cities adjacent to the project corridor, and the traveling



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public and area residents.

The Bridge Bash helped OCTA to complete a major milestone and served as the largest bridge ever taken down within the United States in a single shift.

### Board Honors Employees of the Month



La Rena Prickett was named coach operator of the month after achieving 23 years of safe driving. Prickett has demonstrated her reliability and knowledge by putting customers first and serving as a mentor to other operators. Her commitment, dedication and strong work ethic have earned her recognition for the month of August.



Binh Do was named maintenance employee of the month for his work as a body mechanic at the Santa Ana base. He recently demonstrated his experience and skill level by serving as the lead body mechanic on the Bravo! project. Do's high level of professionalism, integrity and 18 years of perfect attendance have earned him recognition among his supervisors and peers.



Franet Hazard was named administrative employee of the month for her outstanding work as a senior health safety & environmental specialist in the health safety & environmental compliance department. Hazard maintains the highest level of professionalism in all duties and dealing with OCTA staff. Her exceptional communication and leadership skills have helped to better employee health and reduce work related injuries.