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**To:** Members of the Board of Directors

**From:** Lisa A. Bartlett, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors

**Subject:** 2018 Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors Strategic Initiatives Mid-Year Report

At the beginning of the calendar year, the Chairwoman of the Board of Directors (Board) established a set of Board Strategic Initiatives (Initiatives) for 2018. The Initiatives set the tone for the year by providing added direction for programs and projects in 2018. For this year, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board adopted six strategic initiatives (Attachment A) to advance the goal areas of mobility, public service, fiscal sustainability, stewardship, organizational excellence, and safety.

Between January 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018, OCTA has advanced the Initiatives through various programs and projects. Details of these accomplishments are provided below.

**Initiative 1: Deliver Capital Projects**

- Interstate 5 (I-5) Widening from Avenida Pico to San Juan Creek Road: On March 13, 2018, carpool lanes were opened to traffic. The construction area covered 5.7 miles and added a carpool lane in both directions. The Avenida Pico interchange was widened, and soundwalls were also added where needed as part of this project.
- Interstate 405 (I-405) Design-Build Project: On January 26, 2018, a ground-breaking ceremony was held in Costa Mesa to begin construction on the I-405 Design-Build Project.
- OC Streetcar Project: On March 26, 2018, the Board approved Siemens Industries, Inc., as the firm to provide eight streetcar vehicles. Delivery of the first vehicle is scheduled for June 2020.

- I-5, State Route 55 to State Route 57 (SR-57) Improvements: On May 8, 2018, construction bids were opened for this project that will increase high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) capacity by adding a second HOV lane in both directions between two major freeway to freeway interchanges.
- Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station Improvements: On March 22, 2018, the design phase began and is expected to be complete by July 2019. This project will include construction of a second main track and platform, lengthening the existing platform, and improved pedestrian circulation.

### **Initiative 2: Maximize Funding Opportunities**

- SB 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017): OCTA competes for SB 1 grants to fund new transportation projects. Activities conducted this year include:
  - On January 22, 2018, the Board approved funding recommendations in the amount of \$5.7 million for the SB 1 State of Good Repair Program for fiscal year 2017-18 funds.
  - On January 31, 2018, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved programming \$18.2 million in SB 1 Local Partnership Program Formula funds to the I-5 widening from State Route 73 to Oso Parkway.
  - On March 21, 2018, the CTC approved programming \$260.5 million in State Transportation Improvement Program funds to eight OCTA projects.
  - On May 16, 2018, the CTC approved awards from three competitive SB 1 programs, totaling \$92.5 million.

### **Initiative 3: Develop Sustainable Transportation Plans**

- Transit Master Plan: On February 12, 2018, the Transit Master Plan (OC Transit Vision) final report was delivered to the Board for consideration. The plan identifies future potential transit corridor studies and recommended changes to existing transit service.
- OC Bus 360°: On April 23, 2018, the Board received a biannual progress report on the OC Bus 360° Program.
- Project V Community Circulators: On June 25, 2018, the Board approved programming recommendations for Project V funding, in an amount not to exceed \$6.8 million, for six local agency projects.

**Initiative 4: Strengthen Regional Partnerships**

- State Route 91 (SR-91) Implementation Plan: On June 11, 2018, the Board approved the 2018 SR-91 Implementation Plan. The plan outlines improvements along the SR-91 corridor between SR-57 in Orange County and Interstate 15 in Riverside County.

**Initiative 5: Modernize Transit Services**

- Phase II, Mobile Ticketing System for Fixed-Route Buses: By the end of the first quarter (March 2018), all mobile readers had been installed on the active bus fleet. The OC Bus Mobile Ticketing Application allows passengers to purchase tickets from their smartphone. As of March 2018, seven percent of total fare revenues were being collected electronically. This is double the industry average. Cashless transactions speed up boarding and improve system efficiency.

**Initiative 6: Champion Fiscal Responsibility**

- Collective Bargaining Agreement: On May 14, 2018, the Board ratified and approved a three year Coach Operator's agreement.

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Attachment