

Meeting of March 9, 2020

Deputy CEO Recognized for Service at OCTA

The Orange County Transportation Authority's board of directors recognized Deputy Chief Executive Officer Ken Phipps who is retiring after his 28 years of service to OCTA and the residents of Orange County.

Ken first joined OCTA in 1992 with a broad background of experience in the private sector ranging from manufacturing, to service to defense contracting. For the last seven years, he has served as Deputy CEO and has made not only a remarkable impact on OCTA but his efforts have made a lasting positive impact on transportation throughout Southern California.

Prior to becoming Deputy CEO in 2013, Ken was the Executive Director of Finance and Administration where he directed OCTA's financial and general administration functions.

\$2.8 Million Available to Improve O.C. Water Quality

The board made \$2.8 million available to be allocated toward water quality improvement projects in Orange County.

The funds come from Measure M, the county's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, also known as OC Go.

The ballot measure includes funding for an Environmental Cleanup Program that awards money on a competitive basis to cities and the county for projects that reduce the impacts of water pollution related to transportation by removing litter and debris from roads before it reaches the ocean and other waterways.

Applications are due to OCTA by May 7 and the board is expected to award funding late this summer.

Board Receives I-5/El Toro Road Interchange Update

The board received an update on the I-5/El Toro Road Interchange Project, which is looking at ways to improve traffic flow at the busy interchange in South Orange County.

The project is currently in the environmental phase and OCTA has been working with Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods and Lake Forest to reach a consensus about the type of improvement that would provide the greatest benefit to traffic while minimizing community impacts.

Later this year, OCTA will begin evaluating new concepts to improve the interchange while continuing to work closely with the local cities and Caltrans to reach an agreement. The study is expected to be completed early next year.