

# Orange County Transportation Authority

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# What is OCTA?



## Complete Streets

- Active transportation
- Signal synchronization
- OC Bridges
- City formula funding
- Local competitive grants funding



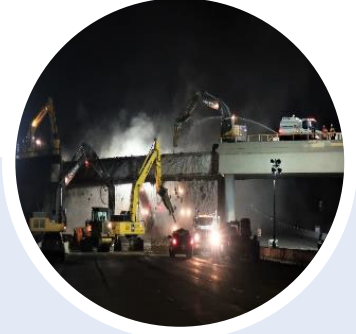
## Transit

- OC Bus and paratransit
- OC Streetcar
- OC Flex microtransit
- Community-based transit
- Metrolink
- LOSSAN managing agency



## Sustainability

- Zero-emission bus
- Air quality initiatives
- Innovative wildlife and habitat mitigation and preservation
- Water-quality grants
- Climate resiliency planning



## Highways

- Measure M projects
- HOV lanes
- General-purpose lanes
- Tolled express lanes
- Motorist services



**Orange County's  
Regional  
Transportation  
Planning &  
Funding Agency**



# Measure M Overview



## Measure M2 (OC Go): 2011-41

- Renewed by voters in 2006 for 30 years
- Began collection in 2011
- \$15 billion program
- Leveraged \$3.5 billion to date in external revenues

## Measure M1: 1991-2011

- Successful implementation
- Delivered more than \$4 billion in transportation improvements
- Leveraged \$1.2 billion in external revenues



## ENVIRONMENTAL



A total of 5% of OC Go Freeway Program funds is allocated to the Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program



A total of 2% of the overall OC Go Program funds is allocated to the Environmental Cleanup Program



# Community Shuttles (Project V)



## Overview:

- Competitive Measure M program
- Allows cities and the County to develop and implement transit services that:
  - Complement regional bus and rail services
  - Better suit local needs in areas with less regional transit

## Services Include:

- Newport Beach Balboa Peninsula Trolley
- Dana Point Trolley
- Laguna Beach Trolley and Summer Breeze
- Laguna Niguel Summer Trolley
- San Clemente Trolley and SC Ride
- San Juan Capistrano Trolley

# Measure M Environmental Programs



[octa.net/green](https://octa.net/green)



## Environmental Cleanup Program

- Approximately \$60 million allocated to improve water quality throughout Orange County
- 60 million gallons of trash captured to date



## Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program

- Preserved 1,300 acres of open space and restored nearly 350 acres of habitat
- Streamlined biological and water quality permitting for freeway projects



# Free Transit Programs



## Youth Ride Free

- Allows youth 18 and under to ride OC Bus for free
- Passes and marketing information being distributed in partnership with Orange County schools
- More info: [OCBus.com/YouthRideFree](https://OCBus.com/YouthRideFree)



## Community College Pass

- Allows students enrolled at Orange County community colleges to ride OC Bus for free
- Removes barriers to higher education and introduces new riders to public transit
- More info: [octa.net/CollegePass](https://octa.net/CollegePass)



# I-405 Improvement Project



## Scope:

- Primarily within existing right of way
- Two new lanes stretching 16 miles each direction between Costa Mesa and the LA County line
  - One regular lane
  - Creation of 405 Express Lanes
- 18 bridge replacements
- Improvements to local streets and interchanges
- \$2.16 billion total cost

## Status:

- 95% complete
- **Late 2023:** Anticipated completion












# Tolls and Discounts



**Tolls vary by hour, day of the week and direction of travel.**

 Solo Drivers	 2 Person Carpools	 3+ Person Carpools	 Designated Veterans License Plates	 Disabled Person License Plates	 Motorcycles	 Clean Air Vehicles
Always pay a toll	Free for the first 3.5 years after the facility opens during non-peak hours  Pay a toll during peak hours	Always free	Always free	Always free	Always free	15% discount

*Peak hours are 6-10 a.m. and 2-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1-7 p.m. on weekends.*

# 405 Express Lanes Access Points





Coming in late 2023

Less driving. More living.



Life. On time.

## The new 405 Express Lanes will open in late 2023. What will you do with all the time you'll save?

Let's face it, nobody lives in Southern California because they want to spend more time behind the wheel. We all have things we'd much rather be doing, like enjoying the great outdoors and being with our loved ones. The new 405 Express Lanes will greatly reduce traffic congestion and help you connect more easily to things you'd rather do than sit in traffic.



## More than just convenient, the 405 Express Lanes also helps:



### Save Time

Wherever and whenever you drive, you'll experience free-flowing traffic to help you reach your destination safely and efficiently.



### Reduce Stress

Driving in heavy traffic conditions leads to greater stress. Free-flowing traffic isn't just more convenient – it's good for your health.



### Ease Congestion

The 405 Express Lanes benefit all who drive the I-405. Those in the regular lanes will enjoy reduced drive times because space will be freed up by those who choose the 405 Express Lanes, such as carpools with three or more people that always travel toll-free.

## Your FasTrak® transponder opens up a whole new way to enjoy the drive.

Because everyone using the 405 Express Lanes is required to have a transponder, traffic will always flow as freely as possible. All tolls will be collected electronically, with no toll booths or cash payments to slow you down.

Your FasTrak® transponder will give you access to the extensive network of established toll agencies anywhere in California. Simply attach the transponder to your vehicle and you're good to go.



## Smoother and safer, too.

Car trouble on the 405 Express Lanes? We've got you covered. Our traffic operations center will keep a close watch on the Express Lanes 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and will dispatch our free tow truck service to you within minutes.



For further information, please visit us at:  
[405ExpressLanes.com](http://405ExpressLanes.com).



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# Key Takeaways

- OCTA is on track to deliver on all of its projects promised to voters through Measure M, Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation.
- OCTA is continuing to invest in all modes of travel to ensure a balanced and sustainable transportation system throughout Orange County.

**More information: [octa.net](https://octa.net), [405ExpressLanes.com](https://405ExpressLanes.com)**