For more than 27 years, Measure M has been the major force behind traffic congestion relief in Orange County. Measure M is the half cent sales tax for transportation improvements first approved by Orange County voters in 1990 and renewed by voters for a 30-year extension in 2006. The combined measures raise the sales tax in Orange County by one-half cent through 2041 to alleviate traffic congestion, sustain economic growth, and ensure future mobility.

Measure M1: Promises Made, Promises Kept (1991-2011)
Through careful stewardship and strategic early action, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) kept the promises made to the voters under the original Measure M (M1). More than $4 billion worth of transportation improvements for Orange County were achieved over a 20-year period, including the widening of the State Route 22 (SR-22) – a project not included in the original plan. As a result, M1 was responsible for adding 192 freeway lane miles, improving 170 intersections and 38 freeway interchanges, and implementing Metrolink service to Orange County, which now carries the equivalent of one lane of the traffic on the I-5 Freeway.

Measure M2: Paving the Way for the Future (2011-2041)
On November 7, 2006, nearly 70 percent of Orange County voted to extend the Measure M one-half cent sales tax for transportation improvements. Renewed Measure M, Measure M2 (M2), administered by OCTA, will provide more than 13 billion to improve transportation in Orange County over a 30-year period.

In 2017, OCTA rebranded Measure M as OC Go to raise awareness about Orange County’s vital local sales tax for transportation improvements. The new OC Go name and logo is consistent with other OCTA brands including OC Bus, OC Streetcar, OC Bike, OC Vanpool and OC Metrolink.

OC Go allocates revenues in the same percentages as M1. In addition, OC Go dedicates two percent of gross revenues to protecting Orange County beaches from transportation-generated pollution while improving ocean water quality. Also, a minimum of five percent of the OC Go Freeway Program budget is available for comprehensive mitigation (rather than piecemeal) of the environmental impacts of freeway improvements. The OC Go Freeway Mitigation Program allocates funds to acquire land and restore habitat for comprehensive environmental mitigation of impacts resulting from the freeway improvement projects.
Updated Next 10 Delivery Plan (2017-2026)

Since OC Go approval, the OCTA Board of Directors have continued to advance implementation of OG Go through the adoption of a series of early delivery plans. These delivery plans are to ensure the delivery of projects and programs through 2041 as promised to the voters, bring transportation improvements earlier to residents and commuters of Orange County, and as appropriate, address the slower growth in sales tax revenue projections through strategic financing and successfully capturing and augmenting the program with external revenue. Early delivery plans to date include a five-year Early Action Plan adopted in 2007 (Completed in 2012), an M2020 Plan adopted in 2012 (intended to go through 2020) but cut short due to a decrease in the sales tax revenue and replaced with the adoption of a Next 10 Delivery Plan. Over 10 years, the Updated Next 10 Plan will invest more than $6 billion into Freeways, Streets and Roads, Transit, and Environmental projects included in the OC Go Plan.

The OC Go Transportation Investment Plan has many taxpayers, including a Taxpayers Oversight Committee. Annual audits and regular public reports on projects’ progress are required. Additionally, OCTA prepares quarterly progress reports, preforms triennial performance assessments, and reviews the OC Go Plan every ten years during its 30-year life span.
Thanks to the early delivery plans, many projects were advanced to get improvements underway. Progress since the inception of OC Go includes:

**Freeway**
- $1.1 billion allocated to date for freeway projects with work underway on all projects in the plan: 12 freeway segments have been completed, two currently in construction, four are in the design phase, and the remaining nine are in various stages of the development process.

**Street and Road**
- Contributed more than a quarter of the funds ($168 million) to the $663 million cost of the OC Bridges Program and leveraged the remainder by attracting state and federal contributions
- $325 million of flexible funding allocated to local jurisdictions for streets and road improvements to help the County of Orange keep up with the rising cost of repairing the aging street system
- The Traffic Signal Synchronization Program has resulted in approximately $44 million in improvements along 594 miles and 2,244 signals, 31% stop reduction, 15% speed improvement and 13% travel time saved
- $295 million has been awarded to local jurisdictions in competitive funding for local streets and roads projects with $84 million in transportation improvements delivered, more than $131 awarded for projects currently in construction
Transit

- The 4.15-mile Santa Ana-Garden Grove Fixed-Guideway project (The OC Streetcar) entered the design phase; The OC Streetcar will connect directly with 18 OCTA bus routes, including the seven busiest routes in the county.
- 52 Orange County rail-highway grade crossings enhanced with safety improvements.
- Completed the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC) which connects OCTA bus service, Metrolink, Amtrak, shuttles, and other private/public transportation as well as accommodates future high-speed trains.
- The addition of 10 new intercounty Metrolink trains providing mid-day service within Orange County, and several rail line and station improvements to accommodate future expanded service.
- Continuation of collaboration with Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Los Angeles Metropolitan Authority to address track-sharing issues to further expand Metrolink service into Los Angeles.
- Over $55 million provided for services to support seniors and persons with disabilities by reducing fares, proving senior non-emergency medical transportation services, and the Senior Mobility Program.
- $43.6 million approved to fund community-based transit services that complement regional bus and rail services and meet needs not adequately served by regional transit service.
- $1.2 million allocated to local jurisdictions to provide and improve passenger amenities at 100 of Orange County’s busiest bus stops.

Environmental

- A $55 million investment in comprehensive mitigation of environmental impacts of freeway improvements projects: OCTA has acquired seven properties totaling 1,300 acres and the restoration of 350 acres of habitats. In 2017, OCTA completed a state and federal Conservation Plan for the EMP in exchange for streamlined biological resource permits for the freeway improvement projects. These efforts ensured early and higher-value environmental benefits such as habitat protection, connectivity, and resource preservation.
- $48 million allocated to 176 water quality improvement projects to address urban runoff from transportation projects which has resulted in more than 157 gallons of water saved and nearly 6.2 million cubic feet of trash eliminated from flowing into waterways.

For updated progress on OC Go, please visit: octa.net/OC-Go/Milestones