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**OCTA Seeks Applicants for Citizens Advisory Committee**

ORANGE – The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is seeking qualified volunteers to serve on its Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

The 34-member committee is responsible for providing input and advice on OCTA's transportation projects, studies and outreach activities. The committee's tasks include identifying opportunities for community input, recommending methods for obtaining public feedback on specific transportation issues, serving as a liaison between the public and OCTA and commenting on significant transportation issues.

OCTA is looking for individuals with a demonstrated interest in community activities and transportation issues who are willing to dedicate at least 20 hours per year to OCTA meetings and activities. This is an unpaid volunteer position and CAC members must commit to serving a two-year term. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and live in Orange County.

"We encourage members of the community to get involved and provide feedback, so together we can improve transportation in Orange County," said Carolyn Cavecche, OCTA Board Chairman.

The CAC meets throughout the year to review upcoming transportation projects and to provide feedback. Committee members may also participate in ad hoc committees, roundtable discussions and special presentations on various transportation projects.

Applications for the 2007 term will be accepted through April 12. The CAC application is available at **www.octa.net/cac**. For additional information, contact Karen Taylor at (714) 560-5347 or **ktaylor@octa.net**.

The OCTA Board of Directors will select the CAC members by the end of June 2007.

# Citizens Advisory Committee

## Get Involved

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors is seeking qualified applicants for its Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The 34-member CAC is tasked with providing input and advice on transportation projects, studies and outreach activities. CAC members serve two-year terms. Members are appointed by the Board of Directors and must live in Orange County.

OCTA is looking for individuals with:

- Community involvement—must represent a group(s) with an active membership/constituency
- A demonstrated interest in community activities and transportation issues
- Willingness to dedicate no fewer than 20 hours per year to OCTA meetings/activities

## What is the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

OCTA is a state-mandated, countywide transportation agency that works with state and local officials, community groups, businesses and other regional transportation agencies to coordinate a unified effort to identify, fund and implement local transportation solutions. OCTA is governed by a 17-member Board of Directors. The Board is composed of the five county supervisors, city council representatives from across the county and two public members.

Transportation plays a large role in Orange County's quality of life and economy. OCTA is involved in all aspects of providing a comprehensive, multi-modal transportation system for Orange County commuters; from running the bus system to improving local freeways, highways and streets; from using technology to improve traffic to planning long-range solutions that will help the County in the future.

## Responsibilities of the OCTA Citizens Advisory Committee

OCTA's Citizens Advisory Committee members actively participate in helping to examine traffic solutions, providing input to OCTA's transportation studies and communicating with their constituencies. During the year, committee members are asked to participate on ad hoc committees, in roundtable discussions, and hear special presentations on various transportation projects, programs and services. This is an unpaid volunteer position and meetings adhere to the Brown Act. The committee's responsibilities include:

- Identify opportunities for community input
- Recommend mechanisms and methodologies for obtaining public opinion on specific transportation issues
- Serve as a liaison between the public and OCTA
- Comment on significant transportation issues and suggest possible ideas and solutions

## Deadline For Application

All applications must be received by April 12, 2007. If you need additional information, please contact Melate Bekele at (714) 560-5469 or mbekele@octa.net. Please mail the completed application form and resume (if available) to:

Orange County Transportation Authority
Melate Bekele, Community Relations
P.O. Box 14184
Orange, CA 92863-1584

If you prefer, fax your completed application form to (714) 560-5795, to the attention of Community Relations. You may also access the CAC Application on the internet at www.octa.net. The OCTA Board of Directors will select the CAC members by the end of June 2007. You will be notified at that time.

# Citizens Advisory Committee Application - 2007

**Orange County Transportation Authority**

Please type or print (typewritten preferred). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Mr. ❑ Ms. ❑ Mrs. ❑ _____
*Please indicate.*

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Business Phone ( ) _____ Fax Number ( ) _____

Home Phone ( ) _____ Email _____

Supervisorial District Number _____
*Call Registrar of Voters at 714.567.7586 for information.*

Present Occupation _____ Employer _____

Are you a registered voter? *Choose one.* ❑ Yes ❑ No

How long have you lived in Orange County? _____

Are you currently an elected or appointed public officer? *Choose one.* ❑ Yes ❑ No

Please list the organization(s) you are presently active with and would represent on the CAC, please give the organization name, nature of your activities and duties, and approximate dates.
*Use additional paper if necessary.*

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Please respond to the following questions (limit your response to one page):

1) Why do you wish to be considered for membership on OCTA's Citizens Advisory Committee?

2) What about transportation interests you?

Personal Reference:

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Name Occupation Phone Number

I hereby declare the information provided in this application for OCTA's Citizens Advisory Committee is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my statement may be verified and I give permission to do so.

Signature _____ Date _____