



Accelerating Transportation Projects To Create Jobs

“Orange County has shelf-ready transportation projects ready to turn dirt and begin construction.”

— Lucy Dunn, President and CEO
of Orange County Business Council

Facing a multi-billion dollar deficit, it's clear that significant investment in transportation infrastructure will provide a strong foundation for rebuilding California's economy.

Investing in California's infrastructure will result in creating thousands of jobs. In addition to the short-term benefits, improving the way in which people and goods move through our state will ensure California's economy will thrive well into the future.

It's critical that California capitalize on any and all funding opportunities made available through a federal economic stimulus package. Central to this effort is the state's ability to demonstrate that projects won't get bogged down through bureaucracy and that dirt will be turning immediately upon project funding.

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has identified more than \$2 billion in transportation projects, creating tens of thousands of jobs, that can be accelerated if the state implements measures to reduce red tape.

What steps can our state and federal partners take to ensure we are prepared for the challenges ahead?

- **Streamline Caltrans planning and bidding timelines:** OCTA has five major freeway projects that could be ready for construction in 2009 if Caltrans could cut down the design review and bidding process that now takes more than a year to a more efficient three to six months.
- **Clearing the air on greenhouse gas:** Projects should be exempt from meeting state requirements for analyzing greenhouse gas emissions before approved regulations have been issued. Projects that received state bonds have already received this exemption. OCTA has three projects – a \$2 billion investment – in environmental stages that risk delays because of undefined standards.
- **Authorize design-build:** This method of completing projects, where design and construction can move forward on parallel tracks, has proven successful in saving time and money on public works projects. The practice is already in place on certain types of projects and broadening its use would result in immediate benefits. Three rail-related projects in Orange County could utilize this method and be under way in 2009, resulting in a \$76 million infrastructure investment.
- **Streamline environmental process:** Certain transportation projects that are part of an economic stimulus package could be fast-tracked through the environmental process and start construction years ahead of schedule. In some cases, projects could be excluded from state and federal regulatory processes while still ensuring the environment is protected.



Federal Economic Stimulus Construction Candidate Projects

Preliminary Estimates as of December 9, 2008

Project Description	Cost (\$ In Millions)	Accelerated Award Date	Jobs
Freeway Projects			
SR-91 Eastbound New Lane, SR-241 to SR-71	\$80	April 2009	2,226
SR-57 Widening - Orangethorpe to Yorba Linda	\$70	September 2009	1,948
SR-57 Widening - Yorba Linda to Lambert	\$70	September 2009	1,948
SR-57 Widening - Katella to Lincoln	\$41	December 2009	1,141
SR-22/I-405 Carpool Connector	\$200	October 2009	5,565
SR-22/I-605 Carpool Connector	\$200	October 2009	5,565
Sub-Total - Freeway Projects	\$661		18,391

Bus Transit	Cost (\$ In Millions)	Accelerated Award Date	Jobs
Bus rapid transit capital improvements	\$45	September 2009	1,252
Bus radio system replacement	\$20	June, 2009	556
Farebox upgrade	\$8	September 2009	223
Garden Grove Bus Base Annex earthquake retrofit	\$2	July 2009	56
Goldenwest Transportation Center parking structure	\$6	December 2009	167
Irvine Bus Base parking structure	\$5	December 2009	139
North Orange County transit center development	\$10	December 2009	278
Solar panels at Goldenwest Center and Fullerton Park & Ride	\$4	December 2009	111
Bus base capital improvements - fall protection, vehicle lifts, joint sealant, elevator upgrades, etc.	\$2	December 2009	54
Sub-Total - Bus Transit	\$102		2,836

Rail Transit	Cost (\$ In Millions)	Accelerated Award Date	Jobs
Placentia Avenue - rail / road improvements	\$39	September 2009	1,085
Placentia commuter-rail station	\$19	September 2009	529
Tustin commuter-rail station parking structure	\$18	September 2009	501
Laguna Niguel - San Juan Capistrano track improvements	\$35	September 2009	974
Support facilities for track maintenance	\$10	December 2009	278
Upgrade rail ties to improve quality of ride	\$7	December 2009	195
Sub-Total - Rail Transit	\$128		3,561



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City / County Public Works Projects	Cost (\$ In Millions)	Accelerated Award Date	Jobs
Aliso Viejo	\$3	2009	81
Anaheim	\$139	2009	3,867
Brea	\$1	2009	14
Buena Park	\$22	2009	612
Costa Mesa	\$39	2009	1,080
Cypress	\$7	2009	186
Dana Point	\$28	2009	779
Fountain Valley	\$4	2009	103
Fullerton	\$26	2009	709
Garden Grove	\$29	2009	807
Huntington Beach	\$20	2009	548
Irvine	\$39	2009	1,089
Laguna Beach	\$12	2009	341
Laguna Hills	\$6	2009	167
Laguna Niguel	\$33	2009	931
Laguna Woods	\$4	2009	116
La Habra	\$10	2009	271
Lake Forest	\$11	2009	296
La Palma	\$4	2009	102
Los Alamitos	\$5	2009	132
Mission Viejo	\$22	2009	608
Newport Beach	\$9	2009	248
Orange	\$92	2009	2,548
Placentia	\$17	2009	472
Rancho Santa Margarita	\$9	2009	247
San Clemente	\$25	2009	707
San Juan Capistrano	\$10	2009	280
Santa Ana	\$287	2009	7,980
Seal Beach	\$21	2009	594
Tustin	\$83	2009	2,315
Villa Park	\$3	2009	87
Westminster	\$7	2009	197
Yorba Linda	\$10	2009	278
County Unincorporated	\$82	2009	2,289
Sub-Total - City & County Projects	\$1,117	2009	31,082
Total	\$2,008		55,871