Improving Rail Travel In Orange County

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Renewed Measure M

- Half-cent sales tax
- Passed in 2006
- $14.5 billion*
- 30-year program
- Environmental programs
- Taxpayer safeguards

M2 funding distribution

- Transits: 25%
- Freeways: 43%
- Roads: 32%

* Revised projections in actual dollars
Rail In Orange County

- OCTA owns 48 miles of right-of-way
- Metrolink
- Amtrak
- Freight service
Metrolink Service Expansion

- $450 million investment
- Beginning mid-2010
- Increased service
  - Between Laguna Niguel / Mission Viejo and Fullerton
New Rail Cars

- 52 trailer cars
- 7 cab cars
Grade Crossing Enhancements

- 52 crossings
- 24 month timeline
- Quiet zones
Grade Separations

- Seven crossings on BNSF
- $407 million improvements
  - Funding from Prop 1B and Renewed Measure M
Future LOSSAN Corridor

• Significant growth planned by all providers:
  – Metrolink, Amtrak and Coaster
• Level of train service expected to more than double
• Longer commutes = public transit
• California High-Speed Rail
Next Steps

• Execute the memorandum of understanding
  – Independent project manager
  – Develop business plan
  – $800,000 to $1.2 million
Proposed Early Actions

- Unified pass program for all passenger rail services
- Modify Metrolink/Coaster service plans
- Add limited-stop express train
- Consolidate timetables
- Revise schedules to include Ventura – Santa Barbara peak hours
High-Speed Rail Overview

• Largest public transit project in U.S. history
  – 800 miles of new track
  – $40+ billion in planning and construction costs
  – 600,000 construction-related jobs

• First Phase: Anaheim to San Francisco
Stimulus Funding

• California’s application:
  – $4.7 billion
• Anaheim to Los Angeles:
  – $2 billion

“California and Florida are way ahead of the curve... California is "way, way, way ahead."

– U.S. DOT Sec. Ray LaHood
Anaheim to Los Angeles Segment

- Furthest segment along nationally for high-speed rail
- Environmental work anticipated to be complete next year