



Go Local Fast Facts



City-Initiated Transit Extensions to Metrolink Rail



Measure M brings commuter-rail service to Orange County

The Go Local program is a four-step process to plan and implement city-initiated transit extensions to OCTA's Metrolink commuter rail line. The Metrolink rail line is the backbone of transit in Orange County. Two-thirds of Orange County's population and jobs are within a four-mile radius of each of the county's 10 Metrolink stations. Because of this proximity of potential commuter rail users, OCTA plans to increase Metrolink service in the coming years.

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Phase 1

The first phase of Go Local is designed to provide each of the 34 cities in Orange County a \$100,000 grant to study possible extensions to the Metrolink line. These extensions will link major activity and employment centers with a Metrolink station. The grant can be used to study:

- Land use development planning related to Metrolink stations or nearby areas
- Assessment of needs or local travel patterns to extend the reach of Metrolink
- Transit shuttle planning or implementation

Phase 2

During this phase, the cities will compete for additional funding to further develop the most promising projects. Proposed projects will be evaluated against well-defined and well-known criteria including:

- Traffic congestion relief
- Project readiness, with priority given to projects that can be implemented within the first five years of the Renewed Measure M Transportation Investment Plan
- Local funding commitments and the availability of right of way
- Proven ability to attract other financial partners, both public and private
- Cost-effectiveness
- Proximity to jobs and population centers
- Regional as well as local benefits
- Ease and simplicity of connections
- Compatible, approved land uses
- Safe and modern technology
- A sound, long-term operating plan

Phase 3

Step three may move some projects into development and implementation.

Phase 4

In this phase, the focus will be on efforts to transform existing Metrolink stations

into major multi-modal transportation centers. These transportation centers would offer commuters travel by rail and also by bus to business and activity centers on weekdays and weekends.

Program Funding

The Go Local program is funded by Measure M, Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements. Measure M was originally approved by Orange County voters in 1990 and expires in 2011. On November 6, 2006, Orange County voters approved the Renewed Measure M Transportation Investment Plan by a 69.7 percent majority, which will ensure transportation improvements for another 30 years until 2041.

Additional Information

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