

# **A STAR shines on Costa Mesa Television**

Costa Mesa Television Channel 3 (CMTV 3) was recently honored by the Southern California and Nevada chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (SCAN NATOA) at the 21st Annual STAR Awards with one first place and three second place awards.

The STAR Awards recognize outstanding programs produced by public, educational, and/or government access facilities serving California and Nevada communities.

Costa Mesa Television earned top honors in the "Public Safety" category for its production about the Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue Department wild fire training. Second place awards were garnered in the categories of Overall Excellence in Government Programming Under \$400,000 Operating Budget, City Services Information Video and News Story.

Costa Mesa Television has now been recognized by SCAN NATOA for excellence in local programming with 16 first place STAR Awards since 1997, including 13 in the past 11 years.

Additionally, CMTV has earned numerous second and third place honors in a variety of categories over the years.

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## **The City and Anaheim Resort Transportation introduce a**

# **new Costa Mesa Shuttle Service**

Anaheim Resort Transportation (ART) has teamed up with the City of Costa Mesa and Travel Costa Mesa to expand its public transportation service with a dedicated Costa Mesa-only line beginning June 15, 2017.

The ART Costa Mesa-only line is free to the public and will operate daily on a fixed route schedule. It will offer area businesses, employees, residents and visitors an easy and economical transportation option designed to enhance the dining, shopping and the arts experience in Costa Mesa.

“Costa Mesa is the focal point of the county when it comes to culinary, artistic and shopping experiences,” Mayor Katrina Foley said. “We are grateful for this new partnership with ART that offers those who live, work and shop here a free and convenient way to get to the hubs of creative culture and cuisine.”

ART will transport riders on 30-passenger (CNG) Compressed Natural Gas ART vehicles along South Bristol Street between the South Coast Metro area, South Coast Plaza, The LAB, The Camp, and Costa Mesa’s cultural arts centers.

“ART is designed to provide both locals and visitors with a convenient public transportation option, and the Costa Mesa-only line gives us a new opportunity to showcase this engaging destination,” said Diana Kotler, Anaheim Resort Transportation Executive Director. “Freeing people up with convenient transportation possibilities will give them more time to enjoy this area, from happy hours to shopping sprees. Connecting the dots to Orange County’s, dining, shopping and entertainment is what ART is all about.”

Additionally, the current ART Costa Mesa/South Coast Plaza

(line #22) will continue to service guests traveling from Costa Mesa hotels to the Disneyland Resort and from Anaheim area hotels to South Coast Plaza. The rider cost is \$5.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children per day.

Connect with ART on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn or at [rideart.org](http://rideart.org).

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## **City Manager Hatch provides council with first look at Fiscal Year budget for 2017-18**

On Tuesday May 9, City Manager Tom Hatch presented the City Council with the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Preliminary Budget, which reflects the operating and capital spending plans for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, and Internal Service Funds.

The total preliminary budget for all funds is \$155.0 million, an increase of \$10.4 million, or 7.2% compared to the adopted budget for FY 16-17.

“The objectives used in developing this budget are to submit a balanced budget to the City Council; to do the best job possible of maintaining current excellent levels of service to the community; to implement City Council’s priorities as feasible; and to be prudent in our revenue estimates and cautiously optimistic overall,” City Manager Hatch said in a statement on the budget. “The City’s management team and staff have put together an operating and capital expenditure plan

that addresses the City Council's priorities while fulfilling the service requirements of the people who live, work, and play in our community."

Click [here](#) to see the Preliminary Budget and click [here](#) for the Budget in Brief.

For those who couldn't make the special session meeting, there will be an additional community budget meeting on May 18 at 5:30 p.m. to give members of the public time to ask staff questions about the budget. That meeting will be held in Conference Room 1A.

The council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday June 20 at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting to adopt the budget.

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## **City of Costa Mesa issues statement on Costa Mesa Motor Inn Ruling**

The City's prior approval of a 224-unit apartment complex was dealt a legal setback Thursday after a Los Angeles Superior Court judge ruled the development didn't conform with the State density bonus law.

In the case *Kennedy Commission v. City of Costa Mesa*, the Court reversed the City Council resolutions and ordinances that approved the apartment project, which would allow Miracle Mile Properties to redevelop the now-closed Costa Mesa Motor Inn on Harbor Boulevard.

The Court fully rejected the Kennedy Commission's claim that the City engaged in housing discrimination.

However, the allegation by the Kennedy Commission that the City was responsible for relocation payments to previous occupants of the motel was transferred by the Court to another judge for resolution.

The City and its legal counsel are evaluating the options to resolve this matter.

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## **Full Closure of Interstate 405/Red Hill Avenue Overcrossing Friday May 12 through Saturday May 13**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is closing Red Hill Avenue from Main Street to Pullman Avenue to replace bridge joint seals, as part of an ongoing construction project beginning 9 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2017 through 10 a.m. Saturday, May 13, 2017.

This closure is part of a \$9 million Embankment Stabilization project in the cities of Irvine and Costa Mesa.

Changeable Message Signs will be used to alert motorists. Travel delays may occur and motorists are advised to avoid the area, use alternate routes, and check traffic conditions before their commute.

Once complete in early 2018, the project will reinforce the underlying soil embankment, as well as construct new retaining

walls to provide a safe enhancement to the local arterial surface street system.

For real time freeway traffic information, please visit the Caltrans Quickmap [www.quickmap.dot.ca.gov](http://www.quickmap.dot.ca.gov) or the Caltrans District 12 Website at [www.dot.ca.gov/dist12/Red\\_Hill](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist12/Red_Hill).

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## **Temporary road closures expected for this weekend's U.S. Bank OC Marathon**

As many as 35,000 people, including participants, spectators and volunteers, will be out in force for the 13th annual U.S. Bank OC Marathon. The full and half marathons will take place in the morning on Sunday, May 7, necessitating temporary closures of several main Orange County thoroughfares.

[Click here for more information.](#)

In Newport Beach, southbound MacArthur Boulevard will be closed from San Joaquin Hills Road to East Coast Highway. Coast Highway will also be closed from MacArthur Boulevard to Orchid Avenue, as will Bayside Drive in both directions from Jamboree Boulevard to Marguerite Avenue. Other temporary closures will include portions of Harbor Boulevard and Fairview Road in Costa Mesa, among many other smaller roads throughout the course that traverses Newport Beach, Santa Ana and Costa Mesa.

Thousands of runners from more than 20 countries and all 50 states are expected to compete at the 3-day Running Festival that includes the full and half marathons, the Wahoo's OC 5K,

and one of the biggest kids' races in the country, the Kids Run the OC presented by Nutrilite, which expects about 9500 local school-age children. The full and half marathons begin early Sunday morning at the starting line in Newport Beach's Fashion Island, culminating in the Ultimate Finish Line Festival at the OC Fair and Events Center in Costa Mesa.

More than 12,000 spectators will come out to enjoy the race from various vantage points along the route, cheering on runners and offering moral support in the form of signs, balloons and water stations.

The Wahoo's OC 5K will take place on Saturday, May 6 at 5:00 pm. Westbound traffic on Merrimac will be closed, as will Fairview Road at Merrimac between 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm.

For more information about road closure times, shuttles and spectating opportunities, please visit the U.S. Bank OC Marathon website at [ocmarathon.com](http://ocmarathon.com) or email us at [traffic@ocmarathon.com](mailto:traffic@ocmarathon.com)

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## **OCTA needs the public's help in shaping the future of the county's transit systems**

The Orange County Transportation Authority wants to know what vision do the residents of Costa Mesa have for transit in and throughout Orange County.

Do residents want trains, buses, shuttles or something different?

The Orange County Transportation Authority is asking for the

public's help in shaping the future of transit.

Participants can design their own transit system with the fun and interactive Build Your Own System survey that allows them to select from various transit features that could enhance transit in Orange County.

These features include stops, stations, vehicle types, and service.

By developing a personalized transit system, residents can see the benefits – such as enhanced ridership, travel time, accessibility, or passenger experience – change in real-time.

Check it out at <https://octransitvision.com/>.

For more information, visit [www.octa.net/octransitvision](http://www.octa.net/octransitvision).

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## **Giovanni La Placa receives the City Manager Leadership Award for April 2017**

City Manager Tom Hatch presented firefighter paramedic Giovanni La Placa with the April City Manager's Leadership Award at the monthly Meet and Greet event.

"Like his colleagues on our Fire & Rescue team, I very much appreciate Giovanni's passion for having a well-trained EMS team," Hatch said. "On top of that, his dedication to service, volunteerism and family outside of his job is very admirable. I'm happy to present him with this Leadership Award."

La Placa began his career with the City of Costa Mesa in 2006



as a firefighter paramedic and he currently holds the position of chair of the EMS Committee. He attends the Orange County Fire Chiefs EMS meetings and Community Paramedic Advisory Committee meetings representing the organization. Since his arrival here, he has been committed to the organization and was a part of the strategic planning committee and was a paramedic evaluator during the last recruitment process.



La Placa has a passion for teaching and has obtained his American Heart Association BLS/ACLS and PALS instructor certification, teaching CPR, first aid, ACLS and PALS to current employees and Costa Mesa Fire Explorers. He's very adept at patient care and was recognized for a great save in 2014 by the Orange County base hospital coordinators.

La Placa's emergency medicine path started at the age of 14 when he began volunteering as an explorer for the City of Monrovia Fire Department and he later graduated from the Rio Hondo Fire Academy in 2002. He continued his education and became a paramedic, graduating from UCLA-Daniel Freeman in 2004 and went on to work as a paramedic in San Diego County and a reserve firefighter for the City of Poway.

La Placa holds two degrees from Mt. San Antonio College in Fire Technology and Emergency Medical Services. He holds

multiple professional certifications and continues to strive to grow professional daily. When his not at work, he volunteers at church and at the Orange County Children's Theater making sure he is a part of his family and daughters lives. He is also a successful business owner and recently finished his first sprint triathlon last year.

In addition to honoring La Placa, City Manager Hatch also recognized several new and newly promoted employees.

The new employees included from the City Manager's Department Stacy Bennett an Office Specialist who works in the City Clerk's Office, Heidi Jacinto, a Code Enforcement Officer in the Economic and Development Services Department, Miranda Gonzalez, a Recreation Leader III in the Parks & Community Services Department and Aura Wardle, a new Communications Officer in the Police Department.

Recognized for their promotions were Andrea Granadoes, an Office Specialist in the Fire Department and David Nguyen, an Office Specialist II in the City Clerk's office.

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## **Adams Avenue road work scheduled for this Saturday April 29**

The Public Services Department has contracted RJ Noble Co. to construct a new asphalt concrete surface layer for Adams Avenue from Fairview Road to Peterson Place.

Work will take place this Saturday, April 29 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

At least one lane of traffic will be maintained in both directions along Adams Avenue, however, it is highly recommended that motorists and pedestrians use alternative routes to the OCC Swap Meet and neighboring areas.

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## **Field Upgrade Construction Begins at Jack Hammett Sports Complex**

The construction to fields 3 and 4 at Jack Hammett Sports Complex began this week and progress has been steady. The upgrades include work to bring the fields up-to NFL quality standard so that the Los Angeles Chargers Football Organization can use the space to host the team's Summer Training Camp, which will also feature practices that are open to the general public.

The enhanced field space will also benefit the many youth sports leagues that practice and play games at the complex.

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## **Costa Mesa City Staff continues to monitor planned facility upgrades to JWA**

Costa Mesa staff continues to monitor all activities related

to the airport. This included attending an April 12 meeting with the County of Orange to discuss the scope of an upcoming environmental study to evaluate the impacts of facility upgrades at the airport.

The proposed upgrades include:

- Designing aircraft T-hangars to accommodate the Cirrus SR22 and Cessna 172 series of
- aircraft, which have 38.33-foot and 36.08-foot wingspans, respectively. This is based on the fact that these two (2) aircraft account for nearly all new single engine aircraft sales
- Reconfiguring surface roads and aircraft taxiways within the airport
- Developing the Orange County Sheriff's Department ("OCSD") and flight schools as independent facilities
- Maintaining an on-site piston engine mechanic
- Providing for up to three (3) full service fixed based operators (FBOs) with adequate fueling facilities. This would increase the number of FBOs from 2 to 3. FBOs are the private businesses that provide aviation-related services such as fuel, maintenance, and flight instruction
- Providing for a general aviation terminal
- Providing for a self-service fuel facility
- Retaining the existing general aviation fuel farm

The County expects to provide additional information about this project in late 2017.

Staff has previously shared this information concerning the Metroplex project and is including it again to ensure everyone remains in the loop. The NextGen Metroplex project was initiated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The project involves modernizing air traffic control systems in the region and includes airports such as: Burbank, Hawthorne, Los Angeles International (LAX), Long Beach (LGB),

Ontario International (ONT), Oxnard (OXR), Palm Springs International (PSP), San Diego International (SAN), Santa Monica Municipal (SMO), John Wayne-Orange County (SNA), and Van Nuys (VNY).

The Metroplex system is intended to allow for more direct and efficient routing of aircraft. The new system uses GPS (instead of radar) to guide departures and arrivals; minimizing the current deviations due to older radar technology, wind, air pressure, etc.

This allows for precise flight paths and monitoring; however, some deviations are expected due to sequencing arriving aircraft. Generally, these deviations do not affect Costa Mesa because the prevailing landing pattern is over Tustin and Irvine.

The departure routes, which are a bigger concern in Costa Mesa, are expected to remain the same. The benefit of the Metroplex project is that the actual track of aircraft can be flown and monitored more precisely.

There are no additional impacts expected in Costa Mesa as a result of the Metroplex project. In fact, the most recent noise study indicates a minor decrease in aircraft-related noise in Costa Mesa i.e., a 0.1 decibel reduction.

However, this small level of reduction should not be perceptible to the human ear.

The FAA emphasizes that the Metroplex system will result in flight paths that are more precise and predictable and will minimize deviations to the east and west of the current paths. The Google Earth information for checking individual addresses can be accessed at this link.

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## **Adams Avenue rehabilitation**

# from Fairview Road to Peterson Place

Construction began in early April to remove and replace damaged concrete sidewalks, curb, gutter, and wheel chair ramps on both the north and south sides of Adams Avenue between Fairview Road and Peterson Place.

Following completion of this work, street paving operations will be initiated, which includes grinding the existing roadway pavement and replacing with new, rubberized hot mix asphalt, and restriping of lane lines and legends.

Work will be conducted during daytime off-peak hours. A minimum of one-lane of traffic shall be maintained in each direction at all times.

All work is tentatively scheduled to be completed by mid-May.