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## **OCTA Seeks Applicants for Special Needs In Transit Advisory Committee**

ORANGE – The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is seeking qualified volunteers to serve on its Special Needs In Transit Advisory Committee.

Committee members represent a broad base of individuals with disabilities, as well as senior citizens. They advise OCTA on methods to promote integrated public transit services and help improve communication between OCTA and its special needs customers.

The committee's tasks include advising OCTA about transit and paratransit service issues, identifying opportunities for input from special needs customers, and communicating with care providers and agency clients regarding service-related information.

OCTA is looking for individuals with a demonstrated interest in, and involvement with, persons with disabilities and/or senior citizens. Applicants must be willing to dedicate at least 25 hours per year to OCTA meetings and activities.

Advisory Committee members represent large, active constituencies with whom regular interface regarding transportation matters is conducted. This is an unpaid volunteer position and Special Needs Committee members must commit to serving a three-year term. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, and live in Orange County.

The Special Needs Committee meets monthly to learn about upcoming transportation projects and provide feedback about transportation services. Committee members may also participate in ad hoc subcommittees, roundtable discussions and special presentations on various transportation projects, programs and services.

Applications for the 2008-2010 term will be accepted through August 25, 2008. For additional information, and to request an application, please contact Donna Berger at (714) 560-5538 or [dberger@octa.net](mailto:dberger@octa.net). The Special Needs Committee application is also available at [www.octa.net](http://www.octa.net).

The OCTA Board of Directors will select the Special Needs Committee members by the end of October 2008.

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# Special Needs in Transit Advisory Committee



## Special Needs in Transit Advisory Committee Application 2008

### Get Involved

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors is seeking qualified applicants for its Special Needs in Transit Advisory Committee (SNITAC). The 34-member committee advises the OCTA on its special needs transit service for persons with disabilities. SNITAC members serve three-year terms. Members are appointed by the Board of Directors and must live in Orange County or represent constituencies in Orange County.

### Required Qualifications

OCTA is looking for individuals who meet the three following criteria:

- Demonstrated interest and involvement with persons with disabilities and/or senior citizens.
- Large active constituencies with whom regular interface regarding transportation is conducted; and
- A willingness to dedicate no fewer than 25 hours a year to OCTA meetings/activities.

### What is the Orange County Transportation Authority?

OCTA is a 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, composed of the five county supervisors, city council representatives from across the county and two public members.

### Responsibilities of the OCTA Special Needs in Transit Advisory Committee

OCTA's Special needs in Transit Advisory Committee members actively participate in helping to examine transit service for persons with disabilities. 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 are to:

- Advise the OCTA about issues that relate to OCTA transit and paratransit services
- Recommend the mechanisms and methodologies for obtaining the input of persons

with disabilities and seniors on specific transportation issues.

- Recommend policy reviews as they pertain to service operations
- Communicate with care providers and agency clients regarding service-related information
- Assist with special needs service evaluations
- Serve as a liaison between OCTA and special needs customers, care providers and special needs service agencies.

### Deadline For Application

All applications must be received by **August 25, 2008**. If you need additional information, please contact Donna Berger at (714) 560-5538 or [dberger@octa.net](mailto:dberger@octa.net). Please email the completed application to:

Orange County Transportation Authority  
P.O. Box 14184  
Orange, CA 92863-1584  
Attn: Donna Berger

You may also access the SNITAC application on the Internet at [www.octa.net/snitac](http://www.octa.net/snitac). Appointments to the SNITAC will be announced in October 2008. You will be notified at that time.



Please type or print. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisorial District Number (home or constituent address) \_\_\_\_\_

*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) concerned with the special needs of persons with disabilities or seniors with which you are presently active and would represent on the Special Needs in Transit Advisory Committee (SNITAC).

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 on a separate page (**limit your response to one page**):

1) Why do you wish to be considered for membership on OCTA's Special Needs in Transit Advisory Committee?

2) What about transportation for persons with special needs interests you?

Personal Reference (optional) : \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare the information provided in this application for OCTA's SNITAC 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 \_\_\_\_\_