

Meeting of February 26, 2024

Board Honors February Employees of the Month

The Orange County Transportation Authority board recognized three employees of the month for February.

The honors went to:

- Adrian Tavera, a coach operator at the Garden Grove base who started at OCTA in 2000. He is a model coach operator, making safety his top priority. He is on track to achieve 23 years of safe driving and helps riders get to their destinations in a timely manner. Adrian was selected to sing the national anthem at OCTA's Veteran's Day event in November and the 405 Improvement Project dedication event in December.
- Allan "Chip" Phillips, a senior facilities technician who joined OCTA in 1991 as a service worker. He is responsible for repairing and maintaining OCTA HVAC systems and other facilities equipment. Allan is often assigned to his team's most difficult repairs and recently assisted in troubleshooting a heating system problem in a paint booth, bringing it back in service.
- Ellen Lee, who has 23 years of service with OCTA and serves as a project manager for the express lanes programs. She oversaw the procurement of the in-lane tolling equipment and development of the back-office systems for the 405 Express Lanes. Ellen also provided valuable input in the design of the 405 Express Lanes customer service and traffic operations centers, using her years of experience on the 91 Express Lanes.