

## **How Bus Ridership is Determined**

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) tracks bus ridership through the GFI fareboxes that tally each boarding by location and fare type. Ridership information is then published in a monthly report entitled "Monthly Operating Summary" (or MOS). In addition, OCTA deploys ride checkers that ride buses to collect detailed information on passenger on and off activity for each bus stop served. The ride check program is geared to checking each weekday trip at least once a year and each weekend trip once every 18-months. Also, special on-board checks, such as checking specific trips, are conducted as necessary.