

Meeting of July 27, 2015

Board honors employees of the month

The OCTA board recognized three employees of the month for July.

Resolutions of appreciation were presented to:

- Brandon Nguyen, coach operator who has achieved 15 years of safe driving
- Tony Shaik, maintenance service worker who has been with OCTA for nearly 25 years
- Kriss Garbowski, marketing and customer engagement analyst who was hired full time in 2011 after being a college intern

Mid-year report shows strategic initiatives on track

The OCTA board received a mid-year update of its strategic initiatives.

The 10 initiatives are linked to OCTA's five-year strategic plan, which serves as the framework for the implementation of OCTA's projects and services.

The initiatives include delivering capital projects, advancing reliable and modern transportation options, collaborating with local, regional and state partners, expanding public awareness of OCTA programs and projects, pursuing innovative sustainability initiatives and promoting active transportation.

Between January and June, OCTA has made significant progress in advancing these initiatives through various programs and projects. These include:

- Construction on the I-5 South County improvement project and approving a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the I-405 improvement project
- Allocating \$16 million for signal synchronization programs
- Advancing the OC Streetcar project into the developmental phase
- Expanding public awareness of OCTA through the OC Fair Express and Angels Express services
- Approving a new bus branding paint design

Board receives CEO's second quarter initiatives update

The OCTA board received a second quarter report of CEO Darrell Johnson's initiatives and action plan.

The action plan consists of 15 initiatives, implemented through 59 strategies and monitored through 81 milestones for the year. The milestones all fit into the strategic plan goal areas of mobility, public service, fiscal sustainability, stewardship and organizational excellence.

From April 1 through June 30, 17 of the milestones were completed.

Accomplishments include:

- Awarding \$32 million to cities throughout the county to improve streets and intersections
- Approving a new bus branding paint design

- Continuing the Angels Express service
- Approving a \$1 billion balanced budget for fiscal year 2015-16
- Collaborating with other agencies to launch the “Every Drop Counts” water conservation campaign
- Honoring 28 coach operators who have achieved 20 or more years of safe driving and three with 30 years of safe driving

Santa Ana – Garden Grove project now OC Streetcar

The OCTA board voted to name the Santa Ana – Garden Grove streetcar project “OC Streetcar.”

The name is intended to create unity between and awareness of the family of transportation services provided by OCTA, including OC Bus, OC Bridges, OC Access, OC Vanpool and OC Fair Express.

The OC Streetcar is planned to travel along a route just longer than 4 miles through the cities of Santa Ana and Garden Grove, providing easy connections for people traveling from trains and buses to employment, retail and recreational areas.

The streetcar is expected to move into the design phase later this year with construction planned to begin in 2017. On the current schedule, the streetcar would begin running in 2019.