

## **Meeting of July 25, 2022**

### **OCTA Receives Public Feedback on Draft Bus Restructuring Plan**

The Orange County Transportation Authority's board of directors held a public hearing to allow community members to share their thoughts on a draft plan aimed at reshaping OC Bus service to better connect Orange County residents, workers and visitors to the places they want to travel.

The draft Making Better Connections plan, proposes to increase bus service on high ridership routes, reduces wait times and simplifies the structure of bus routes.

The draft plan came as a result of the initial phase of public input and extensive analysis. Additional input on the plan was received over the past several weeks at public meetings, community events, on board bus routes and through an online questionnaire.

After the public input is addressed, a final service plan will be brought to the board for consideration in the fall. If approved by the OCTA board, the improvements will be implemented as early as next year.

For more information on Making Better Connections, [click here](#).

### **Board Recognizes July Employees of the Month**

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

The honors went to:

- Jaime Caicedo, a coach operator who started his career at OCTA in 2014. Jaime recently achieved seven years of safe driving. He enjoys being a behind-the-wheel trainer and having the opportunity to help new coach operators succeed.
- Gilberto Anaya, a journeyman mechanic who joined OCTA in 1997. Gilberto has exceptional diagnostic skills and is assigned with checking the entire Santa Ana base bus fleet.
- David Aguirre, an Associate Talent Acquisition Specialist in Human Resources, who began his career at OCTA in 2019 as an intern. David created the curriculum and schedule for the Saddleback College Bus Operator Academy, a first-of-its-kind program designed to prepare people for a bus driving career.