

Meeting of Nov. 28, 2022

OCTA Honors Outgoing Board Members

The Orange County Transportation Authority's Board of Directors presented resolutions of appreciation to outgoing board members Director Barbara Delgleize and Director Joseph Muller.

Director Delgleize, also the mayor of Huntington Beach, has served six years on the OCTA Board of Directors. Throughout her time at OCTA, Director Delgleize took on leadership roles such as Vice Chair of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee, as well as serving on the Legislative and Communications Committee. She has championed innovation, transportation, and alternative ways to travel. Through her work with the I-405 Improvement Project and Measure M, Director Delgleize has contributed greatly to OCTA's planning efforts and community outreach programs.

Director Muller, also the mayor of Dana Point, has served four years on the OCTA board. He took on the role of Chair of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee and assisted in the advancement of projects and studies in South Orange County. Director Muller been an integral part of supporting the Environmental and Sustainability Committee. Additionally, his commitment and leadership ensured the distribution of funds for environmental projects through Measure M, the county's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

Board Recognizes November Employees of the Month

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

The honors went to:

- Ignacio Cuica, a coach operator who started at OCTA in 2001. Ignacio is a model coach operator who has achieved 21 years of safe driving and outstanding attendance. He also regularly uses his customer service skills to provide riders with safe, courteous and reliable service.
- Robert Rodriguez, a journeyman mechanic who joined OCTA in 2016 and is currently assigned to the third shift at the Santa Ana base. His level of expertise of the many bus systems is an asset that enables him to repair even the most technical issues. Robert's infectious can-do attitude makes him a key contributor to the productivity and success of the Santa Ana base.
- Alicia Yang, a project manager in charge of traffic operations and signal synchronization in the planning division. Since joining OCTA in 2019, she has successfully led the Measure M signal synchronization program which benefits everyone who travels in Orange County. Alicia is both technically gifted and an excellent communicator, which has been crucial in presenting the Signal Synchronization Plan to traffic engineers throughout the county.

Board Receives Employment and Travel Follow-up Survey Results

The board received a report on a follow-up survey conducted in September to assess how current employment and travel patterns have shifted in the past year.

The initial Employment and Travel survey was conducted in 2020 with the purpose of measuring how COVID-19 has altered public attitudes, working arrangements, travel behaviors, mode choice, rideshare, and trips in the short term. The first follow-up survey conducted in 2021, and the subsequent conducted this year, aimed to identify which changes have endured 18 and 30 months into the pandemic.

Survey highlights include:

- Orange County appears to have reached a new normal for remote work, with 43% of employed respondents working from home at least one day per week
- The average number of days that respondents work from home is double pre-pandemic levels at approximately 1.5 days per week
- Employees driving alone to work increased from 60% to 69% between Sept. 2021 and Sept. 2022