

Meeting of April 22, 2024

Board Honors April Employees of the Month

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

The honors went to:

- Shernea Tennison, a coach operator who started at OCTA in 2013. Shernea regularly goes above and beyond in demonstrating professionalism and ensuring the safety of her passengers. She recently helped reunite a young girl with her family after the girl had mistakenly boarded Shernea's bus.
- Antonio Gallegos, a master transit bus technician who started at OCTA as a journeyman mechanic in 2002. Antonio has a can-do spirit and recently enhanced buses to help meet coach operators' needs, including improving visibility and safety and increasing storage.
- Megan Bornman, a senior contract administrator who started as an intern in 2013. Megan helps support procurements for some of OCTA's major projects. She recently graduated from the agency's Management Development Academy.

OCTA Board Seeks Firm to Provide Video Streaming Services

The Orange County Transportation Authority board approved a request for proposals to procure a firm that would record and live stream their meetings.

Currently, every board and committee meeting is audio streamed via OCTA's existing system, which also displays all presentations and videos shown during the meeting.

The request for proposals seeks to select a qualified firm that will provide comprehensive services, including hardware, software, implementation, maintenance, and professional services to support recording and live video streaming of meetings.

Board Approves Purchase of Driver Barriers

The OCTA board approved the purchase of 204 driver barriers to add to its existing buses.

Safety is OCTA's top priority, and the installation of the driver barriers demonstrates OCTA's commitment to maintaining the safety of coach operators. OCTA began testing the barriers on select routes in 2019, and drivers who tested the equipment said they felt safer overall.

Driver barriers will now become standard equipment on the OC Bus fleet. Approximately 220 buses are already equipped with driver barriers, and the remaining fleet will be retrofitted to include the new barriers.