

Meeting of Jan. 27, 2025

January Employees of the Month Recognized

The Orange County Transportation Authority's Board of Directors recognized three employees of the month for January.

- Manuel "Manny" Garcia, a coach operator, was honored for five years of safe driving, along with an outstanding record in customer service and attendance since joining OCTA in 2019.
- Daniel Gonzales, a maintenance employee, was recognized for his dedication and attention to detail. His efforts have been key in identifying parts and successfully facilitating the transfer of more than 2,500 items into the parts room at the Santa Ana base.
- Ronald "Ron" Wolf, an administrative employee, was recognized for his expertise in audiovisual operations, ensuring that OCTA has seamless board and committee meetings. His understanding of evolving technology has consistently enhanced transparency and public accessibility, including leading the recent procurement of video streaming options for OCTA board meetings.

OCTA Sets 2025 Action Plan with CEO and Board Initiatives

OCTA Chair Doug Chaffee and CEO Darrell E. Johnson unveiled the 2025 Board and CEO Strategic Initiatives and Action Plan, which focuses on continuing to build a transportation network that is equitable, sustainable and balanced, is fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars, and protects Orange County's environment.

For 2025, there are three Board initiatives supported by nine CEO initiatives:

- **Deliver the Public a Balanced, Sustainable & Equitable Transportation System**
 - Provide efficient, reliable and accessible options to move people and goods
 - Continue to fulfill commitments through the voter-approved Measure M local sales tax program
 - Actively engage with stakeholders and seek input from diverse communities
- **Ensure Organizational Resiliency through Fiscal & Environmental Responsibility**
 - Maintain financial integrity and effectively administer taxpayer dollars for transportation
 - Adapt to changes in the environment through enhanced resilience initiatives
 - Support thriving communities by advancing environmental stewardship and sustainability
- **Uphold Continued Excellence, Diversity & Collaboration**
 - Optimize relationships with regional, business and community partners to advance shared priorities

- Reflect community values through a continued commitment to an inclusive and diverse work culture
- Promote employee development and belonging by providing a safe and welcoming workplace

The action plan includes 109 milestones that will provide the agency with strategic direction for implementation throughout the year. Progress reports on the milestones will be provided to the OCTA board on a quarterly basis.