

## **Meeting of May 27, 2025**

### **May Employees of the Month Recognized**

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

- Gelacio Aguilar, a coach operator, joined OCTA in 2005 and has consistently delivered safe and reliable bus service. Gelacio recently achieved 18 years of safe driving and is known for his outstanding customer service.
- Jose Gutierrez, the maintenance employee of the month, began his career at OCTA in 2015. Jose is an extremely versatile employee, serving as both a machinist and a fabricator. From his technical skills to his proactive approach, Jose continues to demonstrate exceptional adaptability and innovation.
- Josue Vaglienty, the administrative employee of the month, has shown unwavering commitment and exceptional leadership in completing the final designs for major projects such as the Interstate 605/Katella Interchange. His collaborative approach and ability to deliver projects on time reflect his integrity, leadership and deep understanding of project management.

### **New Way to Pay OC Bus Fares Launching in October**

The OCTA Board has approved the launch of the Wave card, a new contactless payment system set to launch in October. This contactless smart card will replace paper passes and make riding OC Bus easier, more affordable and more convenient.

Wave card features include:

- Fare capping: Riders pay per trip until they reach the cost of a daily or monthly pass, ensuring they never pay more than needed.
- Free two-hour transfers: Riders will be able to switch buses within a two-hour window without having to pay additional fares.
- Balance protection: By registering a Wave card, riders can recover their balance if the card is lost or stolen.

The Wave card will be available as a physical card—available to purchase on OCTA's website, at the OCTA store or at more than 400 retail locations—or as a virtual card through a smartphone app. Riders may also continue to pay with cash or use a contactless credit or debit card.

For more information, visit [octa.net/Wave](https://octa.net/Wave).