

## **Meeting of June 23, 2025**

### **June Employees of the Month Recognized**

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

- Jose Esparza, a coach operator, was honored for his leadership during the 2025 Orange County Marathon, where he served as an ambassador and helped fellow coach operators navigate complex detours.
- Marco Lopez, from the maintenance team, was recognized for his technical expertise and commitment to keeping OC Bus service safe and reliable.
- Peter Sotherland, the administrative employee of the month, was celebrated for his role in advancing active transportation throughout Orange County. His work helped complete the environmental phase of the OC Connect Bikeway Project, a planned 4-mile biking and walking trail linking Garden Grove and Santa Ana.

### **OC Bus Service Improvements Coming Aug. 10**

The OCTA Board received an update on OC Bus service changes taking effect Aug. 10, aimed at improving service quality and reliability.

OCTA regularly updates schedules and routes several times a year to keep service efficient and responsive to rider needs. Highlights of the Aug. 10 changes include:

- Increased frequency on Routes 47, 64, 66, 90, and 123
- Minor schedule updates based on customer feedback on Routes 43, 53, 55, 57, and 59
- Schedule adjustments to improve on-time performance on Routes 1, 25, 33, 35, 50, 54, 56, 59, 70, 83, 89, 123, 167, and 177
- Extended summer schedule for Route 1 through November 2025 to improve weekend reliability

These changes will add approximately 31,000 vehicle service hours, bringing total annual revenue hours to 1.59 million – a reflection of OCTA's continued commitment to a balanced and sustainable transportation system.

For more information, please visit [OCBus.com](https://www.ocbus.com).

## **405 Express Lanes Update Highlights Growth, Progress**

The OCTA Board received an update on the 405 Express Lanes, showing continued growth in transactions, trips and toll revenue during the first full year of operations.

Opened in December 2023 as part of the I-405 Improvement Project, the 405 Express Lanes are helping reduce travel times and improve reliability along one of the region's busiest highways, even benefiting drivers who choose not to use the express lanes.

Performance highlights over the past 12 months include:

- 65.6 million total transactions
- 16.8 million total trips
- \$39.8 million in toll revenue

To learn more, visit [405ExpressLanes.com](https://www.405ExpressLanes.com).