

Meeting of July 28, 2025

July Employees of the Month Recognized

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

- Khorey Perry, a coach operator who joined OCTA in 2004, recently achieved 15 years of safe driving. Khorey consistently delivers excellent customer service and demonstrates a strong commitment to safety.
- Juan Lopez Saldana, from the maintenance team, began his career at OCTA in 2025 as a journeyman mechanic. Juan was recognized for his outstanding diagnostic skills and dedication to improving the reliability of the OC Bus fleet.
- Maria Brennan, the administrative employee of the month, started at OCTA in 2023. Maria was recognized for her leadership in promoting employee health and wellness, significantly increasing participation in the agency's wellness program.

Board Receives Updates on Coastal Rail Resiliency Efforts

The OCTA Board received an update on the Coastal Rail Stabilization Priority Project, which focuses on stabilizing four areas of the rail line in San Clemente where urgent action is needed to maintain reliable service between Orange and San Diego counties.

Rail service through San Clemente has been suspended multiple times over the past several years due to landslides and coastal erosion. Work to stabilize four areas at immediate risk includes:

- **Areas 1 and 2: Riprap Repairs**
All riprap repair have been completed under an emergency Coastal Development Permit issued by the California Coastal Commission.
- **Area 3: Catchment Wall**
Construction is expected to begin soon on a 1,350-foot-long catchment wall, which has been approved by the California Coastal Commission.
- **Area 4: Shoreline Protection Structure**
Efforts are underway to secure a Coastal Development Permit to proceed with the construction of a shoreline protection structure.

- **Sand Nourishment**

Work is ongoing to identify suitable sand sources and obtain environmental clearance to place up to 540,000 cubic yards of sand.

At the same time, OCTA is making progress on the Coastal Rail Resiliency Study, which is looking at ways to reinforce the rail line for the next 30 years. To learn more about the study, visit octa.net/CRRS.

For updates on ongoing emergency rail protection efforts visit octa.net/railemergency.