

Meeting of Aug. 25, 2025

August Employees of the Month Recognized

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

- Cynthia Guardado, a coach operator who joined OCTA in 1987, was recognized for recently achieving 35 years of safe driving. She also helps train and mentor new coach operators as a behind-the-wheel instructor.
- Santos Reyes, from the maintenance team, began his career at OCTA in 1998. He was recognized for his proactive approach to keeping buses clean and ready for service.
- Ricardo Avila, the administrative employee of the month, was recognized for consistently delivering high-quality work under tight deadlines. He plays a pivotal role on the reprographics team, helping print and install materials for departments throughout the agency.

Board Receives Mid-Year Update on 2025 Initiatives

The OCTA Board received a mid-year progress report on the 2025 Board and CEO Initiatives and Action Plan.

The action plan, approved in January, consists of three Board initiatives supported by nine CEO initiatives and monitored through 110 milestones.

By the end of June, 28 of 110 milestones have been completed, including:

- The first of eight OC Streetcar vehicles was delivered in May, marking a major milestone in launching Orange County's first modern electric streetcar service.
- The OCTA Board approved a \$1.7 billion balanced budget for fiscal year 2025-26.
- Construction on the 91 Improvement Project began, which will help improve traffic flow between SR-57 and SR-55.
- Crews broke ground on the I-605/Katella Avenue Interchange Project to improve mobility, smooth traffic flow and enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- Initial emergency work to stabilize the railroad tracks in San Clemente was completed.