

## **Meeting of May 25, 2018**

### **May Employees of the Month Honored**

The Orange County Transportation Authority's board of directors recognized three employees of the month for May 2018.

Resolutions were presented to:

- Gary Tencate, Coach Operator
- Jeffrey Denk, Maintenance
- Katherine Balanza, Administration

### **2018 OCTA Rodeo Team Recognized**

The Orange County Transportation Authority's Rodeo Team was recognized for finishing second overall in the International Bus Rodeo, which tests the skills of transportation employees, including coach operators and maintenance crews.

The event, sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association took place May 4-8 in Tampa, Fla.

Team members honored included Patrick Courchaine, Ray Consiglio, Chris Jordan and Darvy Traylor.

### **91 Express Lanes Usage Grows with Expansion in Riverside County**

The 91 Express Lanes in Riverside County have exceeded projected traffic volumes since the Riverside County Transportation Commission opened its newly added portion of the 91 Express Lanes in March 2017. The additional lanes have also resulted in significant traffic volume increases on the Orange County side.

OCTA's traffic volume on the 91 Express Lanes has increased on average by 14.5 percent since RCTC opened its segment of the lanes. OCTA generally experiences higher traffic volumes in the eastbound direction, whereas RCTC has higher westbound traffic volumes.

Overall, the number of express lanes accounts and transponders has increased by more than 13 percent since the additional lanes opened. OCTA will look at applying lessons learned from RCTC's 91 Corridor Improvement Project as the I-405 improvement Project moves forward.

### **First Quarter Progress Report Presented**

Eight of 10 milestones in the CEO Initiatives and Action Plan were completed during the first quarter, from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2018. That includes the completion of the four Board Initiatives included as milestones in the first quarter.

The timetable on two of the 10 milestones was adjusted to reflect changes in project timelines, based on the need to coordinate with outside agencies.

Some accomplishments from the first quarter include:

- The groundbreaking of the I-405 design-build improvement project.
- Mobile ticket readers installed on active fleet vehicles.
- Notice to proceed for the construction, operation and maintenance of the hydrogen fueling station at the Santa Ana Base.
- Eight streetcar vehicles were purchased, along with spare parts and tools needed for the OC Streetcar project.
- A firm was selected to provide the operation and maintenance services for the Micro-Transit pilot program.
- A firm was selected to provide toll system integrator services for the 91 Express Lanes and 405 Express Lanes.
- The Transit Master Plan (OC Transit Vision) was delivered to the board for consideration.

The second quarter milestones are on track so far and will be reported shortly after the quarter ends. There are 24 milestones included in the second quarter.