

## **Meeting of March 25, 2019**

### **March Employees of the Month Recognized**

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

The honors went to:

- Carlos Aguilar, coach operator
- Ly Tran, maintenance
- Nhatran Do, administration

### **OC Streetcar Construction to Ramp Up in 2019**

OCTA is moving forward on construction on the OC Streetcar, the county's first modern electric streetcar.

The OC Streetcar will run about 4 miles between the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center and Garden Grove, connecting with Orange County's busiest bus routes.

The route serves Santa Ana's thriving downtown and dense employment areas, including county and local government offices and courthouses in the Civic Center area.

In November, OCTA finalized a \$149 million Full-Funding Grant Agreement from the federal government to help fund the project, and officially broke ground on the OC Streetcar.

Right-of-way and utility work along the alignment has commenced, and heavier construction is expected to begin later this year.

Streetcar testing is scheduled to begin in late 2021, and the OC Streetcar is expected to begin transporting passengers in early 2022.

For more information about the OC Streetcar project, visit [www.OCStreetcar.com](http://www.OCStreetcar.com).

### **Vanpool Program Saves Commuters Money, Time**

The OCTA board received an update on the agency's vanpool program, which helps commuters share the ride with others who work and live in similar areas.

Vanpools offer a great way to save money, time and stress by sharing a vehicle and commuting with others. OCTA offers a \$400 subsidy per month to help offset the vehicle lease cost for those who commute in Orange County.

During fiscal year 2017-18, OCTA operated 538 vanpools, serving 93 Orange County employers at 119 worksites and taking more than 2,000 single occupant vehicles off county roads and freeways. In

addition, an estimate by the South Coast Air Quality Management District indicates that these vanpools eliminated 11,500 tons of greenhouse emissions.