

Meeting of July 22, 2019

July Employees of the Month Honored

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

The honors went to:

- Carlos Novelo, coach operator
- Rafael Luna, maintenance
- Iris Deneau, administration

Stella Lin from the administration division was also recognized as an employee of the month for June because she was unable to attend last month's meeting.

Summer College Interns Recognized

The OCTA board also recognized 14 members of OCTA's first summer college intern program.

The 10-week program allows full-time college students to develop useful workplace skills and gain work experience and exposure to the transportation industry.

The summer interns come from universities throughout the U.S. and work in different departments throughout the agency, including in marketing, human resources and bus operations. This gives students the opportunity to focus on developing their skills in relation to what they study in school.

The summer intern program is in addition to OCTA's year-round internship program for students enrolled full time in colleges and universities.

Bus Service Changes to go into Effect in October, February

The OCTA board approved bus service changes that will be implemented in October and February.

The changes are part of OC Bus 360°, OCTA's ongoing effort to improve bus service and increase the efficiency of transit throughout the county by better matching service to rider demands.

The service changes that will be implemented in October include:

- Eliminating Route 211 because of low ridership
- Eliminating Stationlink Route 462 in downtown Santa Ana and revising the routing on Routes 55 and 83 for OC Streetcar construction
- Launching a new downtown Santa Ana shuttle during OC Streetcar construction

The service changes that will be implemented in February include:

- Launching Route 123, which will replace Routes 21 and 24, with service from the Goldenwest Transportation Center to the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station via the Buena Park Metrolink Station
- Improving the frequency on Routes 56 and 72 on weekends and Route 143 on weekdays

OC Streetcar Construction Moving Along

The OCTA board received an update on the status of construction of 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 Metrolink and 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.

Crews are currently working on relocating utility lines throughout the project. In addition, the preliminary design review of the streetcar is near completion and will transition into final design review later this month.

For more information about the OC Streetcar project, visit www.OCStreetcar.com.