

## **Meeting of January 8, 2024**

### **OCTA Board Selects Tam T. Nguyen to Serve as Chair**

The Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors unanimously selected Tam T. Nguyen as its chair for 2024.

Nguyen previously served as vice chair and replaced outgoing Chairman Gene Hernandez.

Nguyen serves as one of two public members on the OCTA Board and has served in that capacity since 2021. Nguyen has been a member of OCTA's Diverse Community Leaders Group since its creation more than a decade ago.

Chosen by the OCTA Board to serve as Vice Chair was Director Doug Chaffee.

Other newly appointed members of the OCTA Board include: Anaheim Mayor Ashleigh Aitken, Santa Ana Mayor Valerie Amezcua, Garden Grove Councilmember Stephanie Klopfenstein and Costa Mesa Mayor John Stephens.

### **Board Reflects on 2023 Accomplishments**

The OCTA board received a final update on the 2023 Board of Directors and CEO Initiatives and Action Plan that guides the agency's efforts throughout the year.

The action plan, approved in January 2023, consists of three board initiatives supported by nine CEO initiatives and monitored through 98 milestones.

By the end of 2023, 83 of the 98 milestones were completed. Highlights include:

- All bridges, regular lanes and the 405 Express Lanes opened as part of the I-405 Improvement Project.
- An updated Next 10 Plan was adopted by the board to support the implementation of Measure M projects.
- OCTA received a perfect score on its triennial review from the Federal Transit Administration.
- The first of two studies was initiated to better understand issues surrounding coastal rail infrastructure and the impacts of climate change.
- \$3.4 million was distributed among 10 projects to improve water quality throughout Orange County.
- An employee resource group was created for working parents at OCTA.