

Meeting of Jan. 10, 2022

OCTA Board Selects Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2022

The Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors unanimously elected Orange Mayor Mark A. Murphy to serve as chairman of the board in 2022 and Yorba Linda Mayor Pro Tem Gene Hernandez to serve as vice chairman.

Chairman Murphy served as the OCTA board's vice chairman for the past year. He replaces outgoing Chairman Andrew Do, also the county's First District Supervisor, who remains on the board.

Chairman Murphy has served on the OCTA board since 2017, representing the Third District. He began serving on the Orange City Council in 1993, applying his business career and knowledge to better serve his community.

Vice Chairman Hernandez has served on the OCTA board since 2019. Director Hernandez worked in law enforcement for 34 years, retiring as the Chief of Police for the city of Chino.

The OCTA board is comprised of 18 members, including the five county supervisors, two members from city councils in each of the five supervisorial districts, two public members and the Caltrans District Director serving in a non-voting ex-officio capacity.

OCTA Keeps Orange County Moving in 2021 with Focus on Safety and Sustainability

The OCTA board watched a [video](#) highlighting the agency's accomplishments in 2021.

Throughout the year, OCTA continued to adapt and push ahead despite the ongoing challenges of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, keeping its promises to maintain safety while delivering a balanced and sustainable transportation network for Orange County.

Accomplishments include:

- OCTA marked its 30th year and succeeded in advancing projects promised to voters through Measure M, Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.
- The board increased transit access and affordability to Orange County's youth by launching a promotional program offering free OC Bus rides to all youth ages 6 to 18 years.
- The I-405 Improvement Project, the largest OCTA freeway project, reached nearly 70 percent completion, including reconstruction of nine bridges. And thanks to an innovative refinancing effort, the OCTA Board saved taxpayers \$158 million by resetting the interest rate on the project's federal loan.
- OCTA made strong progress building the OC Streetcar in Santa Ana and Garden Grove, now approximately 60 percent complete, and funded additional street improvements and traffic signal synchronization projects.
- The board made \$40 million dollars available for projects aimed at reducing congestion and improving traffic flow. To date, 94 signal synchronization projects have eased travel at more than 3,200 intersections.

- A strong focus on the environment included launching a [website](#) to share OCTA's environmental achievements, culture of sustainability, and commitment to safeguarding our natural resources and communities.
- OCTA demonstrated its commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion with a new [website](#) and ongoing engagement throughout the agency.
- OCTA was honored by being selected as one of Orange County's 2021 Top Workplaces in a program that anonymously surveyed employees through *The Orange County Register*.

For a full list of accomplishments, visit www.octa.net/2021Accomplishments.

Board Reviews 2021 Board and CEO Initiatives and Action Plan

The OCTA Board received a year-end report summarizing OCTA's progress on advancing the 2021 Board and CEO Initiatives and Action Plan approved in January 2021.

The action plan consisted of three board initiatives supported by nine CEO initiatives monitored through 96 milestones.

At the conclusion of 2021, 84 of the 96 milestones were completed. The remainder have been carried over to 2022 due to impacts and delays resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Highlights include:

- The I-405 Improvement Project advanced with the opening of several bridges.
- OCTA hired a consultant to review policies, practices and programs related to diversity, equity and inclusion and make recommendations on how to enhance efforts.
- OCTA's College Pass Program was extended to Irvine Valley and Cypress colleges.
- OCTA received its first two plug-in battery electric buses in December.
- Construction began on the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station improvements.