

## **Meeting of Sept. 23, 2024**

### **September Employees of the Month**

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

The honors went to:

- Geovani Moreno, a coach operator, was recognized for providing safe, courteous and reliable bus service, along with achieving 22 years of safe driving.
- Rudy Lopez, a maintenance employee, was recognized for his exceptional diagnostic skills and teamwork – playing a crucial role in keeping the OC Bus fleet running smoothly.
- Darren Fields, an administrative employee, was recognized for his leadership as it was key in the successful implementation of the OC Fair Express this summer – helping more than 17,000 fairgoers travel conveniently, safely and affordably.

### **Board Receives Service Change Update**

The OCTA board received an update on an upcoming OC Bus Schedule Change. This change will increase services by more than 33,000 hours annually and align bus schedules with upcoming changes to Metrolink service.

Be on the lookout for details about the new OC Bus Schedule, which will go into effect on November 10.

### **OCTA Board Accepts Programming Recommendations for Project V**

The OCTA board approved \$42.37 million in Measure M2 Community Based Transit Circulators, or Project V, funds for programming recommendations for 13 local jurisdiction projects in Orange County.

These funds will be used for:

- The extension of 11 existing Project V services to June 2031 including seasonal and special events, local circulator, commuter and ride hailing services.
- The expansion of four services including the Off-Season Weekend Trolley in Laguna Beach, the Summer Trolley in San Clemente, OC RanchRide in the County of Orange and the Balboa Peninsula Seasonal Trolley in Newport Beach.
- The implementation of eight new services throughout Orange County includes on-demand transit in Laguna Beach and Los Alamitos as well as first/last mile support for trolleys in San Clemente, with Newport Beach to follow. Additionally, special event shuttles and new trolley routes or circulators will be introduced.