

## **Meeting of Jan. 13, 2025**

### **OCTA Board Selects 2025 Chair and Vice Chair**

The Orange County Transportation Authority's Board of Directors selected Supervisor Doug Chaffee as 2025 Chair of the Board and Dana Point City Councilmember Jamey M. Federico as Vice Chair.

Chaffee has been an OCTA board member since 2019 and has worked to improve public infrastructure and transportation options in the county. As Chair, he will focus on expanding transportation choices, reducing traffic congestion and addressing the needs of the county's growing population.

Federico was sworn in to begin a new four-year term on the OCTA Board, along with directors Mike Carroll, an Irvine City Councilman; Jon Dumitru, an Orange City Councilman; Patrick Harper, a Fountain Valley City Councilman; Fred Jung, Fullerton Mayor; Janet Nguyen, Orange County's First District Supervisor; and Donald P. Wagner, Orange County's Third District Supervisor.

The 18-member board oversees critical transportation initiatives in Orange County, with a focus on creating a sustainable and efficient network for residents and visitors.

### **OC Bus Service Adjustments Coming Feb. 9**

The OCTA board approved updates to OC Bus service that will take effect on Feb. 9, aimed at reducing wait times for riders and improving overall service quality and reliability.

OC Bus ridership is steadily rebounding to near pre-pandemic levels, outpacing both national trends and other Southern California transit agencies. To accommodate the growing demand, this service change introduces enhancements designed to better serve riders. OCTA regularly implements schedule and route revisions to select OC Bus routes four times a year – in February, May, August and November – to ensure services remain efficient and responsive to rider needs.

Updates to service include:

- Improved frequencies on Routes 59, 60, 71 and 560
- Schedule adjustments to improve on-time performance and connections on Routes 29, 47, 55, 59, 64, 66, 83, 89, 90, 91, 123, 129, and 543

A major highlight of this update is the introduction of five-minute timed transfers at the Laguna Hills Transportation Center, making it easier for riders to connect between routes and significantly reducing travel times for key trips.

For more information, please visit [OCBus.com](https://www.ocbus.com).

## SR-91 Improvements Breaking Ground Soon

The OCTA board received an update on the SR-91 Improvement Project, which aims to enhance commutes between SR-55 and SR-57.

The SR-91 Improvement Project, scheduled to break ground in early 2025, will improve 5.6 miles of SR-91 through Anaheim, Fullerton, Orange, Yorba Linda and Placentia. The project will be constructed in three segments, with all segments scheduled to be completed in 2030:

- **Segment 1 (SR-55 to Lakeview Avenue)** includes creating a new on-ramp from Lakeview Avenue directly to SR-55 to reduce weaving and merging.
- **Segment 2 (La Palma Avenue to SR-55)** includes adding a regular eastbound lane between SR-57 and SR-55 and replacing the Kraemer Boulevard/Glassell Street and Tustin Avenue overcrossings.
- **Segment 3 (Acacia Street to La Palma Avenue)** includes adding a new Orangethorpe Avenue bypass lane and replacing the La Palma Avenue bridge.

The \$790 million project is funded through a combination of federal, state and local sources, including Measure M and excess toll revenue from the 91 Express Lanes. Measure M is Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

For more information on the project, please visit [octa.net/91Improvements](https://octa.net/91Improvements).