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Board Honors Employees of the Year for 2013

OCTA Announced the 2013 Employees of the Year: Harry Marshall, Binh Do and Blanca Ibarra.



Tustin resident **Harry Marshall** was named Coach Operator of the Year for his excellent driving record, customer safety and attention to detail. Marshall works out of OCTA's Garden Grove bus base and has achieved 35 years of safe driving. Marshall excels at OCTA's performance standards of safety, courtesy and reliability in his daily duties. In addition, he is a safety captain and a vital member of Operations Teamwork at Garden Grove. He participates in roundtable meetings by sharing his experience and coaching his fellow colleagues.



Anaheim resident **Binh Do** was named Maintenance Employee of the Year for his work as a body mechanic at OCTA's Santa Ana bus base. Do's dedication to his work is evident by his 18 years of perfect attendance. He demonstrates a high level of experience and skill and can always be counted on to complete his tasks. Do has been involved in many special projects over the years, most notably preparing and painting the Bravo buses for service in 2013.



Santa Ana resident **Blanca Ibarra** was named Administrative Employee of the Year for excelling in her duties as the Santa Ana operations base manager. Ibarra has worked at OCTA for 40 years and currently works in the transit division. Ibarra is an exceptional employee who displays a high level of professionalism and is a valued mentor to the operations department staff.

Measure M Environmental Program Honored by OCBC

OCTA was presented with an award for sustainable and green development by the Orange County Business Council(OCBC) as part of its third annual Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet Awards.

The awards program was developed to recognize leaders in local government whose policies and programs eliminate the barriers to economic growth and private-sector jobs creation.

OCTA was recognized for the Measure M Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program that preserves Orange County's natural resources and open space while helping advance 13 freeway improvement projects, creating much-needed jobs and building lasting transportation improvements for the county.

The winners were selected by a committee chaired by Dan Miller of The Irvine Company.

OCBC was established to represent and promote the business community, working with government and academia, to enhance Orange County's economic development and prosperity to preserve a high quality of life.



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Chief Executive Officer Announces Initiatives for 2014

OCTA CEO Darrell Johnson unveiled his strategic initiatives for the year ahead, placing a high priority on creating services to meet community needs, delivering the promises of Measure M2 projects and ensuring sustainability of the transit system.

The initiatives and action plan directly support the values, vision and mission of OCTA's strategic plan, which was approved by the board of directors in 2011.

Johnson's vision calls for delivering programs that will improve the quality of life for all Orange County residents.



The initiatives also include:

- Integrating policies to facilitate regional connectivity
- Preserving and enhancing the public trust
- Modernizing access to transportation information
- Promoting environmentally friendly initiatives
- Expanding regional bicycle programs
- Demonstrating a safety-conscious culture

Capital Projects on Track throughout the County

OCTA's capital programs division presented its quarterly update on project delivery of ongoing freeway and rail projects throughout the county.

The capital programs division is responsible for delivering highway, rail, railroad grade separation projects and facility improvements from the environmental phase through construction completion.



The key milestones achieved during the second quarter include:

- A construction contract was awarded for the landscape replacement project on SR-91 from SR-55 to SR-241
- Design was completed for the I-5 widening project to add carpool lanes from Avenida Vista Hermosa to Avenida Pico
- Construction was completed on the expansion of the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station surface parking

In 2014, 39 major project milestones are scheduled to be completed.