

## **Meeting of June 25, 2018**

### **June Employees of the Month Honored**

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

Resolutions of appreciation were presented to:

- Scott Parra, Coach Operator
- Andrew Nguyen, Maintenance
- John Garbowski, Administration

### **Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Study Wraps Up**

The OCTA board received a final report on the Central Harbor Boulevard Transit Study, a study that began in 2015 to examine ways to improve one of the county's busiest transit corridors.

Moving forward, OCTA will work with the cities in the study area – Anaheim, Fullerton, Garden Grove and Santa Ana – to enhance existing bus service by speeding up travel times and reducing delays. Possible improvements include off-board fare collection, all-door boarding, transit signal priority and queue jumps, where buses use right-turn only lanes to bypass traffic.

Bristol Street, between the South Coast Metro district and John Wayne Airport, has been selected for the next transit corridor study. This portion of Bristol Street is a high-ridership area which provides access to several key destinations, including Santa Ana College, South Coast Plaza and South Coast Metro offices, and connects to other transit modes, including the future OC Streetcar line, trains and buses at the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center and the airport.

In addition to the next transit corridor study, limited-stop Bravo! service will be implemented along Beach Boulevard and Main Street. The Beach Boulevard service is scheduled to begin in February, and the Main Street service is anticipated for 2023.

### **\$6.8 Million Headed to Improve Local Transit**

The OCTA board approved more than \$6.8 million to help five Orange County cities provide community-based transit services to better serve their specific needs.

The money is being provided through Measure M, the county's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, also known as OC Go. When the sales tax measure was renewed by voters in 2006, it included a funding program for cities to develop and implement shuttles and trolleys. These services are intended to connect riders to major civic, employment and shopping destinations, along with key transportation centers, to meet local needs that would complement OCTA bus service.

Nearly \$5.2 million was awarded to five existing seasonal transit circulators, including the Laguna Beach Summer Breeze service, as well as expansions to the Dana Point, Newport Beach Balboa Peninsula, San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano trolley services.

In addition, more than \$1.6 million was awarded to expand San Clemente's rideshare pilot program for an additional three years.