

Meeting of July 24, 2017

July Employees of the Month Honored

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

Resolutions of appreciation were presented to:

- Manual Vargas, coach operator
- Bill Ho, maintenance
- Gordon Chu, administration

Transit Master Plan Moves Forward Identifying Key Corridors

The board received an update on the Transit Master Plan, a study of the long-term transit needs for Orange County that will help improve Orange County's bus, rail and paratransit system for the future.

The update specifically focused on identifying key public-transit corridors that could be used to more efficiently move people throughout the county.

Initially, 30 potential Transit Opportunity Corridors, including arterial roads and freeways, were identified for further study. Staff used a series of 14 criteria to analyze those potential corridors and narrowed the list to 10 for further study.

They include:

- Beach Boulevard (Fullerton to Huntington Beach)
- Harbor Boulevard (Fullerton to Newport Beach)
- State College Boulevard/Bristol Street (Brea to Irvine)
- Main Street (Anaheim to Costa Mesa)
- La Palma Avenue/Lincoln Avenue (Anaheim Canyon Station to Hawaiian Gardens)
- Chapman Avenue (Beach Boulevard to Hewes Street in Orange)
- 17th Street/Westminster Avenue (Tustin Street to California State University, Long Beach)
- McFadden Avenue/Bolsa Avenue (Larwin Square in Tustin to Goldenwest Transportation Center in Huntington Beach)

Freeway corridors for additional study include:

- I-5 (Fullerton to Mission Viejo/Laguna Niguel Metrolink Station)
- SR-55 (Santa Ana to Newport Beach).

OCTA staff will continue to analyze the corridors and return to the board in November with a draft Transit Master Plan.

Public Outreach to Begin on 2017-18 Bus Service Improvement Plan

The board reviewed proposed bus service changes to improve productivity and approved a plan to begin soliciting public feedback for the changes planned for February 2018.

Those service changes – proposed as part of the ongoing OC Bus 360° plan to create a more efficient OC Bus system by reallocating and maximizing existing resources – include service reductions and improvements.

Among the proposed service changes:

- Improving evening frequencies on five major routes in the core service area
- Improving weekend frequencies on five major routes
- Improving weekday peak frequency to 30 minutes on three south county routes and one central county route
- Reducing bus trips in the early morning or late evening that have less than eight boardings per trip
- Slightly reducing peak and midday service and reducing weekend peak frequency on two routes
- Restructuring one Stationlink route and eliminating another
- Eliminating two express routes and reducing trips on two others based on low ridership

Staff will now seek public input on the proposed changes and return to the board with those findings and any revisions to the plan in September.