

Meeting of June 28, 2021

Board Recognizes June Employees of the Month

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

The honors went to:

- Edward Estrada, a coach operator working out of the Garden Gove base, who started his career with OCTA in 2016. In October 2020, Edward achieved four years of safe driving.
- Rogelio Gutierrez, a road call mechanic working at the Garden Grove base, who started his career with OCTA as a journeyman mechanic in 2000. Rogelio was recently dispatched to a bus that broke down while in service. Because of his quick response and expert knowledge, he was able to get the bus towed back to base.
- Lynn Huson, the Section Manager of Compensation and Talent Acquisition, who has been responsible for managing staff recruitment at OCTA for nine years. Lynn has performed exceptionally well during the pandemic, as OCTA transitioned into hiring only essential positions and conducting virtual interviews.

Taxpayer Oversight Committee Gains New Members

Four new members were selected to be part of the Measure M Taxpayer Oversight Committee.

The 11-member independent committee represents all five of Orange County's Supervisorial Districts. The committee meets every other month to ensure that the Measure M transportation projects are being implemented as approved by voters. Measure M, also known as OC Go, is Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

The four new committee members are:

- Andrew Ramirez from Fountain Valley, representing Orange County's First District
- Mark Kizzar from Huntington Beach, representing the Second District
- Ajay Khetani from Anaheim, representing the Fourth District
- Shannon O'Toole from San Clemente, representing the Fifth District

OCTA Fulfilling Measure M Promises for 30 Years Straight

The OCTA board received an update from the Taxpayer Oversight Committee, which determined for the 30th consecutive year that OCTA is successfully delivering its promises made to voters through Measure M.

At its annual hearing on Tuesday, June 8, the Taxpayer Oversight Committee unanimously found that OCTA is once again proceeding in accordance with the ordinances that were first approved by voters in 1990 and renewed by 70 percent of voters in 2006.

The committee approves all changes to the Measure M plan and holds annual public hearings on the expenditure of funds generated by the half-cent sales tax entrusted to OCTA.

The current Measure M Plan is committed to delivering a balanced and sustainable transportation system in Orange County through 2041. The plan supports two environmental programs and allocates 43 percent of funding to freeways, 32 percent to streets and 25 percent to transit.