

Meeting of Aug. 22, 2022

Board Recognizes August Employees of the Month

The OCTA board recognized three employees of the month for August.

The honors went to:

- Richard Quinonez, a coach operator who started his career at OCTA in 1998. He will achieve 22 years of safe driving next month in September. Richard is regularly complimented by bus riders for his safe driving and excellent customer service.
- Martin Vo, a service worker who joined OCTA in 2018. He regularly demonstrates a can-do attitude while interacting with peers, supervisors, and management. Martin shows attention to detail in the daily servicing and cleaning of our buses, making him a key contributor to the success of the Garden Grove maintenance team.
- Amber Hahlbeck, a Senior Talent Acquisition Specialist in Human Resources, who began her career at OCTA in 2015. She primarily supports the Planning and Finance & Administration Divisions, demonstrating dedication and customer focus to help recruit high-quality employees.

OCTA Approves SB 1 Program Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2022-23

The OCTA board approved the use of funding from SB 1 State of Good Repair Program (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) for the following:

- Transit Security and Operations Center
- Heating-ventilation unit replacement at the Santa Ana Bus Base
- Bus engine repower/rebuild contract

The State of Good Repair Program (SGR) is a transit capital program funded by the SB 1 Transportation Improvement Fee, that is funded through vehicle registrations. The specific goal of the program is to rehabilitate and upgrade existing local transit systems, equipment, and facilities.

OCTA expects to receive \$6.5 million in State of Good Repair funding for FY 2022-23. This will partially fund the Transit Security and Operations Center construction, which includes replacing OCTA's control-center facility, known as the Garden Grove Annex, and a heating-ventilation unit replacement at the Santa Ana Bus Base.

Additionally, the board approved the reprogramming of \$2.56 million of FY 2019-20 SGR funding, originally approved for purchasing five iShuttle buses to the bus engine repower/rebuild contract.

Overall, it is estimated that the Transportation Improvement Fee will provide \$121 million to transit agencies statewide for FY 2022-23. After the projects are approved, funds will be released to transit agencies on a quarterly basis, beginning in November.