



June 16, 2026

To: Transit Committee
From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: August 2026 OC Bus Service Change

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Overview

The proposed August 2026 OC Bus service change implements changes consistent with the Orange County Transportation Authority's regular service change process. These changes will result in minor route alignment adjustments, updated schedules, and improved service reliability. Schedule refinements in response to customer comments and coach operator feedback are also included.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Background

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) implements regular schedule and route revisions to selected OC Bus routes four times a year (February, May, August, and November). The proposed bus service changes discussed herein are scheduled for implementation on August 9, 2026.

Discussion

OCTA regularly monitors OC Bus performance and makes adjustments as needed in response to customer and operational demands. These adjustments consider changes in traffic conditions, school schedules, land-use changes, customer comments, ridership demand, and coach operator feedback. The changes are intended to maintain the performance of individual bus routes and transit service overall.

The proposed changes for August 2026 will focus on minor route alignment adjustments, on-time performance improvements, and schedule refinements to enhance reliability. These changes include the following modifications:

- Minor alignment changes on Routes 30, 57, 64, and 86
 - Route 30
 - Reroute Artesia Boulevard and Studebaker Road to access the current western terminal at the Los Cerritos Center in response to ongoing mall construction
 - Route 57
 - Extend short trips from their current northern terminal at State College Boulevard and Orangethorpe Avenue to California State University, Fullerton, as recommended in the Making Better Connections Study
 - Route 64
 - Relocate the western terminal from the Westminster Mall to the Goldenwest Transportation Center due to the closure of the mall property
 - Route 86
 - Extend the alignment from Muirlands Boulevard and Alton Parkway to the Families Forward support services facility
- Frequency improvement on Route 86
- Minor schedule adjustments to address customer feedback on Routes 35, 38, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 60, 89, 123, and 529
- Minor schedule adjustments to improve on-time performance on Routes 57 and 472
- Extend seasonal transition to summer schedules until November 2026 on Route 1 to improve Saturday/Sunday on-time performance

The proposed August 2026 changes are detailed in Attachment A and represented in Attachments B and C.

The proposed changes would result in an increase in bus service levels of approximately 5,600 revenue vehicle hours annually. System-wide service levels would increase to about 1.62 million annual revenue vehicle hours, which is consistent with the current OCTA Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget.

Summary

The proposed August 2026 OC Bus service change will result in several changes to OC Bus service. These changes include minor route alignment adjustments, updated schedules, and improved service reliability. Customers will be notified of the changes three weeks prior to implementation.

Attachments

- A. August 2026 OC Bus Service Change: Recommendations by Route
- B. August 2026 OC Bus Service Change: Recommendations Map
- C. August 2026 OC Bus Service Change: Route Alignment Changes

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