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### Press Release:

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: City of Ojai Hires New Transit Supervisor, Anthony Palacios and City Council Approves Purchase of the City's First All-Electric Trolley**

**Ojai, CA** - The City of Ojai is excited to announce the appointment of Anthony Palacios, photo below, as the City's new Transit Supervisor, who started September 16, 2024 and took his Oath of Office at the September 24, 2024 City Council meeting.



Mr. Palacios previously served in the United States Marine Corps and most recently worked as a Manager for FedEx in logistics and training, carrying out route planning optimization and overseeing driver safety training.

Carl Alameda, Assistant City Manager introduced Mr. Palacios at the September 24, 2024, City Council meeting stating, "We are excited to announce the hiring of our new Transportation Supervisor, who brings a unique background with leadership experience from his time with United States Military and private sector experience as a Manager overseeing route planning and driver safety programs. We are confident Mr. Palacios will excel in leading the City's transportation operations for the benefit of the Ojai community."

Also at the September 24, 2024, City Council meeting the City Council approved purchase of the City's First Electric Trolley. The lead time to receive the vehicle, from Hometown Trolley, is expected to just over a year for delivery. During this manufacturing time, City staff will work on the procurement and installation of the necessary charging infrastructure.

Mayor Betsy Stix stated "We are thrilled to announce the acquisition of our first all-electric Ojai Trolley, a significant step towards a more sustainable and eco-friendly future for Ojai. This initiative not only reduces our carbon footprint but will enhance the quality of life for our residents by providing a cleaner, quieter mode of transportation. Together, we are paving the way for greener public transit and a healthier Ojai for generations to come."

Funding for the trolley is available through our TDA fund and possible grant funding from the State of California.

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