

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear OCTEC community,

It has been a privilege to serve as your president and I would like to thank our committed members, our generous sponsors and our great speakers for making this another successful year! It's been a challenging year, but in April 2022 OCTEC was finally able to host our first in-person luncheon meeting. Thank you for your participation in our virtual and inperson events this fiscal year and thank you all for your support and patience as we are navigating back to normal life after two years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of my favorite memories this year include:

- OCTEC Spring Social Mixer
- The joint OCTEC and ITE SoCal Student Night
- OCTEC Annual Golf Tournament

My special thanks to **Ron Keith,** OCTEC Golf Chair, and our Golf Committee for always doing such a fantastic job in organizing and hosting our annual golf tournament. The 2022 OCTEC Golf Tournament was a great success and I look forward to our next golf tournament!

This year we have a great nominee running for the 2022-23 OCTEC Membership and Sponsorship Coordinator position: **Mr. Trevor Briggs**. Voting will commence on June 28th and close on July 8th. The OCTEC members will receive an email from Election Runner.

Furthermore, I want to welcome **Ryan Calad**, who will take on the role of OCTEC president beginning next month. I have no doubts that we will have another strong OCTEC Board next year.

Finally, I would like to extent my gratitude toward my fellow board members and past presidents who have all greatly contributed with their support and commitment to the success of this organization.

Sincerely,

Olga Polunin

**OCTEC President 2021-2022** 

### June Lunch Speaker:

Bike Share & Open Streets: Tools for Increasing Bicycle Mode
Awareness

Speaker: Brett Atencio Thomas - City of Costa Mesa, Active Transportation Coordinator



## Speaker Bio:

Brett Atencio Thomas is the City of Costa Mesa's first Active Transportation Coordinator. Before beginning his role at the City, Brett Atencio was Principal Transportation Planner at LA Metro where he managed the system design, station siting, permitting, community outreach, and installation of over 220 Metro Bike Share stations; administered the largest Open Streets program in North America; developed and administered the Metro Adopta-Bike Pilot Program to distribute over 3,000 bikes to resource-challenged communities; and was acting bicycle modal lead for the LA County Call For

Projects grant program. Brett Atencio holds a Graduate Certificate of Urban Design and Development from UCLA, a Bachelor's of Urban Studies and Planning from San Francisco State University, and a Master's of Urban and Regional Planning from UCLA.

June MEETING

June 23, 2022

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Orange County Mining Co 10000 S Crawford Cyn Rd Orange, CA 92705

**Lunch Fees:** 

Member: \$20 Non-Member: \$25 Student: \$10

Please register via Eventbrite at:

https://octec-june-2022luncheon.eventbrite.com

#### Registration Ends 6/21 @ 6:00 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Adrian Rodriguez, at arodriguez@newportbeachca.gov

### THIS MONTH'S MEETING



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## **OCTEC News—April Meeting Recap**

## WE DID IT!!!

OCTEC held its first in person luncheon since the start of the pandemic with over 60 attendees. It felt good to get back to the Orange County Mining Company and our speak Loren Bloomberg, PE, of Jacobs made a great presentation on HCM 's Freeway Facilities Methodology: The Right-Sized Tool for Planning and Operations.



## OCTEC News—Annual Golf Tournament Recap

OCTEC would like to thank everyone who could participate in our annual Golf Tournament on May 6th at Tijeras Creek Golf Club in Rancho Santa Margarita. Special thank you to our Golf Tournament Chair Ron Keith for another full fielded turnout, the Golf Committee Members for helping with all the week of event items, and all of our sponsors!



June 2022

## **OCTEC News**— Joint Student Night Recap

OCTEC and ITE So-Cal held its first in person Annual Student Night on May 12th which 5 student chapters presented their annual projects to a panel of judges including our own OCTEC Board members Adrian Rodriguez and Ryan Calad.

OCTEC and ITE So-Cal made a shared contribution total of \$18,500 (\$14,000 for student night presentation and \$4,500 for traffic bowl winners) which was then awarded to the student chapters.

Thank you everyone who joined us. Congratulations to Cal Poly Pomona for winning 1st Place, UCLA for 2nd place, UCI for 3rd place as well as CSUF and USC on the great presentations.





Greetings OCTEC Newsletter Subscribers. As a reminder, only OCTEC Members are allowed to vote for the election in June.

Renew your Membership

Join via Eventbrite: <a href="https://2022octecmembership.eventbrite.com">https://2022octecmembership.eventbrite.com</a>

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### JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

### City of Santa Ana - Assistant Engineer

The City of Santa Ana is looking for individuals who are resultsoriented, possess great attitude, demonstrate creativity and innovation, work efficiently, show a record of success and have a passion for public service. Having highly talented employees provides the best service to our community. Performs a variety of field and office professional civil engineering work. Currently, there are four (4) vacancies for the Public Works Agency. One (1) vacancy for Traffic and Transportation and three (3) vacancies for Water Resources. The eligible list established from this recruitment may be used to fill future vacancies. This position is open until further notice and can close at any time without advance notice. You are encouraged to apply immediately! First application review is scheduled for May 23, 2022. For more information, please refer to this link: [Continue here]

### City of Newport Beach- Associate Civil Engineer

The City of Newport Beach seeks a motivated individual to join the Public Works Department! Currently there is one full-time Associate Civil Engineer vacancy. The position may provide plan check services to the public for the Public Works Department. Plan check will be related to development that involves work in the public right of way or on other public land, and will include interface with the public at times. Also included will be review of Easements, Tract Maps and Parcel Maps for the City Engineer's approval. This position may work on various projects in the Capital Improvement Program, work directly with the public, manage projects from design to finish, and oversee/attend meetings. General knowledge of municipal Civil Engineering including design and construction management are highly desirable For more information, please refer to this link:[Continue here]

### City of Fontana-Public Works Director/City Engineer

Under administrative direction from the Deputy City Manager, plans, directs and reviews the activities and operations of the Public Works/Engineering Department (Department), including technical and professional engineering, maintenance services for streets, utilities, parks, landscape, fleet and facilities, and assigned activities with other City Departments and outside agencies. Provides highly responsible and complex organizational support to the Deputy City Manager. Exercises direct supervision over assigned professional, technical, and clerical staff. For more information, please refer to this link: [Continue here]

## LOCAL, REGIONAL, & NATIONAL NEWS

## OCTA approves \$1.65 billion balanced budget for FY 2022-23

A nearly \$1.65 billion budget was approved by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for the upcoming fiscal year a balanced budget that keeps essential transportation improvements moving forward while responsibly planning for the future. The OCTA Board approved the balanced budget June 13, which makes significant investments in public transit and improvements to Orange County's freeways and streets to keep Orange County moving safely and efficiently. The budget utilizes new sources of funding received within the last year from the federal government as well as local funds to help restore much of the bus and rail service cut during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, based on demand......[Continue here]

## \$156M Grade Separation Project Under Way for State's Worst Rail/Road Crossing in Santa Fe Springs

It's officially the worst at-grade rail and road crossing in the state: a rail line cutting diagonally across a busy intersection in Santa Fe Springs in the midst of L.A. County's industrial heartland. An estimated 45,000 vehicles and 135 trains travel through the intersection of Rosecrans and Marquardt avenues in Santa Fe Springs each day - an average of one train crossing every seven minutes. As a result, vehicular traffic on both busy streets is brought to a standstill for a total of 21 hours per week.

Even worse, from 2013 to 2019, the California Public Utilities Commission recorded 31 rail-motor vehicle incidents at the intersection resulting in six fatalities and seven injuries – the most hazardous rail-motor intersection in the state.

But now, after more than a decade of effort, a fix is finally under way: a \$156 million grade separation project that broke ground on June 2 and is expected to be completed in mid-2025. The project involves construction of a bridge for Rosecrans Avenue and a set of connector roads to allow vehicles traveling on Marquardt to get to the other side of the railroad tracks...... [Continue here]

Please contact Olga Polunin or any Board member if you have any job listings that you would like posted to the OCTEC website or included in the next month's OCTEC newsletter.

Visit our WEBSITE for the latest job posts, newsletters, and presentations from current and past meetings.

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## 2021 -2022 Sponsors

## OCTEC would like to give a special thanks to all of our generous sponsors!

**Newsletter Sponsors Meeting Date Lunch/Meeting Sponsors** 

Econolite September 23, 2021

South Coast Lighting

October 28, 2021 General Technologies and Solutions

Joint Meeting — ITE SoCal Stantec

Michael Baker International January 27, 2022

LSA

February 24, 2022 **Iteris** Joint Meeting—ITS-CA KOA

Mark Thomas March 24, 2022

Linscott, Law, & Greenspan Engineers

**Advantec Consulting Engineers** April 28, 2022

Kimley-Horn

May 6, 2022 OCTEC Golf Tournament

SoCal ITE/OCTEC Student Chapter Night May 12, 2022

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Position Open

Webmaster

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Adrian Rodriguez at (949) 644-3345 or arodriguez@newportbeachca.gov

### OCTEC 2021 - 2022 Officers



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## **OCTEC Committee Chairs**



Sonia Sanchez

Social Media Chair (213) 257-8680 x762 ssanchez@tooledesi gn.com

OCTEC has open positions for Webmaster and one Social Media Chair available.

Contact any of the board members if you are interested in joining the OCTEC Team.

### **OCTEC CANDIDATE STATEMENT**







## Highlights:

- Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Brigham Young University
- 9+ years of Professional Experience
- Professional Engineer in California #87664
- OCTEC Member for 8+ years
- ITE Member for 9+ years

## Kimley»Horn

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## **Trevor Briggs, P.E.**

OCTEC Sponsorship/Membership Coordinator Candidate

It is an honor to be nominated once again to serve on the OCTEC Board as Membership/Sponsorship Coordinator. Over the past several years, I have had the privilege of working with several local agencies in Orange County and have been a committed member of OCTEC and ITE SoCal. Throughout my association with OCTEC, I have been impressed by the organization's ability to build and advance its members and community through quality events and opportunities. I am excited to take on more responsibility and serve this organization with enthusiasm.

### As your next Membership/Sponsorship Coordinator, I promise to:

- Provide ingenuity, hard work, and collaboration with my fellow board members
- Promote the growth and interests of OCTEC, our members, and local industry (Public, Private, and Student)
- Coordinate and provide an accessible forum with which we can communicate and partner together
- Expand career growth and mentorship opportunities for the next generation of traffic engineering professionals
- Increase OCTEC's partnership with other local professional organizations such as ITE SoCal, ITSCA, and WTS

**My background, education, and leadership experience** have prepared me to be an effective member of the OCTEC Board. I want to affirm that I will have the resources and availability to fully commit my responsibilities as your Membership/Sponsorship Coordinator. Kimley-Horn fully encourages active involvement in local professional organizations and has continually suppported the growth and success of OCTEC. I am immensely grateful for this nomination and eager to serve when elected.

### **ENDEAVOR WITH TREVOR!**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBs\_i5ivlew





### **VENDOR SHOW & SOCIAL NIGHT**

## **Traffic Signal Association**

ALONG WITH OCTEC and ITE INVITE YOU TO EXHIBIT AT THE

## 2022 TSA Vendor Show and Social Night In Fountain Valley

It's time for our annual TSA Vendor Show and Social Event. The participation of the Institute of Transportation Engineers Southern California and Riverside San Bernardino Sections and OCTEC has helped make this the largest show of its kind in Southern California. It is a great opportunity to meet potential customers. This Vendor Show has always been a big success. We are expecting a great turnout this year. There will be plenty of hors-d'oeuvres served from 4:00 until 8:00 This year's event will start at 4:00 PM and end with the gala prize raffle starting at about 7:00 PM. Of course, drinks will be available for purchase. There is plenty of parking, three ball rooms with plenty of space for each vendor and MORE vendors!

Vendor	Inform	ation.
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when: Thursday - September First 2022

Where: Mile Square Golf Course 10401Warner Ave Fountain Valley, Ca 92708 PH # 714-962-5541

Time: Set-up Time - Starts at 1:00 PM

Social Hour & Vendor Show - 4:00PM till 8:00PM

\$475.00 per table\*. Each table is 8 ft draped

Electricity will be available at or near each table space Bring your own extension cords and outlet strips

For reservations and questions call Dan Eichmann @ 714-321-7513; or email Dan at dan@ddltraffic.com Or Contact Mike Beyke @ 909-227-3731. Please fill out the form below and return with payment. PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SHOW!

We are also accepting donations for raffle prizes. Thank You! **Vendor Registration Form** Company Name: Address: Email: Fax: Names of Representatives: # OF Tables @ \*475.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount enclosed:

Mail Check to: TSA - 4195 CHINO HILLS PKWY, BOX # 74 CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 Make checks payable to: Traffic Signal Association (TSA)