

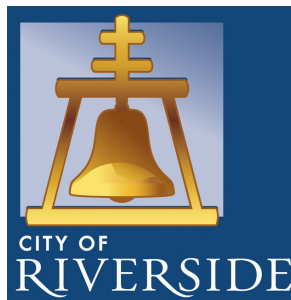
September Presentation:
Riverside PACT: Holistic Active Transportation Planning
 Speaker: Nathan Mustafa, PE, TE, AICP, City of Riverside

The City of Riverside PACT consists of: a Pedestrian Target Safeguarding Plan (PTS), an Active Transportation Plan (AT Plan), a Complete Streets Ordinance (CSO), and a Trails Master Plan (TMP). These four plans will help the City create robust, sustainable and accessible transportation options and public spaces for residents and visitors well into the future.

These plans include creating funding strategies and opportunities to provide more transportation options such as walking, bicycling, and taking public transit from one place to another. To read about PACT more, please see the City’s website at <http://riversideca.gov/pact>.



Nathan Mustafa is a registered Civil & Traffic Engineer and a Certified Planner. Nathan currently serves as the Deputy Public Works Director for the City of Riverside with oversight of Traffic Engineering, Solid Waste, Urban Forestry, Streets Maintenance, Parking Services, and Mobility Planning. Nathan additionally serves in the Environmental Stewardship Team of the City’s Office of Sustainability. Nathan has participated in the award and management of millions of dollars in grant funded capital projects, including the recently awarded Eastside Climate Collaborative grant. Nathan recently managed the adoption of the City’s first integrated active transportation planning document, the Riverside PACT.



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SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

September 22, 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
- Pay At the Door: \$30
- Students: \$10

Please register via Eventbrite at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/octec-sept-2022-luncheon-tickets-410901295837>

Registration Ends 9/20 @ 6:00 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Trevor Briggs, at trevor.briggs@kimley-horn.com

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dear OCTEC Members and Future Members,

First, I want to share how grateful and honored I am to serve as the current OCTEC Board President for this new 2022-2023. It has been a long journey since my first year serving on the Board in 2019-2020, which was OCTEC's 60th Anniversary with record numbers of attendance and memberships to suddenly having our world halt due to Covid-19. From there, the Board adjusted to the new normal of the virtual environment to keep OCTEC a thriving organization highlighted by quality industry speakers and presenters, along with the continued support of all our fantastic members and generous sponsors.

Nearly two years to the date since the start of the pandemic, we were able to get back to complete in-person events this past March 2022 and continued progress thru June 2022 with the following OCTEC milestones:

- Spring Social Mixer in March 2022 at Rock & Brews
- First In-Person Meeting back at Orange County Mining Company in April 2022
- Annual Golf Tournament in May at Tijeras Creek
- ITE So-Cal and OCTEC Student Night Presentations at Knott's Berry Farm
- Final June 2022 Meeting at Orange County Mining Company

Notably, for the first time since 2019, the Board and its members honored and thanked our OCTEC outgoing President, Olga Polunin, at our end-of-the-year June 2022 board meeting with an award for her successful four-year service on the OCTEC Board. Along with Olga, I extend my gratitude toward my fellow Board members and Past Presidents who have contributed significantly with their support and commitment to get OCTEC back to this point and heading into 2022-2023.

Starting off the year, I am pleased to welcome our newest Board member, Trevor Briggs, as Sponsorship/Membership Coordinator. Trevor will start our new year by rounding up new luncheon, newsletter, and social event sponsors, which we appreciate in advance for your continued support and contribution to the organization!

To all OCTEC members and future members, the Board and I want to thank you in advance for your ongoing participation and contribution to our great organization. Let's have a great year!

Cheers,

Ryan Calad, OCTEC President 2022-2023



OCTEC Presidential exchange tradition, Olga Polunin, OCTEC Immediate Past President passing the presidential gavel to Ryan Calad, current President.



Final OCTEC Luncheon of the 2021-22 Season at Orange County Mining Company on Thursday, June 23, 2022.



Board members closing out the 2021-2022 year during the final meeting of the 2021-22 Season.

OCTEC NEWS

FALL 2022 SOCIAL MIXER!

Get ready for our first social of the 2022-2023 year

Stay tuned for the October newsletter...

November 2022

Ticket will be available for presale or at the door. Price includes:

- Entry • 1 Drink • Hors d'oeuvre • 1 Raffle Ticket • Unlimited Pool and Shuffle Board

TICKET SALE INFORMATION COMING SOON

Look forward to seeing you there!

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LOCAL, REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS

Ridership milestones on OCTA, MTA and Colorado transit systems

Several public transit service providers throughout the United States marked positive ridership milestones this past week. The gains were driven by students returning to class for the fall term, promotional fares and a deliberate, gradual return to service.

In California, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has achieved 100,000 average weekday riders for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. OCTA says it has put an emphasis on the gradual, safe restoration of bus service, along with the implementation of programs that make riding the bus free for students and youth throughout Orange County.

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Caltrans Announces 45-Day Closures of 210 Freeway Roxford Street Ramps

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced a long-term closure of the westbound Roxford Street on and off-ramps to the 210 Freeway in Sylmar for paving work.

Residents and local businesses located near the 210 Freeway may experience noise, vibrations and dust associated with construction activities.

Crews are set to be closing Roxford Street on and off-ramps on the westbound 210 Freeway beginning Monday, Oct. 3, 2022 at 7 p.m. for up to 45 days.

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LA County plans \$15 million of bikeways, street improvements in South Whittier

Los Angeles County plans to spend \$15 million to build several bikeways and make road projects in unincorporated South Whittier.

Among the key benefits will be more access to the Norwalk-Santa Fe Springs Transportation Center that serves Metrolink, county officials said.

Such bicycle lanes are defined by pavement striping and signage to delineate a portion of a roadway for bicycle travel.

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Caltrain extension into downtown San Francisco could get a new name

In a region struggling to drum up support for new transit projects, the “Downtown Extension” doesn’t quite have the right ring to it.

That’s the conclusion of the agency in charge of the project to extend the Caltrain tracks 1.3 miles underground from the existing terminus at Fourth and King to a new station in the basement of the Salesforce Transit Center downtown. Instead, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority wants to rebrand the Downtown Extension as “the Portal,” in an effort to generate excitement and increase awareness about the project.

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Del Mar train tunnel plan advanced by San Diego Association of Governments

Danny Veeh, a senior planner at SANDAG said, “The seaside segment on the Del Mar bluffs has been a problem since the railroad was built,” he said. “Erosion eats away at the bluffs at the average rate of 4 to 6 in. a year, and presents a viable threat to public safety.”

According to the Del Mar Times, the state of California awarded San Diego County’s regional planning agency a \$300 million grant on Friday, Sept. 9, to move the train tracks off the Del Mar bluffs and to double-track the route between the San Dieguito Lagoon and Sorrento Valley.

Veeh said, “This is a momentous day. It’s larger than any other award that SANDAG has received to work on the LOSSAN corridor (the rail route from San Luis Obispo and Los Angeles to San Diego).” According to the Times, Veeh added that the 351-mile corridor handles \$1 billion in goods and 8 million passengers annually.

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LOCAL, REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS

Tesla's Full Self-Driving needs a driving test, and it's about to get one

Tesla's "Full-Self Driving" (FSD) driver-assist feature does not offer what its name promises.

Although Tesla CEO Elon Musk portrays the software as a prelude to fully autonomous vehicles, a quick online search shows videos of FSD-enabled Teslas in North America aiming straight at pedestrians, crashing into parked cars, and slowing down on a highway for no discernible reason. Unsurprisingly, more than a few observers have declared FSD to be a menace to traffic safety.

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Amtrak to Begin Cancelling Some Long-Distance Trains Tuesday

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. passenger railroad Amtrak will cancel trips on three long-distance routes starting Tuesday because of a potential freight rail strike later this week, and could be forced to cancel other trains.

Amtrak said it will begin suspending service for the Southwest Chief route from Chicago to Los Angeles, the Empire Builder route from Chicago to Seattle, the California Zephyr route from Chicago to San Francisco, and the Los Angeles to San Antonio portion of the Texas Eagle route starting Tuesday.

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Pressure mounts on US railroads, unions to reach a deal

Freight railroads and their unions are facing increasing pressure from business groups and the White House to settle their contract dispute before Friday's looming strike deadline.

The pressure stems from concerns that halting railroad deliveries of raw materials and finished products that so many companies rely on would be, in the words of the head of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, an "economic disaster."

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How the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Could Fast-Track Harmful Highway Boondoggles

The bipartisan \$1.2 trillion infrastructure deal signed into law in November 2021 has provided a previously near-unimaginable opportunity to invest in transportation in America. With more than half the funding made available under the new law going toward reauthorizing the surface transportation program, states now face a choice: spend this money to address dire needs with our transportation system, or squander it on wasteful boondoggle projects.

The federal dollars made available through the infrastructure deal could be spent on fixing our aging roads, making our streets safer, and making it easier to travel on transit, by bike or on foot, giving Americans real, viable options for getting around without having to drive.

Alternatively, they could be spent on building and expanding highways.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

City of Irvine

“Deputy Director of Transportation”

The City of Irvine seeks a Deputy Director of Transportation who is an experienced professional that will facilitate the development of transportation programs and projects from inception to completion. The position will provide oversight of transportation planning, engineering, operations and maintenance.

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“Associate Engineer” (Santa Ana)

Iteris is looking for a Sr. Engineer that will work, in partnership, with Iteris Senior Engineering staff, with state, regional, and local agencies to deliver various transportation planning and engineering projects to improve our communities.

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Kittleson & Associates

“Senior Engineer or Planner”

Kittelson & Associates, Inc has an immediate opening in California for a senior transportation engineer/planner who has an expertise in travel demand modeling.

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January 26, 2023

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February 23, 2023
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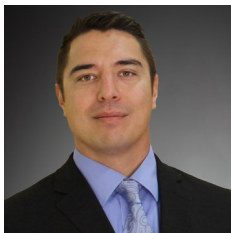
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Ganddini Group, Inc.

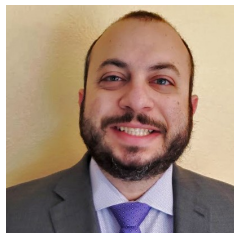
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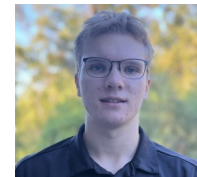
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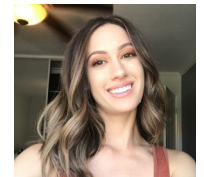


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OCTEC has a second Social Media Chair position available.

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