

## OCTOBER PRESENTATION: OC Streetcar Update

Mr. Ross Lew, PE, Sr. Program Manager, Highway Programs, OCTA  
Mr. Cleve Cleveland, Project Manager, OC Streetcar, OCTA

### Speaker Bios:

**Ross Lew** is a Sr. Program Manager with Highway Programs at the Orange County Transportation Authority. Mr. Lew joined OCTA ten years ago and is

responsible for overseeing the construction of the OC Streetcar and delivering freeway projects. In recent years Mr. Lew also delivered the construction of the OC Bridges Grade Separation Program that was budgeted at \$666.5 million. Mr. Lew is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine and has 32 years of management and project delivery experience in the transportation industry. He has been in the lead role on multiple complex projects in various phases of project implementation from planning through construction, working in partnership with many public agencies.



**Cleve Cleveland** is a transit professional with over 40 years of transit experience that specializes in rail operations and maintenance and many successful streetcar startup projects.



Associate Director for The Transit Delivery Division for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), Washington DC with the responsibility for planning, operation and maintaining safe and efficient movement of transit services through the District of Columbia's transportation system, including, the DC Circulator, DC Streetcar, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Metrobus, Metrorail, and Metro Access, Amtrak, MARC and VRE.

Previously, Mr. Cleveland was the General Manager for the start-up and operations of the DC Streetcar Rail System located in Washington DC.

### OCTEC/ITE SoCal Joint LUNCHEON

October 27, 2022

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

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

#### Lunch Fees:

General Sale (by 5pm 10/24): \$25  
Pay at the Door: \$35

Please register via Eventbrite at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/octecite-socal-oct-2022-luncheon-and-joint-meeting-tickets-43564856587>

If you have any questions, please contact  
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## SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

The first OCTEC luncheon of the 2022-2023 year was held on Thursday September 22, 2022 at the Orange County Mining Company. Mr. Nathan Mustafa, currently serving as the Deputy Public Works Director from the City of Riverside, gave a very informative and engaging presentation on the *Riverside PACT: Holistic Active Transportation Planning*. For those who were unable to attend the meeting, the presentation slides can be made available, please e-mail any of the Board members for more information.





## OCTEC NEWS

## FALL 2022 SOCIAL MIXER!

Our first social of the 2022-2023 year will be held at  
**Dave and Busters at The Outlets at Orange**  
 November 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM–8:30 PM

- Tickets are \$10 during presale or \$15 at the door. Price includes:
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**Look forward to seeing you there!**

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**Holiday Mixer 2022**

Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, Buena Park, CA  
 Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2022  
 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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## LOCAL, REGIONAL, & NATIONAL NEWS

### \$6 million to be used to stabilize tracks from Orange County to San Diego

SAN DIEGO — A state transportation emergency has been declared over the need to re-stabilize the railroad track in San Clemente, which has forced the shutdown and suspended train service between San Diego and Orange counties along the Pacific Coast.

On Tuesday, Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors voted unanimously to declare an emergency need to stabilize the track, which clears the way for officials to work with a contractor to begin the work. The stabilization effort is anticipated to take 30-45 days and up to \$12 million.

The California Transportation Commission were able to secure \$6 million in emergency funding. The money is funded from the State Transportation Improvement Program for the track stabilization.

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### A streetcar is coming to downtown Santa Ana. Will it fast track gentrification?

Behind Yohana Rojas' apartment near downtown Santa Ana, workers are pounding away on a new streetcar line.

Nearby, a 218-unit complex is going up on 4th Street, promising a "new riff on downtown living" for rents likely above \$3,000 a month.

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### California Clean Air Day pushes public transportation with free bus rides.

LOS ANGELES (KABC) -- Drivers all across the state are encouraged to ditch their cars Wednesday and try out other forms of transportation for California Clean Air Day.

The Coalition for Clean Air is calling on the public to do their part in addressing the state's pollution problem. In Los Angeles, people are asked to use public transportation, bicycles or walk to work.

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### How California's Bullet Train Went Off the Rails

LOS ANGELES — Building the nation's first bullet train, which would connect Los Angeles and San Francisco, was always going to be a formidable technical challenge, pushing through the steep mountains and treacherous seismic faults of Southern California with a series of long tunnels and towering viaducts.

But the design for the nation's most ambitious infrastructure project was never based on the easiest or most direct route. Instead, the train's path out of Los Angeles was diverted across a second mountain range to the rapidly growing suburbs of the Mojave Desert — a route whose most salient advantage appeared to be that it ran through the district of a powerful Los Angeles county supervisor.

The dogleg through the desert was only one of several times over the years when the project fell victim to political forces that have added billions of dollars in costs and called into question whether the project can ever be finished.

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### U.S. Department of Transportation Expands Its Financing Program to Help Even More Infrastructure Projects Move Forward

*Transit and Transit-oriented Development join rural projects and select applicants for the Department's highly competitive INFRA/Mega/Rural Grant programs to be eligible for low-cost, flexible financing for nearly half of project costs*

WASHINGTON — U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg today announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation's Build America Bureau will offer low-cost and flexible financing for transit and Transit-oriented Development (TOD) projects at the maximum level authorized under law. USDOT's Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program is designed to help project sponsors reduce costs and speed the delivery of infrastructure projects, which saves taxpayer dollars and improves transportation in communities. This new initiative, "TIFIA 49," authorizes borrowing up to 49% of eligible project costs for projects that meet certain eligibility requirements, helping more projects get off the ground. With few exceptions, TIFIA loans have historically been capped at 33% of eligible project costs.

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## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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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### Iteris

#### *“Senior Engineer” (Santa Ana)*

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

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- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Transit Signal Priority
- Advanced Data Analytics
- Mobility as a Service (MaaS)

### TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

- Traffic Impact Studies
- Signing and Striping
- Traffic Signal and Lighting Design

### PARKING

- Management Plans
- Policy and Studies
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LSA Associates, Inc.

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January 26, 2023

KOA Corporation  
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February 23, 2023  
Joint Meeting with ITS-CA

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**Michael Baker**  
INTERNATIONAL

March 23, 2023

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.  
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Consulting Engineers

April 27, 2023

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Mark Thomas

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May, 2023

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SoCal ITE/OCTEC Student Chapter Night

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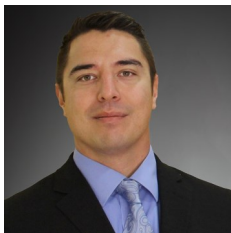
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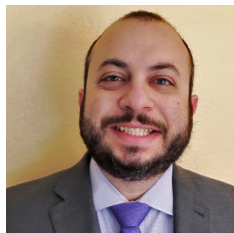
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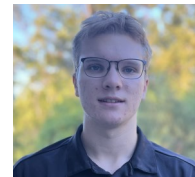
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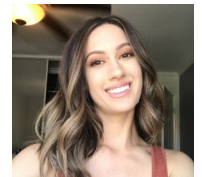


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OCTEC has filled the second Social Media Chair, we welcome **Javier Ruedas** to OCTEC.

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