

APRIL PRESENTATION:

Federal Funding Acts: Requirements, Strategies, and the latest from Capitol Hill

Shane L. Silsby, CEO & Founder, Silsby Strategic Advisors



Shane L. Silsby will provide an overview of the recent Federal Funding Acts signed into law that will affect public works agencies. Mr. Silsby will also break down the funding allocation processes, highlight critical requirements for utilizing these funds, and offer strategies to prepare / mitigate for future federal funding under these Acts. Additionally, updates will be provided from a recent trip to Washington, DC to offer perspectives from Capitol Hill and how agencies can use this for project planning.

OCTEC 2023 SPRING SOCIAL MIXER RECAP

For those who could not make it to the Spring Social Mixer at Rock & Brews in Tustin, we'll look forward to seeing you at the next social event. For those of you there, we had a great turn out with plenty of food, music and live radio DJ's courtesy of K-FROG, and wonderful conversations.



Next OCTEC Meeting:

Thursday, April 27, 2023
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

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

Lunch Fees:

Member (by 5pm on 4/24): \$20
Non-Member (by 5pm on 4/24): \$25
Student (by 5pm on 4/24): \$10
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Please register via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/octec-april-2023-luncheon-tickets-606408794027) at:
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If you have any questions, please contact
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OCTEC 2023 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Annual Golf Tournament
Friday - May 12, 2023

Tijeras Creek Golf Club
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA



<https://octec-golf2023.eventbrite.com>

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MARCH 2023 MEETING RECAP

The fifth **OCTEC** luncheon of the 2022-2023 year was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at the Orange County Mining Co. and it certainly was a full house with everyone from OCTEC and ITS-CA. The topic was, “What Makes a City Smart?”. The presentation was presented by Diana Chang (City of Culver City), Jeffrey Kupko (Michael Baker International), and Loreana Marciante (HNTB). There were plenty of great questions asked and a lot of information on what goes into making a city smart. For those who were unable to attend the meeting please feel free to e-mail any of the Board members and the presentation slides can be made available.



MARCH 2023 MEETING RECAP (CONTINUED)



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ENGINEER JOKE OF THE MONTH

What's the main difference between Mechanical and Civil engineers?

Mechanical Engineers build weapons and Civil Engineers build targets.

As a reminder, only OCTEC Members will be allowed to vote in June 2023 for the election.



LOCAL, REGIONAL, & NATIONAL NEWS

Proposed Rapid Bus Lane from Pomona to Inland Empire Gets \$87M in Federal Funds

East San Gabriel Valley residents could soon have a new – and cheaper – way to get to Ontario International Airport and other points in the Inland Empire, including a connection point to a planned high-speed rail train to Las Vegas.

The 19-mile West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit project from Pomona to Rancho Cucamonga with a stop at the airport last month moved a major step closer to reality with the presentation of an \$87 million check on March 20 from the Federal Transit Administration. It marked the last major piece of funding for the \$320 million project...

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Metrolink will provide free rides on Earth Day, April 22, and will also hold photo contest

Metrolink has launched an Earth Day campaign to raise awareness about the environmental benefits of using the train.

On Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, Metrolink will provide free rides all day on all Metrolink and Arrow service trains.

Riders can use the promotional code “EarthDay2023” to redeem their free rides on Earth Day at Metrolink station ticket machines...

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California’s Transit Agencies Face ‘Fiscal Cliff’ as Ridership and Funding Drop After Pandemic

For 22-year-old Henry Sanchez, a 25-cent increase in the bus fare makes a big difference.

It used to be \$1.50 to get from his home in Bell Gardens to Cerritos College, where he studies. Now, it’s \$1.75 one-way.

“It really sucks that you have to worry about the price going up, while the quality of the services is going down,” he said at the Metro Rail station in Norwalk this week. “And trying to buy a car is harder, even getting a used car. It’s risky.”...

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Opinion: Federal Government Must ‘Go Big’ to Help California Complete Bullet Train

Intensifying climate change, worsening traffic congestion and volatile gas prices have affected us all, and it is now clearer than ever that our nation deserves a world-class high-speed rail network powered by carbon-free energy. In order to compete globally, decarbonize the transportation sector and achieve long-term energy security, we urgently need to get serious about high-speed rail.

During my tenure as secretary of transportation, one of President Obama’s visions was development of a high-speed rail program and we included \$8 billion for high-speed rail...

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USDOT Announces Effort to Accelerate Surface Transportation Project Delivery under Inflation Reduction Act

WASHINGTON – As part of an ongoing effort to help deliver surface transportation projects faster, the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today announced a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public input on environmental review processes that can be improved under the Inflation Reduction Act.

FHWA will consider ideas and recommendations from public and private stakeholders on how to reduce project delays through the development of more efficient and effective environmental reviews...

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Fort Bend County seeks funding for upgrades to public transit system

Fort Bend County is seeking an investment from U.S. Rep. Lizzie Fletcher for upgrades to its public transportation system through a congressional community project.

At an April 11 meeting, commissioners committed to a \$90,000 local match to a \$450,000 grant for an updated scheduling and dispatching system for Fort Bend Transit in support of the grant application. If administered, the grant would provide system upgrades to include vehicle tracking, automatic passenger...

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<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/newportbeach/jobs/3849744/principal-civil-engineer-transportation?page=2&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>



City of Seal Beach

“Deputy Directory of Public Works / City Engineer”

The City of Seal Beach seeks a Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer. Under administrative direction of the Director of Public Works, this position will be responsible for managing the activities and services of key functional areas within the Public Works Department, including Engineering (streets, traffic, and land development) and Capital Projects (planning, design, and construction).

<https://www.calopps.org/seal-beach/job-20339834>



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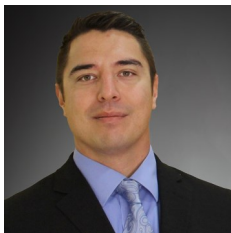
June 22, 2023

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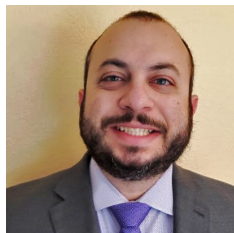


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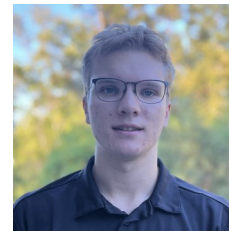
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