

PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS

Dear OCTEC Members and Future Members,

It’s that time of year again, where we are about to get things heated up with OCTEC now that summer has officially ended. I want to welcome everyone back for another exciting year of OCTEC (and many collaboration organizational) events. I don’t know about you, but I can’t wait to see everyone again, even though it’s only been a few months since our last meeting in June. Let’s take a moment to reflect back on the history of OCTEC, which began back in 1959, can you believe it’s our 64th anniversary? Where did the time go? We’ve definitely come a long way since the beginning and are thankful to that small group of traffic engineers who took the time and got things started.

Let’s take a look at highlights from some of the 2022-2023 events:

- Continued return to in-person monthly luncheons at Orange County Mining Company
- Fall Social Mixer at Dave & Busters in November 2022
- Spring Social Mixer at Rock & Brews in March 2023
- Annual Golf Tournament at Tijeras Creek in May 2023
- ITE SoCal & OCTEC Student Night Presentation at the Anaheim Marriott Suites in May 2023

On behalf of the OCTEC Board, Members, and Future Members, I would like to thank Ryan Calad, OCTEC President 2022-2023, for leading the way and showing just what OCTEC can be when you give it your all. I definitely look forward to trying my best and filling in those shoes. Ryan, thank you for your dedication and four-years of service on the OCTEC Board, we look forward to your continued guidance as 1st Past President.

Now, to start things off right for this year, I would like to welcome our newest Board member, Mai Vang, as Sponsorship/Membership Coordinator. I’m sure you’ve already seen plenty of her e-mails because she’s doing such a wonderful job in getting the word out about upcoming events. In fact, the September luncheon is already well past 100 guests. Mai will start the new year out by gathering luncheon, newsletter, and social event sponsors, all of which we truly appreciate in advance for your continued support and contributions for this organization.

Last, and certainly not least, to all OCTEC Members and Future Members, the Board thanks each and every one of you, for without you we could not thrive like we have for all of these years. Thank you for your participation and donations to our great organization -- we’ll see you in September !!

Sincerely,



Michael Plotnik
OCTEC President 2023-2024

September Luncheon:

Thursday, Sept 28, 2023
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

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

Lunch Fees:

September Luncheon is Sold Out. Walk-Ins will be turned away.

If you have any questions, please contact
Mai Vang, at
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SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION:

Innovative Approach to Enhancing Bike & Pedestrian Safety

Kathy Nguyen Engineering Services Manager & City Traffic Engineer, City of Laguna Niguel
Paul Martin Active Transportation Manager, Mark Thomas

Hear how a successful approach by the City of Laguna Niguel has empowered creative solutions to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety at the local middle school and community. Learn how partnerships yielded a successful Go Human demonstration event and produced outcomes that shine.



Speaker Bios:



Kathy Nguyen is the Engineering Services Manager and City Traffic Engineer at the City of Laguna Niguel. She is a licensed Civil and Traffic Engineer with 14 years of experience in municipal government and transportation engineering. Her passion to explore new ideas and integrative approach to problem solving have contributed to the implementation of innovative traffic safety solutions throughout Orange County.



Paul Martin is a licensed Civil and Traffic Engineer who leads transportation planning and active transportation projects at Mark Thomas. Paul was the first Orange County Active Transportation Coordinator; and has leveraged 24 years of experience to collaborate with public health, education, law enforcement, and community-based organization representatives to improve public travel and safety.

JUNE 2023 MEETING RECAP

The final OCTEC luncheon of the 2022-2023 year was held on Thursday June 22, 2023 at the Orange County Mining Company. Mai Vang, Incoming Sponsorship/Membership Coordinator gave her candidate speech. Outgoing President, Ryan Calad, opened his final meeting and transitioned to the 2023-2024 President, Michael Plotnik, and John Thai, Principal Traffic Engineer from the City of Anaheim gave an engaging presentation on *The Status of ITS and Connected Vehicles*. For those that were unable to attend the meeting, the presentation slides can be made available, please email any of the board members for more information.



OCTEC News

FALL 2023 SOCIAL MIXER!

Get ready for our first social of the 2023-2024 year

Stay tuned for the October newsletter...

November 2023

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

- Entry • 1 Drink • Hors d'oeuvre • Unlimited Pool

TICKET SALE INFORMATION COMING SOON

Look forward to seeing you there!

Event Sponsored By:



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LOCAL, REGIONAL, & NATIONAL NEWS

Regional Improvements Making Headway

Across Orange County, several major projects aimed at easing traffic congestion and better connecting communities are underway – with some nearing completion.

There are more than \$4 billion in transportation improvements currently happening in the region, which Orange County Transportation Authority officials say is the most in the agency's history. The work is possible thanks in large part to the voter-approved Measure M half cent sales tax.

Here's a look at the projects that will help you get from OC to Los Angeles, San Diego, or over to the mountains in less time...

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Pacific Beach's free shuttle, the Beach Bug, serves 9K+ riders in first weeks

In its first few weeks, the city of San Diego's free Beach Bug shuttle in Pacific Beach has served more than 9,000 people.

"It's a really great service to help decrease parking demand and make it easier to move around the community," Krystal Ayala, with the city of San Diego's Sustainability and Mobility Department, said...

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California Highway Patrol releases e-bike safety program as required by Assemblymember Boerner's AB 1946

The California Highway Patrol released an online e-bike safety program this week, as required by a state law that the governor signed last year.

The law, Assembly Bill 1946, authored by Assemblymember Tasha Boerner, D-Encinitas, was signed by the governor last fall. It gave CHP a September 2023 deadline to release an e-bike program in response to the rise in e-bikes on California roads, which has led to a rise in traffic collisions involving e-bikes...

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LOSSAN Corridor Agency, Pacific Surfliner Promote September as Rail Safety Month

With Friday marking the start of September and the beginning of Rail Safety Month, the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency on Thursday, Aug. 31, announced an initiative to enhance safety near railroad tracks.

Operation Safe Surfs will use several strategies intended to reduce pedestrian and vehicle incidents near the railroad and increase awareness of rail safety.

"Rail safety is an important priority for our agency," said Jewel Edson, chair of the LOSSAN Agency Board of Directors. "With Operation Safe Surfs, we're not only expanding rail safety, but..."

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Upcoming 405 Express Lanes will help drivers and bus riders

By the end of this year, the new variably priced express lanes are scheduled to open on 14 miles of highly congested I-405 in Orange County. Skeptics may claim that only a few motorists will be willing to pay a \$9.95 toll to go the entire way at rush hour, or that so many motorists will squeeze into the lanes that they won't offer faster trips and should've just been regular, toll-free lanes. Those same claims were made when the world's first express toll lanes...

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OCTA Receives \$750K in Federal Funds for Rails-to-Trails Gap Closure

Representative Lou Correa (CA-46) recently joined OCTA CEO Darrell E. Johnson, Santa Ana Mayor Pro Tem and OCTA Board Member Jessie Lopez, and Fullerton Mayor and OCTA Board Member Fred Jung to announce \$750,000 in federal funding to support the completion of the Santa Ana-Garden Grove Rails-to-Trails Gap Closure Project—which would allow pedestrians and cyclists to travel between two of the most park-poor cities in Orange County...

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS



The **City of Riverside** is accepting applications for the position of Associate Traffic Engineer to fill one (1) vacancy in the Traffic Engineer Division of the Public Works Department. The ideal candidate will provide traffic engineering services for the design and implementation of traffic signal timing operation improvement projects including day-to-day signal timing deployment, management of the Traffic Management Center (TMC), signal synchronization projects, signal turn-on support, compliance to industry standards, supporting the Traffic Signal Shop and perform field work as necessary.

[associate-traffic-engineer](#) | [Job Details tab](#) | [Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)



The **City of Newport Beach** seeks highly motivated individuals to join the Public Works Department. Currently there are two flexibly staffed vacancies that may be filled at either the Junior Engineer or Associate Civil Engineer level depending on the applicant's qualifications. Successful candidates will be placed on an eligibility list that may be used to fill future full-time and part-time vacancies as they occur.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/newportbeach/jobs/4067843/junior-engineer-associate-civil-engineer-ft-pt>

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- STEM Advantage Donation Event

<https://www.itscalifornia.org/events/2023-annual-meeting/>

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Please contact [Michael Plotnik](#) 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.

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CONGRATULATIONS to
the City of Irvine for the recent
**South Yale Cycle Track
Demonstration Event!**



Our dedicated staff at Mark Thomas has collaborated with Anaheim, Brea, Costa Mesa, Irvine, Laguna Niguel, Santa Ana, Westminster, Yorba Linda, the County and SCAG to implement the best local demonstration events. We are ready to work with you to leverage this engagement tool to explore new solutions and build community ownership.

Our integrated planning and engineering staff can turn your challenge area into a success!



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Meeting Date

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September 28, 2023

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October 26, 2023
Joint Meeting with ITE SoCal

General Technologies and Solutions
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January 25, 2024

Minagar & Associate, Inc.
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February 22, 2024
Joint Meeting with ITS-CA

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March 21, 2024

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April 25, 2024

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May 3, 2024

OCTEC Golf Tournament



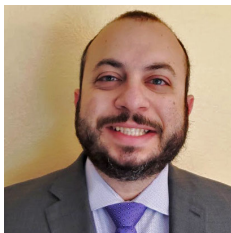
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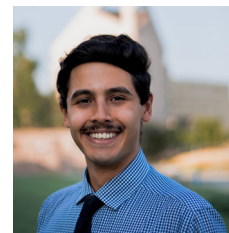


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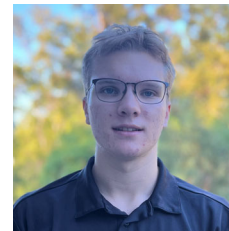
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Contact Any of the board members if you are interested in joining the OCTEC Team in the future.

VENDOR SHOW & SOCIAL NIGHT**LA / OC Traffic Signal Association****Along with OCTEC****Invite you to the****2023 Vendor Show and Social Night
In Fountain Valley****It's time for our annual TSA Vendor Show and Social Event!****THANKS TO OCTEC FOR SPONSORING THE FOOD!!**

There will be plenty of hors-d'oeuvres served from 4:00 PM until the conclusion of the evening.
Drinks will of course be available for purchase from our bar

This year's show will start at 4:00PM and end with the gala prize raffle starting at about 7:00PM.
(Special pricing on raffle tickets for paid TSA Membership.)

Vendors, don't forget to bring donations for the raffle, it's a great way to advertise your company and support TSA.

Mark your calendars - Please let your employees know!**When: Thursday – October 26 th , 2023**

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

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

Questions? Comments?

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SEE YOU THERE!