



## President's Message

Dear OCTEC community,

First and foremost, I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and well. Amid everything that is happening in the world and around us, you may not have noticed that our OCTEC 2019-20 term is coming to an end. Looking back, we had a great run even though the year was regrettably cut short. Some of my personal favorite memories this year include:

- We held our first summer social at GameCraft Brewing in Laguna Hills;
- Our October 2019 joint meeting with ITE had a record attendance of 163 people; and
- Our spring social at Native Son Alehouse in mid-March was a fun event and was also the last time I got to see many of you before social-distancing began.

Though we will not be having our lunch meeting this month, I hope you are looking forward to our **Annual OCTEC/ITE SoCal Joint Student (Virtual) Presentation Night** coming up on **Wednesday 6/24**. Join us to cheer on recent college grads from Cal Poly Pomona, CSLB, CSUF, UCI, UCLA and USC as they showcase the fruits of their senior year's labor. The event is free to attend, so be sure to sign up online to receive information for the virtual meeting.

If you are a registered 2020 OCTEC member, please look for an e-mail later this month with our online election instructions. This year we have two great nominees running for the 2020-21 OCTEC Membership and Sponsorship Coordinator position: **Mr. Trevor Briggs** and **Mr. Michael Plotnik**. Voting will commence on June 25 and close on July 10 and voting results will be announced via an e-mail.

With the arrival of a new board member also means that my term on the OCTEC Board is coming to an end. It has been such a privilege to serve my fellow traffic engineers for the last four years. I would especially like to thank my fellow Board members who made my job easier each step of the way. Furthermore, I want to welcome **Archie Tan**, who will take on the role of OCTEC president beginning next month. I have no doubt we will have another strong OCTEC Board next year.

Finally, a BIG thanks to our sponsors, our loyal members, and the entire OCTEC community for making our programs possible and successful. In these trying times, please stay healthy, stay connected, and remember that we are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Kristin Tso  
OCTEC President 2019-2020

## Next Meeting:

TBD

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## Covid-19 Links

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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2020 STUDENT NIGHT

2020 OCTEC/ITE SoCal Student Presentation Night

Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> 2020  
5:00 PM

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/octecite-social-virtual-student-presentation-night-2020-tickets-75145481157>

Participating Universities:



OCTEC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please contact [ryan.calad@mbakerintl.com](mailto:ryan.calad@mbakerintl.com) or any Board member for more information.

2020 OCTEC Golf Tournament has been Cancelled

Hope to see you all next year on the course!

## LOCAL, REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS

### Herzog awarded Orange County streetcar O&M contract

Herzog Transit Services, Inc. will deliver operation and maintenance services for Orange County's first modern streetcar system under a \$45M five-year contract with two, two-year optional extension periods.

Herzog Transit Services, Inc. (HTSI) has been selected by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) as the operations and maintenance (O&M) provider for the new OC Streetcar which will connect downtown Santa Ana and Garden Grove in Southern California. The 4.1-mile route is currently under construction and scheduled to open in 2022. OCTA made the announcement on May 27 following approval by the OCTA Board of Directors. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### California's gas tax is going up again. Amid coronavirus, some say now is not the time

California's gas tax is set to increase July 1, but some lawmakers are calling for a freeze on the higher levy, citing the financial burden of the coronavirus-spawned recession on millions of the state's residents.

The automatic increase pegged to inflation—the third increase in the last four years—comes as a long-simmering dispute over the gas tax law enacted three years ago again flared up at the state Capitol. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### May's Highway Trust Fund Receipt Plunge is a Transportation-Funding Tsunami for States

New federal Highway Trust Fund (HTF) tax receipt information released June 8, when combined with vehicle miles traveled (VMT) data from April, paints a devastating transportation revenue outlook that may similarly impact state-level transportation revenues.

According to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, net deposits of tax receipts credited to the HTF in May totaled only \$674 million; a 79% year-over-year decline from \$3.238 billion in May 2019. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### Amid a Pandemic, Transit Authorities Turn to Technology

During the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, some city buses and trains have run empty, while others have been packed. In Los Angeles, for instance, ridership on the LA Metro has dropped from about 1.2 million to around 400,000 a weekday. Meanwhile, Detroit's number 17 bus route and various lines in New York City have run at a potentially dangerous capacity. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### Transportation Authority Choose the Boring Company in the Inland Empire

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's Board of Directors recently voted to "pursue a proposal from Elon Musk's The Boring Co. for a high-speed tunnel linking Rancho Cucamonga with Ontario International Airport," reports Steve Scuzillo. With the vote, the Authority also directed staff to "postpone a \$3 million study of other airport-rail connections," according to Scuzillo. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### New \$22 million pilot to fund equitable, clean transportation options in disadvantaged communities

The California Air Resources Board will provide up to \$22 million in grants to address transportation needs in disadvantaged and low-income communities with clean transportation options under a new \$22 million pilot project.

The funding, available through the Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP), will support the planning and implementation of clean transportation projects. Lead applicants may include community-based organizations, federally recognized tribes and local governments. Grant proposals must include partnerships between a lead applicant, co-applicants (e.g. public, private or nonprofit organizations) and community partners. Proposals are due August 31, 2020. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### Hoyer: Infrastructure package to hit floor this month

House Democrats will bring a sweeping infrastructure package to the floor by the end of the month, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) said Thursday.

The package, authored by Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.), is part of the Democrats' response to the coronavirus pandemic and the economic crisis that has followed. [\[Continue here\]](#)

Please contact [Kristin Tso](#) or any Board member if you have any job listings that you would like posted to the OCTEC website or included in the next OCTEC newsletter.

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**Newsletter Sponsors**

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October 24, 2019  
Joint Meeting — ITE SoCal

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March 26, 2020—**CANCELED**

Albert Grover & Associates  
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April 23, 2020—**CANCELED**

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OCTEC Golf Tournament—**CANCELED**

SoCal ITE/OCTEC Student Chapter Night-**June 24, 2020 (Virtual)**

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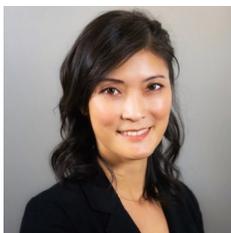
June 25, 2020—**CANCELED**

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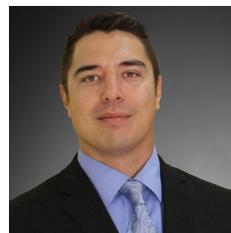
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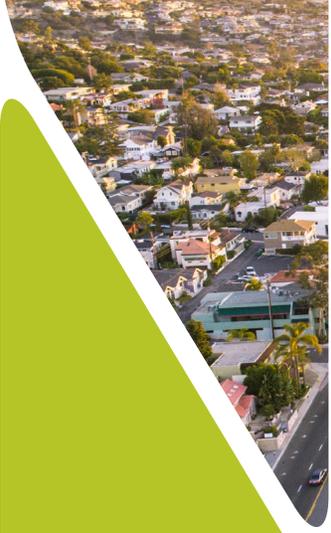
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## Trevor Briggs, P.E.

*OCTEC Sponsorship/Membership Coordinator Candidate*

**It is an honor to be nominated 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 youthful vigor and enthusiasm.

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

- Provide ingenuity, hard work, and collaboration with my fellow board members
- Promote the growth of OCTEC, our members, and local industry (Public, Private, and Student)
- Expand career growth and mentorship opportunities for the up and coming 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 such as OCTEC. I am immensely grateful for this nomination and eager to serve when elected.

## **ENDEAVOR WITH TREVOR!**

### **Highlights:**

- Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Brigham Young University
- 7+ years of Professional Experience
- Professional Engineer in California #87664
- OCTEC Member for 6+ years
- ITE Member for 7+ years

# Kimley»Horn

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*It truly is an honor to be nominated for the **2020 OCTEC Membership/Sponsorship Coordinator** and if elected I will:*

- *Continue to work hard and increase our membership base.*
- *Reach out for even more sponsorships.*
- *Push to collaborate with ITE and ITS CA for future events.*
- *Promote the growth of OCTEC to other agencies, organizations, and educational institutions by utilizing connections I've made while in school and professionally in the public and private sectors.*
- *Always be available to our members whether it's professional or personal.*

**Michael Plotnik, TE**  
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*I've been an OCTEC member for 6 years and it's time to step up and give back to my traffic engineering family.*

Active Member in  
**OCTEC, ITE, ITS CA,  
CTE, IMSA, XE, and TBP.**

**MEMBERSHIP /  
SPONSORSHIP  
COORDINATOR  
NOMINEE**

**VOTE FOR  
MICHAEL PLOTNIK**

**Highlights:**

- BS & MS in Civil Engineering, CSULB
- Registered CA Traffic Engineer
- 17 years of professional experience in Traffic Engineering
- Public and private sector experience
- Subject matter expert for the CA Board for Professional Engineers
- IMSA Certified
- WATCH Manual committee member

