

## President's Address

Dear OCTEC members and future members,

As the impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt around the world and within our local communities, our members health and safety is our top priority. Early last week, the Board has reached consensus to cancel all of our upcoming in-person events scheduled within the next 60 days, including:

- March Lunch Meeting
- April Lunch Meeting
- Annual Golf Tournament
- Joint ITE/OCTEC Student Job Fair and Student Night

If you have any questions or concerns about the above events regarding refunds or sponsorships, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the board members and we would be happy to assist you.

As this is a quickly evolving situation, the OCTEC Board will continue to take all the steps necessary to ensure we are doing our part to keep the community healthy but connected. This includes maintaining our monthly Gazettes to keep you up to date with the latest on our local traffic professional community. Companies and agencies may continue to submit job postings or announcements to be published in the Gazette or to be posted on the OCTEC Website and social media outlets.

Transportation remains a vital part of all our lives, especially in times like this. We recognize that many in our OCTEC family are essential in maintaining operations of critical infrastructures. Now more than ever, we want to show our gratitude for those who are putting themselves at risk to provide uninterrupted mobility and access to food, medical care, and other vital services.

As always, the OCTEC community exists to connect one another and we will do our best to continue serving you while maintaining our physical social distances. We wish you and your families health and resilience during this trying time.

Sincerely,

Kristin Tso, OCTEC President 2019-2020

## 2020 February Luncheon Recap



## 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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## LOCAL, REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS

### OCTA cuts some bus service as ridership and staffing decrease amid coronavirus outbreak

Orange County Transportation Authority buses will run on a Sunday schedule for a foreseeable future starting Monday, March 23, a move the agency says is necessary to protect its employees' health amid the spread of the coronavirus. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### Southern California Transit Agencies Respond to COVID-19 Ridership Declines

Transit agencies all over are reducing service in response to declining ridership and declining revenues during the coronavirus pandemic. This post features a run-down of what many L.A. County transit providers are doing now, but the situation is changing quickly, so it may well be out of date by the time you're reading. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### APTA calls for \$16 billion in emergency funding for U.S. transit agencies

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) is requesting Congress provide public transit agencies \$16 billion in direct emergency funding. The funds would offset the \$2 billion in direct costs, as well as the \$14 billion in expected revenue losses public agencies face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### New regional pact aims to connect trolley to airport, spur other projects

Local officials have agreed to a new pact that aims to boost planning and coordination for future road and transit projects in the neighborhoods around San Diego International Airport, including plans to connect the airport to the trolley.

The pact, called a "memorandum of understanding," sets protocols for how four local agencies will share information, use the land they control, share costs, seek environmental approvals and collaborate in other ways. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### Calif.'s Metrolink lands \$10.7M CRISI grant

The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) announced an award of \$10.7 million from the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant Program to fund passenger rail safety and speed improvement projects in Metrolink's critical Burbank-Anaheim Rail Corridor, one of the busiest thoroughfares in Southern California. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### 4 Lessons From a California Transit Authority's Bus Electrification Rollout

The Antelope Valley Transit Authority in Southern California plans to be the first public transit agency in the United States to operate a 100 percent battery-electric bus fleet.

Today AVTA operates 49 e-buses from Chinese bus manufacturer BYD, with 36 more e-buses to be delivered by the end of 2020, allowing the agency to meet its zero-emission fleet target. AVTA is also planning to install a microgrid at its bus depot. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### 'No Plans To Shut Down': Metro Says No Reported COVID-19 Cases On MTA Buses, Trains

Transit officials across the Southland are warning riders of looming changes to bus and rail services as they contend with the spread of coronavirus.

Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington held a media briefing Friday to announce there have been no reported cases of COVID-19 linked to or contracted on an MTA bus or train, and no known cases reported among the agency's nearly 11,000 employees. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### From gas tax to road pricing

Robert W. Poole, director of transportation policy at the libertarian thinktank Reason Foundation, has written a briefing which looks at how US states could make an 'orderly transition' from taxes on fuel to some form of road pricing.

Revenue from traditional taxes on fuel are certainly falling: the fact that engines are more efficient, and therefore less gas is required, is one major reason, even as the search for alternative drivetrains, such as those used in electric vehicles (EVs), moves drivers further away from fossil fuels. [\[Continue here\]](#)

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For more information, please email Jon Gaunt at [jGaunt@econolite.com](mailto:jGaunt@econolite.com)

OCTEC ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will soon begin accepting nominations for the Membership/Sponsorship Coordinator position on the OCTEC Board for year 2020—2021. Please contact any of the Board members to nominate a candidate or learn more.

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 month's OCTEC newsletter.

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January 23, 2020

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March 26, 2020—**CANCELED**

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April 23, 2020—**CANCELED**

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SoCal ITE/OCTEC Student Chapter Night-  
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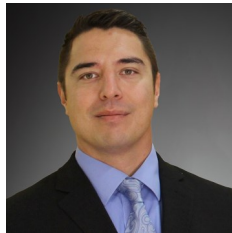
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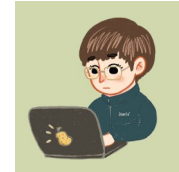
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