

October Presentation:

Public Dining & Local Circulation, The COVID-19 Impacts

Larry Tay, City Traffic Engineer, City of Orange

Rose McCarron, Supervising Transportation Planner I, Vision Zero Division, Los Angeles Department of Transportation

David Graham, Chief Innovation Officer and Chair of San Diego Connected Communities

Gene Kim, City Traffic Engineer, City of Redondo Beach

Speaker Bios:



Larry is currently the City Traffic Engineer for the City of Orange. Having spent 16 years in the traffic and transportation industry, he has worked for various municipalities in Los Angeles, Ventura, San Bernardino, and Orange counties, gaining broad experience in engineering management, traffic operations, and transportation planning.

A past president of the ITE Central Coast Section, Larry holds a BS and MS in civil engineering from the University of California, Irvine, and is a licensed Civil Engineer and Traffic Engineer in the State of California.



Rose McCarron is a Supervising Transportation Planner with the Vision Zero Planning Division at the Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

She oversees implementation of programs to create vibrant, people-friendly streets including Safe Routes to Schools, Great Streets, and People Streets.

Rose has recently focused on LADOT's emergency response to COVID 19 by standing up the new LA Al Fresco program.

OCTEC/ITE SoCal/RSBITE Joint Virtual Meeting

October 22, 2020

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

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Speaker Bios (Continued):



David Graham is a veteran local government leader having worked for the County of San Diego and City of San Diego as well as a stint in private sector public affairs. He is the Chief Innovation Officer for the City of Carlsbad, the first position of its kind in the San Diego region. His work includes creating the first all-electric car-share fleet in North America, an open-data platform for development permitting, and the largest municipal Internet of Things platform, using smart streetlights, in North America. David also serves as a national and regional leader in smart and sustainable communities. His passion for land use, civic innovation and intelligent infrastructure has led him to be a recognized leader and regular conference speaker nationally and internationally.



Gene Kim is currently the City Traffic Engineer for the City of Redondo Beach, which he has been with the City for nearly six years.

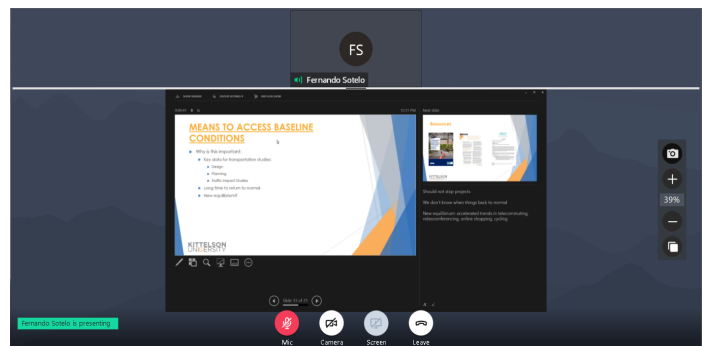
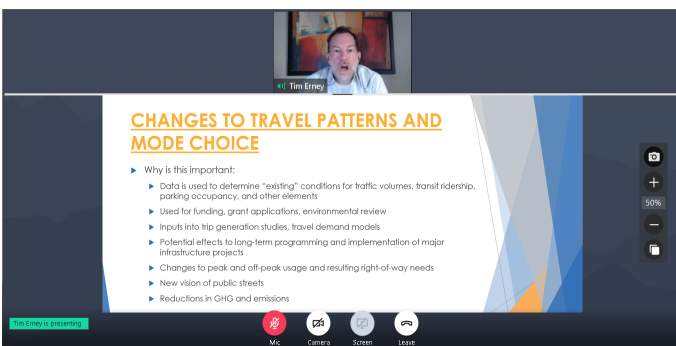
Prior to working for the City, Gene worked in private sector for both URS and RK Engineering in Orange County.

Gene holds a BS in civil engineering from Cal-Poly Pomona and is a licensed Civil Engineer and Traffic Engineer in the State of California.

SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

The first OCTEC virtual meeting of the 2020-2021 year was held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 via GoToMeeting.

Tim Erney, AICP/PTP/CTP - Senior Principal, Kittelson & Associates and Fernando Sotelo, TE/PTP - Associate Engineer, Kittelson & Associates gave a great presentation on the Effects of COVID-19 on Travel Conditions



LOCAL, REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS

LA Metro preps for environmental review of Antelope Valley Line improvements

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) is preparing a draft environmental impact report for proposed capacity and service improvements on the Antelope Valley commuter-rail line between Lancaster and downtown Los Angeles. [\[Continue here\]](#)

Caltrans Highlights Efforts to Reduce Pedestrian Injury and Death in Recognition of National Pedestrian Safety Month

(Victor Valley)— As the U.S. Department of Transportation establishes October as the first-ever National Pedestrian Safety Month, Caltrans is refining its data-driven programs to enhance pedestrian safety and reduce injury and death on California roadways.

Pedestrian deaths have increased nationwide over the last decade. In California, pedestrians are 37 times more likely to be injured in a collision than any other roadway user. Between 2008 and 2017, pedestrian-related incidents accounted for 19 percent of all collisions resulting in death or serious injury. [\[Continue here\]](#)

Amtrak: Additional funding needed soon to avoid additional service and employment reductions

Amtrak says without additional funding, impacts on customers, employees and projects include the reduction of corridor trains as state partners are forced to suspend service, and the deferment of numerous capital projects and procurement.

Amtrak has submitted a letter to Congress formalizing its ongoing request for up to \$4.857 billion this fiscal year for Amtrak and its partners, following regular discussion with Congress about its federal funding needs for Fiscal Year 2021.

From the letter, Amtrak President and CEO Bill Flynn notes “we have seen that our ridership is not returning as quickly or at the levels that we had hoped for, and we updated our forecast for FY21. We now anticipate needing up to \$4.857 billion in FY21 to

support the company and our employees through this unprecedented situation”. [\[Continue here\]](#)

Commuting habits have changed during COVID-19. What's the future?

Before COVID-19, the promise of Northern Virginia’s toll roads was growing. For locals heading to work, or out-of-state travelers looking to beat traffic, the express lanes “will help get you there faster with quick, simple and predictable travel along 495, 95 and 395.”

During the pandemic, traffic might be quicker and simpler, but the “predictable travel” premise has changed. On Friday, The Washington Post reported that Transurban North America — the operator of 50-plus miles of Northern Virginia’s toll roads — was selling stakes. In mid-August, WTOP reported spring 2020 toll revenue from the Capital Beltway and Interstate 95 fell roughly 90% compared to the previous year. [\[Continue here\]](#)

Building more roads won't help fix America's economy

As America seeks to return to a growth economy after the recession, there will very likely be calls for aggressive investments in roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure as a way to quickly create jobs and spur economic growth. Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has proposed a \$1.3 trillion investment in infrastructure while President Donald Trump has repeatedly expressed support for a large infrastructure spending bill.

State and local governments have long struggled to maintain their road networks, even in the best of times. There is a smarter way forward than simply building more roads and bridges that state and local governments can't afford to properly maintain. Instead, we need to focus on preserving what we have already built, surrounding that commitment with strategies to get higher returns out of these existing investments.

Roads were in rough shape pre-pandemic. Programs to build new transportation systems have become broadly popular. [\[Continue here\]](#)

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Civil Engineer, City of Yorba Linda

Come join our team as a Senior Civil Engineer within the Public Works Department and work closely with the residents of Yorba Linda, private developers, and consulting engineers throughout the entitlement review process and all aspects of development services. This mid-management, supervisory position will provide the incumbent with an excellent opportunity to work on a wide range of developments, commercial and residential housing development from initial application, entitlement at the Planning Commission and City Council, thru the construction process, inspection and occupancy. This position will also manage the approvals of right-of-way encroachment permits, implement and streamline processes and procedures, manage the City's water quality compliance and ensure excellent customer service.

Examples of Duties: under the general supervision of the Director of Public Works/City Engineer, the Senior Civil Engineer is responsible for supervising, coordinating and participating in the conduct of complicated engineering, planning, design and development review activities; monitors and supervises the development phase for both private work and the Capital Improvement Program. Supervises development of plans, estimates and work development. See [website](#) for more details

ITS/Traffic Engineering Manager, DKS Associates

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This position will report to the Regional Director and lead the management of Southern California staff and strategic transportation projects in this market. This is an opportunity to manage a team of Engineers and Planners on projects involving ITS planning and design efforts for corridor, transit, and signal optimization projects. Please see [website](#) for more details

Assistant Director, Department of Transportation, City of Oakland

The City of Oakland is currently recruiting to fill an Assistant Director vacancy within the Department of Transportation (OakDOT). This position will oversee six divisions: Great Streets Delivery, Great Streets-Streets and Sidewalks Maintenance, Street Lighting, Safe Streets, Parking and Mobility, & ADA Programs.

The ideal candidate is a strong communicator, team builder, and empathetic leader who is seasoned in an urban transportation context to grow and evolve the Department in order to meet the needs of Oakland's highly diverse, multilingual population.

This individual must have an awareness of historic racial and social inequities and a commitment to engage in actions to implement measurable, equitable changes to address those disparities. Further, the candidate will have excellent managerial and analytical skills, outstanding interpersonal and communications skills, and strong

administrative, fiscal and personnel management experience. The ideal candidate enjoys working with people, has the humility to recognize the wisdom of our community, creates a positive work environment and encourages high levels of employee competence and pride.

To view the detailed job announcement and submit an application, please see [website](#)

City Traffic Engineer, County of Orange

Plans, manages, and oversees the daily functions, operations, and activities of the Traffic Division within the Public Works Department.

Manages and participates in the development and implementation of goals, objectives, policies, and priorities for the division.

Manages Traffic Operations section to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people. Oversees the development of consultant requests for proposal for professional and/or construction services and the advertising and bid processes. Visit [website](#) to apply.

Senior Traffic Engineer, City of Long Beach

Under direction, supervises the activities of assigned engineering and administrative staff in the Transportation Engineering Division of the Public Works Department and Engineering Design Division of the Harbor Department; oversees the design of signing and striping, traffic control, traffic signal timing, traffic signal and intelligent transportation systems (ITS); performs traffic and transportation research, analysis, planning, and design; oversees preparation and/or prepares project reports, plans, specifications, estimates, grant applications, progress reports, and other technical documents; supervises, trains, and evaluates assigned staff; monitors the work of consultants/contractors performing traffic/transportation engineering for the City; prepares or assists in preparation of division budget; makes presentations to the City Council, City management, commissions, and community groups; responds to inquiries and work requests by the public, council offices, and/or City Departments; may act as the City Traffic Engineer in his/her absence while working in the Public Works Department; and performs other related duties.

Please see [website](#) for more details.

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March 25, 2021	Wavetronix KOA Corporation	
April 22, 2021	DDL Traffic Michael Baker International	
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June 24, 2021	Ganddini Group, Inc. Hartzog & Crabill, Inc.	

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