The Official Newsletter of the Orange County Traffic Engineering Council

Speaker: Jim Hocht (HDR)

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"Did you know that OCTA is about a month away from construction advertisement for the first urban rail transit project in Orange County history? Come find out more about the project, including how it originated, the various studies and work efforts that shaped it, and what remains to be done before it is up and running. The OC Streetcar Project will run 4.1 miles from the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center, through downtown Santa Ana and the Civic



Center, to Harbor Blvd/Westminster Ave in Garden Grove, and is scheduled to begin service in December 2020."





Jim Hecht is the Project Manager for HDR, assisting OCTA with the development of the first modern urban rail transit project in Orange County. Jim has 30 years of experience developing rail transit projects in LA, San Diego, and Sacramento. Prior to working for HDR, he was a Project Manager for the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board working on extensions to the San Diego Trolley System. Jim received his bachelor's degree from UC Irvine, and has a Master's from Berkeley.

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

September 28, 2017

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

LOCATION

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

Lunch Fees:

\$20 (Member) - Ends 9/22 @ 5 pm \$25 (Non-Member) - Ends 9/22 @ 5 pm

> Pay At the Door: \$30 Students: \$10

Please register via Eventbrite at:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/octecseptember-2017-luncheon-tickets-36862614071

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President's Address

Dear Fellow OCTEC Members,

We would like to welcome everyone back since our last meeting in June and the record-setting heat of the summer. As we enter OCTEC's 58th year, your 2017-2018 Board would like to thank our members for their support and commitment to this organization for further solidifying our indelible mark on the industry. Much appreciation also goes out to our generous and dedicated sponsors who keep our lunch rates low, enable wonderful networking fun at our social mixers, and record turnouts in May's annual golf tournament ... just to name a few.

Kicking off the first meeting is an exciting presentation on the OC Streetcar Project, Orange County's first modern streetcar with Jim Hecht from HDR. Seven luncheon presentations will provide up-to-date topics based on member input at our established venue location: the Orange County Mining Company. The year will be filled with events such as our ever-popular social mixers, joint meetings with local partner organizations such as ITE SoCal and ITS-CA, along with our annual golf tournament. Continued support of local engineering schools is exemplified with complimentary student membership and contributing scholarships at the student night presentations to bolster our industry's next generation.

Thank you all OCTEC members, and future members, for your ongoing participation and contribution to our great organization. Let's have an awesome year!

Sincerely,

Eric Loke, OCTEC President 2017-2018

Upcoming Events:





OCTEC NEWS

FALL 2017 SOCIAL MIXER!

Our first social of the 2017-2018 year will be held at Dave and Busters at The Outlets at Orange (previously The Block)

October 12th from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Cost is only \$7 with RSVP (link below) or \$10 at the door. Price includes entry, 1 drink, appetizers, 1 raffle ticket and free pool and shuffle board. Receive 2 additional raffle tickets by bringing a potential new member. Raffle tickets will also be sold for \$1 each at the door.

Look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP now for the Social mixer: https://octec-fall-2017-social-mixer.eventbrite.com

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Please contact Archie Tan at atan@octa.net

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LA / OC Traffic Signal Association and OCTEC Present

2017 VENDOR SHOW AND SOCIAL NIGHT

When: Tuesday – October 24, 2017 @ Mile Square Golf Course

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

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.

Questions? Comments?

Contact Dan Eichmann at dan@ddltraffic.com or (714) 321-7513

LOCAL, REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. DOT releases new Automated Driving Systems guidance [CLICK HERE]

Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao announces vision for automated vehicle technology, emphasizes safety benefits and consumer education focus

Ann Arbor, MI - The U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) today released new federal guidance for Automated Driving Systems (ADS): A Vision for Safety 2.0. This is the latest guidance for automated driving systems to industry and States. Click to download

Rebuilding California - Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) [CLICK HERE]

Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, was signed into law on April 28, 2017. This legislative package invests \$54 billion over the next decade to fix roads, freeways and bridges in communities across California and puts more dollars toward transit and safety. These funds will be split equally between state and local investments.

Feds Award California \$274.5 Million in Funding for Launching All Projects Before Federal Deadlines [CLICK HERE]

SACRAMENTO — On September 13, Caltrans announced that the federal government has awarded California \$274.5 million in extra transportation funding for meeting all of its deadlines for federally-funded projects.

"California has a reputation for maximizing its federal funding and successfully launching infrastructure projects, and these additional funds are our reward for that proven track record. These funds will help Caltrans and local transportation agencies invest in transportation across the state." - Malcolm Dougherty, Director, Caltrans

Some states do not spend all of their federal transportation funding before deadlines, causing those funds to revert to a federal pool to be redistributed to states like California that have completed all requirements and are prepared to use the additional money in a very short period of time. This year, the federal pool totaled about \$3.1 billion—of which California received nearly \$274.5 million, the second highest in the nation.

Caltrans received roughly \$174 million of this extra funding, and local transportation agencies were granted nearly \$100.5 million. The funding is prioritized for projects that meet the federal deadline of September 26, 2017.



MORE NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

OCTEC/ITE SoCal/RSB ITE HOLIDAY MIXER!

Los Coyotes Country Club, Buena Park (tentative)

Wednesday, December 6th starting at 5:30 PM

Details to follow.

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Archie Tan or any
Board member if
you have any job
listings that you
want posted to
the OCTEC
website.

JOB ANNOUCEMENTS

There are several job postings on the OCTEC website:

- City of San Clemente Location: San Clemente, CA
 Senior Civil Engineer (Traffic) CLOSING DATE: 10/10/17 @ 05:00 PM
- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Location: Orange, CA <u>Senior Transportation Planner</u>
- Iteris, Inc. Location: Multiple Locations, CA
 Transportation Engineer

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September 28, 2017

October 26, 2017 Joint Meeting-ITE SoCal

January 25, 2018

February 22, 2018

March 22, 2018

April 26, 2018

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June 28, 2018

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OCTEC Golf Tournament (Green River Golf Course)

SoCal ITE/OCTEC Student Chapter Night (Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel)

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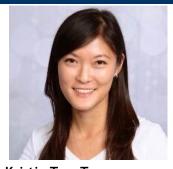
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