

JANUARY PRESENTATION:

**Panel Presentation: AB 2147 - Freedom to Walk Act
Overview of Bill, CVC Changes, & How Agencies Are Adapting**

Rafael Cobian, PE, LEED GA, City Traffic Engineer, Public Works Department, City of Anaheim

Officer Shane Spielman, Motor Officer/Motor Instructor/TNU, Anaheim Police Department

Rock E. Miller, PE, Traffic Engineering Expert Witness, Safety, and Urban Bikeways Implementation, Principal and CEO, Rock E. Miller & Associates

Sergeant Jason Coleman, Traffic Sergeant, La Habra Police Department

Moderator Paul Martin, PE, TE, LCI, Active Transportation Manager, Mark Thomas

Panel Bios:

Mr. Rafael Cobian, PE, LEED GA, is the City Traffic Engineer at the City of Anaheim where he oversees the Traffic and Transportation Section of the Public Works Department.



The Traffic and Transportation Section is responsible for the day to day maintenance and operation of all City Signals, developing and managing traffic engineering capital improvement projects, reviewing various development applications and associated traffic studies, and all long range transportation planning efforts at the local and regional level. He has over 14 years of traffic engineering experience, eight years with the City of Anaheim and six years in the private sector. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Traffic Engineering in the state of California. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in transportation from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Additionally, he also has nine years of law enforcement experience, as he is also a Sworn Deputy Sheriff with the Orange County Sherriff's Department, assigned to the Reserve Bureau.

Officer Shane Spielman, has been a member of the Anaheim Police Department for 29 years. He started as a Police Explorer, Traffic Control Assistant, Police Cadet, Police Services Representative and was sworn in as a police officer in 2001. He worked uniformed patrol until 2004, where he was selected for the Traffic Bureau. In 2005, Officer Spielman was selected for police motorcycle duty and successfully completed motorcycle training. During his tenure in the Traffic Bureau, his roles have included: Collision Investigator, Motor & Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Motor Instructor, Lead Motor Instructor, School Traffic Safety Program Coordinator, Traffic Complaint Coordinator, and Child Passenger Safety Technician & Safety Instructor. These roles have given him insight and experience into traffic enforcement, driving under the influence investigations, commercial vehicle enforcement, collision investigations and community policing. In recent years, his role has been primarily leading the Traffic Bureau in problem-solving and community engagement while working with other details and city departments.



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JANUARY LUNCHEON

January 26, 2023

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

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

Lunch Fees:

Member (by 5pm 1/24): \$20

Non-Member (by 5pm 1/24): \$25

Student (by 5pm 1/24): \$10

The luncheon has been sold out, walk-ins will be turned away.

Please register via Eventbrite at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/octecite-social-oct-2022-luncheon-and-joint-meeting-tickets-43564856587>

If you have any questions, please contact **Trevor Briggs**, at trevor.briggs@kimley-horn.com

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PANEL BIOS (CONTINUED...)

OCTOBER 2022 MEETING RECAP

Mr. Rock E. Miller, PE, is widely respected by the traffic engineering community and by pedestrian and bicycle professionals throughout North America. Mr. Miller has worked with numerous public agencies, clients, and attorneys in high-exposure litigation. He has over 47 Years of Traffic Engineering experience with special focus on Active Transportation and Safety. He is the former President of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). He is also a voting member of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD) and a member of TRB Bicycle Research Committee. Mr. Miller has been pursuing the goal of getting the bicycle signal indications into the US standards.



Sergeant Jason Coleman, has been a police officer for over 24 years, with 21.5 of those years with the City of La Habra. Sgt. Coleman has worked assignments in patrol, as a School Resource Officer (SRO), Commercial Enforcement (CE) officer and Traffic Collision Investigator. He has been a Field Training Officer, Corporal, and now Sergeant. He is currently assigned as the Traffic Division Sergeant, where he supervises and oversees traffic enforcement activities, OTS grant activities, and collision investigations.



Paul Martin, PE, TE, LCI, is a licensed Civil and Traffic Engineer that leads transportation planning and active transportation projects locally at Mark Thomas. Mr. Martin was the first Orange County Active Transportation Coordinator, and in 2019 he worked with a team that led briefings to over 250 police officers throughout Orange County on bicycle & pedestrian crash data and relevant laws.



The second OCTEC luncheon of the 2022-2023 year was held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 and it was a very successful joint meeting with ITE SoCal at the Orange County Mining Co. The topic was the OC Streetcar Update and was presented jointly by Mr. Ross Lew and Mr. Cleve Cleveland. The presentation was quite captivating as it almost seemed as if the wave of questions was never going to end, but it also made for a very interesting presentation and something that we are all very curious to see what the future holds for this very important project. For those who were unable to attend the meeting please feel free to e-mail any of the Board members and the presentation slides can be made available.



2022 JOINT OCTEC/ITE SoCal/RSBITE HOLIDAY MIXER RECAP

On December 8, 2022, the Annual Holiday Mixer which is jointly hosted by OCTEC, ITE SoCal, and RSBITE was held at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel in Buena Park, CA. This event was long over-due since returning to in-person and was well attended. There was tons of great food, plenty of everyone's favorite casino games, raffle prizes, and of course, lots of holiday cheer. A special thank you to all the sponsors and also to everyone who attended making this event possible! See some fun photos from the event (below) and we look forward to seeing everyone at the next one!!



2022 JOINT OCTEC/ITE SoCa/RSBITE HOLIDAY MIXER RECAP (CONTINUED...)



2022 FALL SOCIAL MIXER RECAP

On November 17, 2022, the Annual Fall Social Mixer was held at Dave & Buster’s at The Outlets at Orange. This event was highly anticipated and enjoyed by all who attended. The hors d’oeuvre and drinks were the talk of the night as was all the great conversations. It was great to see everyone and catch up right before the mad rush of the holidays. A special thank you to all the sponsors and also to everyone who attended making this event possible!



OCTEC NEWS

OCTEC 2023 Membership Registration is open, please register [here](#)

As an OCTEC member, you will be part of a dynamic group of dedicated professionals in Orange County. Not only will you enjoy member-only discounts at the monthly meetings but you will also be eligible to vote at the Annual Board Election in June 2023.



Pay your dues in-full before 9 PM on January 25 for a chance to win a \$50 gift card at the OCTEC January Luncheon on January 26. Four (4) winners will be drawn and each winner will receive one (1) \$50 gift card. Members DO NOT need to be present to win.

SAVE THE DATE

OCTEC will hold the annual **Golf Tournament** on May 12, 2023 at

TIJERAS CREEK GOLF CLUB

Rancho Santa Margarita, CA



Eventbrite Registration will open in February 2023

Stay tuned for sponsorship opportunities and registration information.

LOCAL, REGIONAL, & NATIONAL NEWS

OCTA Board selects Yorba Linda Mayor Gene Hernandez to serve as Chairman

Yorba Linda Mayor Gene Hernandez was unanimously elected as the new Chairman of the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors, responsible for planning, funding, and delivering transportation improvement projects and public transit for all of Orange County.

Chairman Hernandez served as the OCTA board's Vice Chairman for the last year. He replaces outgoing Chairman Mark A. Murphy....

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Rainstorm Delays Completion Date of South OC Train Track Stabilization

Recent rainfall in California has impacted daily life in the Golden State, as numerous communities are under flood watches.

In South Orange County, it's also slowing down the overall construction schedule of railroad track stabilization in south San Clemente.

A project update given to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors on [Monday, Jan. 9](#) said construction is now expected to be complete later than initially expected because of the torrential rain...

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Here are eight L.A. projects to watch during 2023

What's scheduled to open, and what's scheduled to break ground

Over the past couple of weeks, we took some time to reflect on some of L.A.'s biggest real estate, architecture, and urban planning stories of 2022. But with the calendar flip to January, it's time to look forward. Here's a preview of some projects that could be making headlines during 2023.

A block north of Expo/Bundy Station, Hines is putting the finishing the West Edge, a mixed-use office and housing complex on the former site of Martin Cadillac...

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Heavy rains causing slowdowns, PCH closures and flooding in Southern California

A strong Pacific storm lashed Southern California on Thursday, flooding roads, downing trees and forcing some freeway lane closures, but the system traveled through quickly and did less damage than feared.

Without major mudslides or widespread destruction to homes or businesses, the most storm-related activity was along the coast, where the rain, wind gusts, high tides and a big westerly swell had crews in Los Angeles County racing to pull lifeguard towers off beaches as waves threatened to pull them out to sea.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

City of Irvine

"Associate Engineer" position in the Traffic Management Center

The **City of Irvine** seeks an innovative and customer-focused individual to serve as an Associate Engineer. As a member of the Irvine Traffic Management Center within the Public Works and Transportation Department, the Associate Engineer will perform traffic studies to improve traffic signal systems and traffic flow in the City. For more information, please refer to this link:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/irvine/jobs/3823322/associate-engineer-traffic-management-center>

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