

**February Presentation:**

**Local Road Safety Plans (LRSP) and the Safe System Approach**

**Speakers:**

Noel Castillo, PE, Public Works Director and City Engineer, City of Montclair

Steve Brown, Fehr & Peers, Principal

Emily Finkel, Fehr & Peers, Associate

**Next OCTEC Meeting:**

**February 25, 2021**

**11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Fees:**

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Please register via [Eventbrite](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Plotnik, at [mplotnik@lahabraca.gov](mailto:mplotnik@lahabraca.gov)

**Speaker Bios:**



Noel Castillo, PE, is the Public Works Director and City Engineer for the City of Montclair. He oversees the Engineering, Street/Sewer Operations, and Grounds/Facilities Divisions of the Public Works Department. He supervises the City's Capital Improvement Program, Public Works inspection program, development project plan check, traffic signal operations and synchronization program, and traffic safety. Recently Noel provided the oversight to the City and Consultant team to complete the City's first systemic safety plan.

Steve Brown is a Senior VP with Fehr & Peers. His 30+ years in the profession includes leading the City of Sacramento's Transportation Division and over 25 years with Fehr & Peers. He has both an BS and MS from UC Berkeley in Civil Engineering, along with an MBA from Golden Gate University. He is the author of the US Traffic Calming Manual and is a licensed TE in CA, along with a Road Safety Professional certification from ITE. He has been a leader in transportation safety in California, having initiated the Pedestrian Safety Audit program via UC Berkeley, performed Road Safety Audits for Caltrans, and more recently led the development of dozens of SSARs and LRSPs.



Emily Finkel is an Associate with Fehr & Peers and leads the firm's Long Beach office. She is the companywide lead for the firm's Safety Discipline Group and has managed a dozen recent safety planning projects throughout California, including Vision Zero, LRSPs and SSARs.

Emily is the lead author for the recent FHWA report Integrating the Safe System Approach with the Highway Safety Improvement Program. She received her undergraduate degree from Northeastern University and a Master of Planning degree from USC.

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## NATIONAL, REGIONAL & LOCAL NEWS

### MTI: Biden plan would aid California transit agencies' recovery

The Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI) at San Jose State University has researched the impacts of different post-pandemic recovery scenarios on state-generated transportation revenue and found that President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, which includes \$20 billion for public transit, is key to the future of public transit in California. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### Winter storms batter Amtrak from coast to coast

CHICAGO — The Union Pacific stack train derailment just south of the Normal, Ill., Transportation Center early Saturday kicked off a challenging Presidents Day weekend for Amtrak trains across the country.

That derailment led to cancellation of Lincoln Service trains and a reroute of the Texas Eagle between St. Louis and Chicago [\[Continue here\]](#)

### Metrolink offering service to new COVID-19 vaccination site at Cal State

LOS ANGELES – Metrolink is offering a direct connection to Los Angeles County's newest COVID-19 vaccination location at California State University, Los Angeles, with a station located near the new "walk-up vaccination center" that is scheduled to open Tuesday, Feb. 16., the agency announced. The vaccination center will be open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Metrolink's Cal State LA Station is on the San Bernardino Line, which can be reached by taking the Antelope Valley Line to Union Station and then transferring to the the San Bernardino Link. Metrolink riders can reach the walk-up vaccination location by taking the elevator or stairs from the train platform to the university transit center. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### SoCalGas to Provide Over \$1 Million for Hydrogen Transportation

SoCalGas announced today it will provide \$1.3 million to fund the development of four hydrogen fuel technologies that could provide emissions-free transportation for railways and at ports in California and around the world. The funding will help bring to market innovative clean hydrogen technologies, including fuel-cell marine vessels, hydrogen refueling stations at ports, and fuel cell locomotives. [\[Continue here\]](#)

### LA Wants You Off the Road! Threatens Multi-Billion Dollar Congestion Tax!

We all agree that traffic in Los Angeles is a major problem which is why the Metropolitan Transportation Authority is seriously considering a Congestion Tax as part of its Traffic Reduction Study.

Metro is considering four "concepts," two of which involve downtown Los Angeles. One would involve a "corridor" tax (read "toll") on freeways running to and through downtown with the intent of incentivizing the use of subways, Metrolink, and buses. [\(Continue here\)](#)

### Despite one city's opposition, L.A. Metro moves forward with C Line extension

L.A. Metro has now entered the final planning phase for a \$1 billion light rail line extension from Redondo Beach to Torrance. The agency will be holding a pair of virtual meetings before March so it can hear any concerns from the public.

Titled the South Bay's largest regional transit project in history, the extension of the C Line, also known as the Green Line, will be a 4.5-mile rail link that will connect the area to the southern California transit network.

However, the Lawndale community is not on board, which has forced officials to consider removing the line from the neighborhood altogether. [\(Continue here\)](#)

## OCTEC NEWS

OCTEC 2021 Membership Registration is still open, please register [here](#)

As an OCTEC member, you will be part of a dynamic group of dedicated professionals in Orange County. You will also enjoy member-only discounts at the monthly meetings and be eligible to vote at the Annual Board Election in June.



## SAVE THE DATE

There is still hope..

*and OCTEC is still considering to hold the annual Golf Tournament on May 7, 2021.*

We will keep you posted.



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[KOA Corporation](#) is looking for a talented and ambitious Senior Engineer for our San Diego office.

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What are we looking for?

Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering, Transportation, or similar field. To learn more and apply, please click [here](#)

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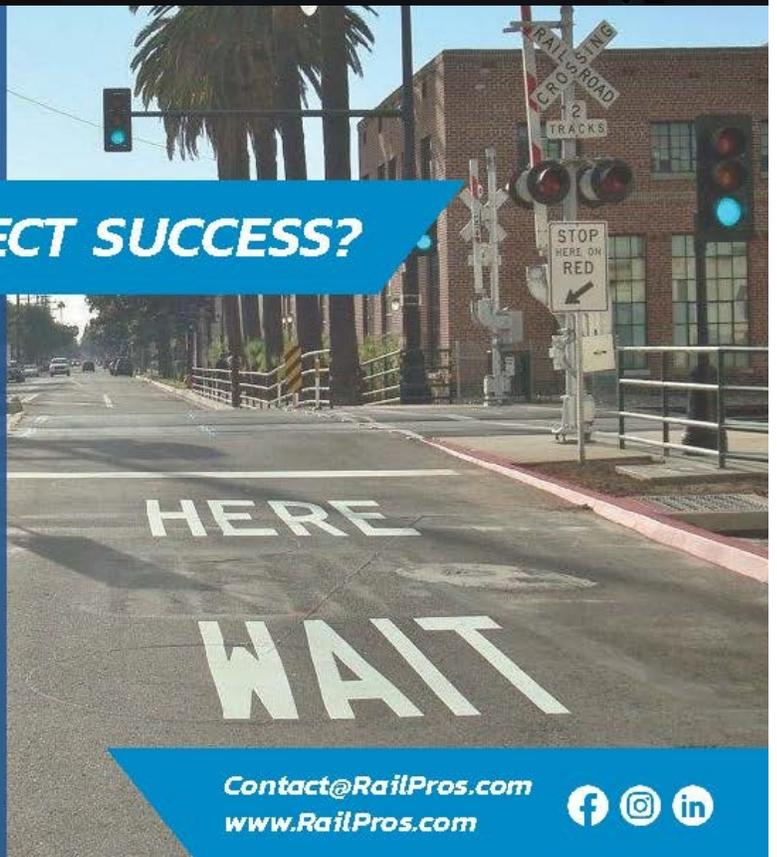
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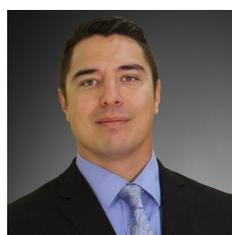
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