

## January Presentation:

### Beach Boulevard Corridor Study

**Speaker: Dan Phu, Environmental Programs Manager**

Orange County Transportation Authority



Dan Phu is the Environmental Programs Manager at the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). He joined OCTA in 2007 as the Section Manager for the Project Development section to oversee the Measure M2 (M2) freeway program conceptual engineering/planning studies.

He is currently leading two major environmental programs that are highly recognized in the industry: the M2 freeway Environmental Mitigation Program through the implementation of a Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan and the M2 Environmental Cleanup Program, which administers competitive funds to local agencies for water quality improvement projects. His other functions at OCTA include: intergovernmental review of external documents, review of pending environmental legislation, peer review of environmental documents prepared by consultants, and conduct special studies on the state highway system.

Prior to OCTA, he was in the private sector at an engineering firm preparing environmental documents and project reports. His previous experiences included working at a transit agency in the San Gabriel Valley and the California Department of Transportation.

Dan has over twenty years of experience in the area of transit, environmental, transportation, programming, and project development. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Analysis and Design from the University of California, Irvine, and a Master of Science in Environmental Studies from the California State University, Fullerton. Dan has lived in the southern California area most of his life and enjoys spending time with his children.

## JANUARY MEETING

**January 28, 2021**

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

**Virtual Meeting**

### Fees:

Member - FREE

\$5 (Non-Member) - Ends 1/27 @ 5 pm

Please register via [Eventbrite](#)

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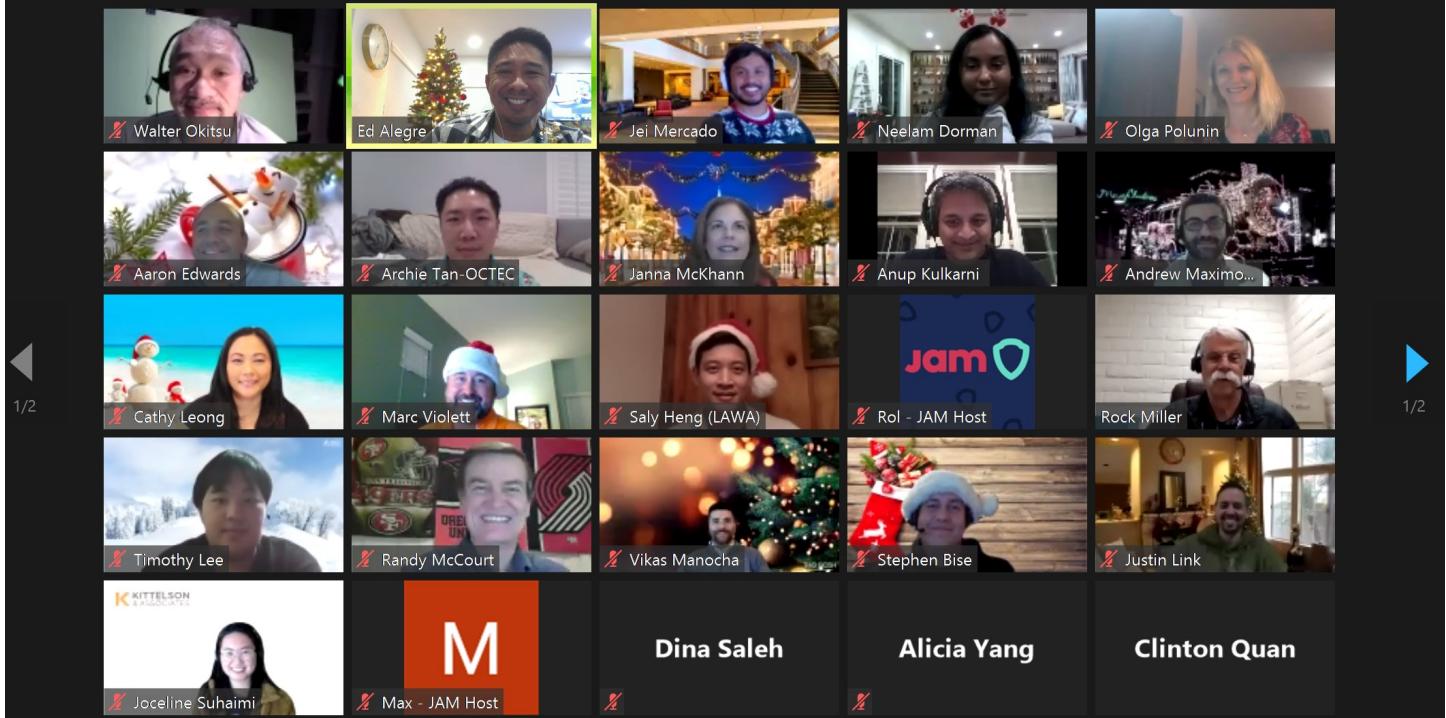
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## Joint OCTEC/ITE SoCal Holiday Trivia Night RECAP



On Thursday, 12/17/20, OCTEC and ITE SoCal held a virtual Holiday Trivia Night. It was a fun event, thanks to everyone who could join us!

## NATIONAL NEWS

### **U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Biden Appointees Ready to Work on Behalf of the American People**

WASHINGTON – on 1/21/2021 the Biden Administration announced key members of its U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) leadership, many of whom are already at work in the opening days of the new Administration.

This diverse and experienced team will bring unique perspective and vast expertise to the job. This group will help USDOT civil servants already hard at work on behalf of the American people advance President Biden's agenda to build our country back better. With the safety of the traveling public and America's workers at the center of its mission, the team will work toward economic recovery, racial equity, and combating climate change. [Continue here](#)

The U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has announced a total of USD 14 billion in federal funding allocations to continue to support the country's public transit systems which are facing the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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### **DOT Expands AV TEST Program**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has expanded the Automated Vehicle Transparency and Engagement for Safe Testing (AV TEST) Initiative from a pilot to a full program.

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## REGIONAL & LOCAL NEWS

### **State bullet train delays 'beyond comprehension,' contractor says in blistering letter**

One of the state's top bullet train contractors has sent a scorching 36-page letter to California high-speed rail officials, contradicting state claims that the line's construction pace is on target and warning the project could miss a key 2022 federal deadline.

The letter, obtained by The Times, alleges that a multitude of problems have remained unresolved for years, including rapid turnover of state officials, continuing delays in obtaining land for the rail and the state's failure to secure agreements with outside parties, including utilities and freight railroads. The delays will result in idled work sites and layoffs of field workers, says the letter, by construction giant Tutor Perini.

As of mid-November, construction teams can not build on more than 500 parcels in the Fresno area because the California High-Speed Rail Authority still lacks possession or proper documentation, according to the Jan. 4 letter. [[Continue here](#)]

### **The new Mission Viejo bridge aims to facilitate daily commuting**

The Oso Parkway Bridge is officially open, officials said Jan. 13 as they touted the project as one that will improve traffic flow and increase safety.

The new bridge provides motorists a direct connection between Los Patronas Parkway and the State Route 241 toll road by passing under it, rather than having to stop at a busy intersection with signs.

The bridge offers six lanes of travel, with three in each direction. It also provides bike lanes and sidewalks to improve accessibility for walking and biking.

A new sidewalk on the south side of Oso Parkway provides greater access to Tesoro High School, making travel to and from school easier and safer for students and their families, authorities said.

The project is a successful result of a partnership between the Transportation Corridor Agencies, which funded the project, Orange County Public Works, which oversaw the construction, and Caltrans, which owns the 241 toll road. [[Continue here](#)]

### **OCTA 'Be The One' Campaign Helps Combat Human Trafficking**

The Orange County Transportation Authority is stepping up its ongoing efforts to combat human trafficking this month, fully wrapping a bus with the message to join O.C. in fighting this form of modern-day slavery through the 'Be The One' campaign.

The OCTA campaign, which encourages riders and the public to 'Be The One to Help Out,' coincides with January as Human Trafficking Month.

'Human trafficking is a problem nationwide. Sadly, it harms some of our most vulnerable people right here in Orange County,' said OCTA Chairman Andrew Do, also the county's First District Supervisor. 'I'm proud of OCTA's efforts to bring public awareness to the problem and to train employees to get help for victims. The addition of a fully wrapped bus means that two 40-foot buses will travel across Orange County wrapped in the Be The One (BT1) campaign ad, and buses throughout the county display interior cards with the National Human Trafficking Hotline: (888) 373-7888.' ([Continue here](#))

### **Metro Bus Drivers Overworked As Employees Call Out Sick With COVID, Other Illnesses**

LOS ANGELES (CBSLA) – Hundreds of Los Angeles Metro bus drivers have contracted COVID since the outbreak began – and now a David Goldstein investigation has found some healthy drivers who say safety is being compromised because they're being overworked.

Nearly 35% of all Metro bus drivers are out sick with COVID or other illnesses. And the ones still on the job say they're being ordered to work six days a week plus overtime, and that could lead to accidents.

Drivers Goldstein spoke with say they've been working six days a week for the past few months to cover for other drivers out sick with COVID. And the long hours behind the wheel – and on the road with other motorists like you and me – are getting to them.

"You're like half asleep sometimes, you might miss the light or someone may jump in front of the bus and you gotta be reacting fast," one driver said. Metro says 800 bus operators are out right now due to COVID and unrelated illnesses. ([Continue here](#))

## OCTEC NEWS

***It's time! Renew your 2021 Membership [Here](#)***

Pay your dues in full before 9 PM January 26 for a chance to win a \$50 gift card!



## SAVE THE DATE

There is still hope..

*and OCTEC might have the annual Golf Tournament on May 7, 2021.*

We will keep you posted.



## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

### KOA Corporation - Senior Engineer, San Diego, CA

KOA Corporation is looking for a talented and ambitious Senior Engineer for our San Diego office.

The essential duties of the candidate are:

- Lead a group of energetic engineers and manage various projects
- Prepare proposals and participate in proposal interviews
- Participate in business development activities with clients

Candidates should have California PE or TE with a minimum of 10 years experience in Transportation Engineering, good working connection within San Diego region, and strong communication skills.

KOA is an equal opportunity employer and offers advancement opportunities, and a welcoming, team-oriented, and supportive environment.

#### About KOA Corporation

If you are a professional who is passionate about transportation and want to take your career to new heights, KOA Corporation is the place for you. Our mission is “To Connect Communities”. At KOA, we plan and design Highways, Arterial Roadways, Transit Facilities, Bikeways, and all facets of Active Transportation. If it involves moving people and goods, we do it. We are engaged in the latest technology, science, and human factors related to transportation. We do not provide you with just a workplace; we offer you an environment where you can demonstrate innovation and creativity, while having fun in the process for you to maximize your potential. We offer our staff and their families one of the best compensation packages in the industry. Our company has offices throughout Southern California including Monterey Park, Orange, Ontario, San Diego, and Culver City.

If you are an ambitious professional ready to challenge the world, we are enthusiastically inviting you to send us your resume to explore how together; we can solve Southern California's transportation challenges.

Send your resume to [careers@koacorp.com](mailto:careers@koacorp.com) with Senior Engineer in SD in the subject line. No phone calls or faxes will be entertained or accepted with respect to this advertisement.

### KOA Corporation - Associate Civil Engineer, Orange, CA

Our Orange office is seeking a full-time Associate Engineer to assist senior staff with highway and traffic engineering projects.

#### Job Duties:

- Assisting senior staff with highway and traffic engineering and design projects including geometric design, traffic

signal design, signing and striping design, worksite traffic control plan preparation, street and highway design,

conducting field reviews, preparation of specifications and cost estimates, and completion of final documents for traffic and transportation engineering projects.

#### Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering or related field

- The position requires a person with a strong knowledge of civil engineering concepts and proficiency in CADD applications such as AutoCAD, Civil 3D, MicroStation

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### KOA Corporation - Senior Engineer, Los Angeles, CA

KOA Corporation is seeking a highly motivated Senior Engineer to join our team in Monterey Park, CA. Candidates would be responsible for managing projects and junior staff workload and performance, with full technical responsibility for project deliverables.

#### Job Duties:

Application of diversified knowledge of transportation engineering and design principles across a broad range of projects

Provide roadway and intersection design guidance and support with responsibility for all aspects of project and client management, project development, business development and mentoring and guiding junior level staff

Orchestrate project teams of various sizes and skills and manage staff and subconsultants across multiple offices and locations

Be responsible for quality assurance and quality control through the development and review of construction plans, specifications and estimates

Interface with clients and look for and create opportunities to take on additional responsibility as you manage your own career path

Represent clients and the firm at project meetings, open houses and/or public hearings

Check construction plans, design calculations, or cost estimates to ensure completeness, accuracy, or conformity to engineering standards or practices. For more details, please [continue here](#).

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Please contact [Archie Tan](#) 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 28, 2021

February 25, 2021

March 25, 2021

April 22, 2021

May 7, 2021  
TBD

June 24, 2021

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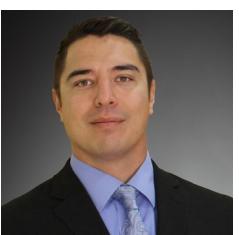
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