

## PROGRAM TOPIC & SPEAKERS

### Program:

#### Southern California 511

Southern California 511 is a free traveler information service that provides live traffic updates, transit planning information and commuter service assistance via a toll-free phone number and website. Call 511 or visit [Go511.com](http://Go511.com) to check up-to-the minute traffic information, plan a trip on a bus or train, and even find a carpool or vanpool partner. 511 will help improve your commute and keep you informed about traveling conditions before leaving the house and while on the road.

511 traveler information services are provided by the Los Angeles County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (LA SAFE), in partnership with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The presentation will include a system overview, product demo, usage statistics and future plans for 511.

**Annual OCTEC/ITE Golf Tournament**  
**Friday May 13, 2011—Green River Golf Club**

*(see last page of Gazette for sign-up sheet)*

#### Mauro Arteaga:

Mauro Arteaga, Project Manager of Southern California 511 is a native Angelino with over 20 years of public service experience. His experience includes implementing various transportation related projects and has worked extensively with Geographic Information Systems. He has a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Electrical Engineering from California State Polytechnic Pomona.

#### Anne Janda:

Anne Janda is the Communications Manager for Southern California 511 and has seven years of public and private sector marketing and communications experience. Her experience includes creating and implementing integrated marketing plans and leading user interface designs of consumer products. She has a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Business from the University of Washington.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

The meeting will be at  
**(NEW LOCATION):**

The Catch  
March 24, 2011  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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## LOCAL NEWS

### No More Train Horns in Orange

*Quiet Zone established today for the 16 railroad crossings throughout the city*  
**Feb. 23, 2011**

ORANGE – Residents in Orange will finally have relief as the train horns fall silent today with the beginning of the long-awaited citywide quiet zone.

New railroad crossing safety enhancements were completed at all 16 crossings in Orange as part of the Orange County Transportation Authority's rail safety program and led the way for the establishment of the quiet zone.

By law, engineers must sound their horns up to four times when they approach a crossing. If a quiet zone is established, trains will only sound their horns if the engineer believes it necessary for safety reasons or the train is traveling through a construction zone.

"I am thrilled that the safety enhancements are finished and our city officially has a quiet zone in place," said Carolyn Cavecche, mayor of Orange and an OCTA board member. "This is something our city has been working toward for years and I am excited our residents will finally have relief from noisy train horns rolling through town."

Work began on the crossings in August 2009 and wrapped up in January, allowing the city to officially apply for quiet zone status with the Federal Railroad Administration.

Improvements include upgraded and updated warning devices, additional gate arms, extended and raised street medians, improved signage and coordinated traffic signals.

"This is a significant milestone for one of the most comprehensive rail safety programs in the nation," said OCTA Chair Pat Bates, also the Fifth District supervisor. "OCTA has taken a proactive approach to improving rail safety in the county and we are excited to continue working with the cities to complete construction at the remaining crossings."

OCTA is partnering with eight cities and Metrolink to implement the \$85 million program, which includes safety enhancements at 50 railroad crossings throughout Orange County. Once the improvements are made, cities are able to apply for quiet zone status.

"We applaud OCTA for its investment in safety at rail crossings," said Metrolink CEO John Fenton. "Quiet zones can make living near a railroad much more peaceful. However, it removes a popular warning indication that a train is near. In these instances, it's critical for motorists and pedestrians to observe the inaudible indicators such as crossing arms, blinking lights and signage."

OCTA's rail safety program also includes a robust public outreach campaign to raise awareness about how to be safe along the tracks. When near a railroad crossing, the public is encouraged to look and listen for a train approaching.

For tips on how to be rail safe or to learn more about railroad crossing safety enhancements in your area, visit [www.octa.net/railroadcrossing](http://www.octa.net/railroadcrossing).

## FAREWELL TO M1...HELLO M2

On Nov. 6, 1990, Orange County voters approved Measure M, a half-cent local transportation sales tax for 20 years. All of the major projects promised to and approved by the voters are under way or complete. Funds that go to cities and the County of Orange to maintain and improve local street and roads, along with transit fare reductions for seniors and persons with disabilities, will continue until Measure M ends in 2011. The promises made in Measure M have been fulfilled.

### **Measure M2**

The Measure M2 Transportation Investment Plan is a 30-year, approximately \$15 billion program designed to reduce traffic congestion, strengthen our economy and improve our quality of life by upgrading key freeways, fixing major freeway interchanges, maintaining streets and roads, synchronizing traffic signals countywide, building a visionary rail-transit system, and protecting our environment from the oily street runoff that pollutes Orange County beaches. The transportation investment plan is focused solely on improving the transportation system and includes tough taxpayer safeguards, including a Taxpayer Oversight Committee, required annual audits, and regular, public reports on project progress. The Measure M2 Transportation Investment Plan must be reviewed annually, in a public meeting, and every 10 years a detailed review of the plan must take place. If circumstances require the voter-approved plan to be altered, those changes must be taken to the voters for approval.

### **Relieving Congestion on Freeways**

Relieving congestion on the Riverside Freeway (SR-91) is the centerpiece of the freeway program, and will include new lanes, new interchanges and new bridges. Other major projects will make substantial improvements on the Corona Freeway (I-5) in southern Orange County and the San Diego Freeway (I-405) in western Orange County. The notorious Orange Crush — the intersection of the I-5, the Garden Grove Freeway (SR-22) and the Orange Freeway (SR-57) near Angel Stadium — will be improved and upgraded. Under the plan, major traffic chokepoints on almost every Orange County freeway will be remedied. Improving Orange County freeways will be the greatest investment in the Measure M2 program: 43 percent of net revenues, or approximately \$6 billion, will be invested in new freeway construction.

### **Delivering Visionary Transit**

As Orange County continues to grow, Measure M2 will help build a visionary rail transportation system that is safe, clean and convenient, uses and preserves existing rights of way, and provides high-speed connections both inside and outside of Orange County. Twenty-five percent of the net revenue from Measure M2, or about \$3.5 billion, will be dedicated to transit programs countywide. About 20 percent, or nearly \$3 billion, will be dedicated to creating a new countywide high capacity transit system anchored on the existing, successful Metrolink and Amtrak rail line, and about 5 percent, will be used to enhance senior transportation programs and provide targeted, safe localized bus service.

### **Repairing 6,500 Miles of Streets**

More than 6,500 lane miles of aging streets and roads will need repair, rejuvenation and improvement. City streets and county roads need to be maintained regularly and potholes have to be filled quickly. Thirty-two percent of net revenue from the Measure M2 Transportation Investment Plan, or nearly \$5 billion, will be devoted to fixing potholes, improving intersections, synchronizing traffic signals countywide, and making the existing countywide network of streets and roads safer and more efficient.

### **Protecting the Environment**

Every day, more than 70 million gallons of oily pollution, litter, and dirty contaminants wash off streets, roads, and freeways and pour onto Orange County waterways and beaches. When it rains, the transportation-generated beach and ocean pollution increases tenfold. Under the plan, 2 percent of the gross Measure M2 Transportation Investment Plan, or approximately \$300 million, will be dedicated to protecting Orange County beaches from this transportation-generated pollution (sometimes called urban runoff) while improving ocean water quality.

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**FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011**

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SHOTGUN START AT 8:00 AM

REPORT IN BY 7:30 AM

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