MODERATOR

Lucy Dunn
President & CEO, Orange County Business Council, Commissioner, California Transportation Commission; and Board Member, Mobility 21

As President and CEO of Orange County Business Council, Lucy Dunn leads a dynamic organization of business members, working with academia and government, to ensure the county’s economic prosperity and high quality of life.

Before joining OCBC, she served as Director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development under Governor Schwarzenegger, who also appointed her to the California Transportation Commission in 2008. Governor Jerry Brown reappointed her two more terms. She helped develop Orange County’s 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness and serves as a business advisor for the South Coast Air Quality Management District and Southern California Association of Governments. She is founding co-chair of the R.E.A.L. Coalition of 23 CEOs of California’s largest business organizations from San Francisco to San Diego advocating for infrastructure, education, water and governance reform.

Lucy received the California State Legislature “Woman of the Year” and an Assembly Certificate of Recognition as “person of the year.” She was the first woman president in the 80-year history of the Building Industry Association of Southern California. She serves on the boards of Pacific Symphony, Mobility 21, UCI Foundation, California Economic Summit, Homeful Foundation, Orange County Housing Trust and Orange County Taxpayer Association.

She is the recipient of numerous honors and awards from advocacy for housing to mobility and education. In 2014, OC Register named her as one of “Orange County’s 100 Most Influential.” In 2016, the Endangered Habitats League honored her for her work in advancing protection of habitat and cultural resources, while providing for South Orange County mobility options. In 2018, Orange County Business Journal named her one of OC’s 500 most influential.

She is an attorney, singer, world-traveler and the mother of two sons and remarkable daughter-in-law who reside in the Bay Area.

PANELISTS

Curt Augustine
Director of Policy & Government Affairs, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

Curt Augustine is the Senior Director of Policy and Government Affairs for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, an association of 12 domestic and foreign vehicle manufacturers which produce 75 percent of the cars sold in the United States. Since 2009, Curt has served as the Alliance’s chief representative before policymakers and is responsible for formulating policy-based strategies to respond to legislative and regulatory issues. Curt has over 25 years of experience around state government in both the public and private sectors. Previously, he served as Deputy Legislative
Secretary to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and was responsible for legislation related to transportation, business, financial, economic development, and local government issues. Additionally, Curt served for eight years in the Wilson Administration at the Department of Consumer Affairs and was the head of a non-profit association tasked with workforce development for the construction industry.

Jennifer Bergener
*Chief Operating Officer, Orange County Transportation Authority*

Jennifer L. Bergener is an industry veteran who serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority as well as the Managing Director of the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency. As Chief Operating Officer, Jennifer is responsible for all transit operations including bus operations and maintenance, rail operations, OC Streetcar operations and maintenance, paratransit, microtransit, and contracted services. As Managing Director, Jennifer oversees the managing agency for the state-supported, Amtrak operated Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service.

Jennifer has over 20 years as a transit professional, with diversified experiences in transportation programming, finance, project development and delivery as well as governmental affairs. Jennifer began her career at Amtrak where she provided project development and cost controls. She has also worked at San Mateo County Transit District as a grant and program writer. She has spent the last nearly 15 years at the Orange County Transportation Authority serving in a variety of roles primarily in rail planning, project and program delivery, and new transit services development.

Carrie Schindler
*Director of Transit and Rail Programs, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority*

Carrie Schindler is Director of Transit and Rail Programs for the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) where, since 2015, she has been responsible for delivering the promises of Measure I, San Bernardino County’s half-cent transportation sales tax as it relates to transit and rail efforts. She joined SBCTA in 2012 as Chief of Fund Administration after spending ten years with the County of San Bernardino where she served in many capacities including Resident Engineer and Chief of Transportation Planning. Prior to joining the public sector, she worked in the private sector on transit related efforts in the San Diego area. Carrie is a graduate of San Diego State University in Civil Engineering and a registered Professional Engineer in California. She is a wife and mother of three wonderful kids.
Michelle Sim  
*Hydrogen Business Development and Clean Transportation Manager, SoCalGas*

Michelle Sim is currently the Clean Transportation Manager, leading business development of hydrogen and market development activities in advancing alternative fuel vehicles in the medium and heavy-duty sectors for both SoCalGas and SDG&E (Sempra Utilities). She joined Sempra Utilities in 2013 and has served in various business and policy development roles in the residential, commercial, industrial and transportation sectors.

Prior to joining Sempra Utilities, Michelle began her career at the nation’s second largest school district, helping to manage an over $86 million utility budget. She developed and managed both demand-side and supply-side management strategies. In 2008, Michelle joined the architectural/engineering firm, Parsons, working on government contracts with the U.S. Postal Service and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers developing and managing traditional and advanced energy projects to maximize energy savings opportunities and renewable technology implementation towards clients' sustainability and technology advancement goals.

Michelle received her BA from the University of California, Berkeley and earned her Certified Energy Manager certificate from the Association of Energy Engineers. Michelle is on the Board of the Asian American Professional Association, she is the chair of the San Joaquin Valley Natural Gas Partnership, and a steering committee member of the California Natural Gas Vehicle Partnership.

Katie Sloan  
*Director, eMobility, Southern California Edison*

Katie Sloan is Director of eMobility at SCE, one of the nation’s largest electric utilities. Katie is responsible for SCE’s vehicle electrification programs and services, with a planned budget of over $1 billion. The team’s mission is to help California get seven million EVs on the road by 2030. Her team includes three groups: strategy and program development, business development and partnerships, and operations.

Previously, Katie held roles of increasing responsibility at SCE and Edison International focusing on clean energy policy, strategy and analysis. She has also worked at First Solar, a large solar panel manufacturer, developing global public policy.

Katie was named one of “40 under 40” people to watch by Pasadena Magazine and a Woman of Achievement by the San Gabriel Valley YWCA her work at SCE and nonprofits. Katie currently serves on the board of Beyond the Block, a nonprofit focused on expanding global awareness and increasing intellectual curiosity of at-risk youth.

Katie holds a master’s degree in regulatory economics and bachelor’s degree in business administration from New Mexico State University.