MODERATOR

Steve Finnegan
Manager of Government Affairs and Public Policy, Automobile Club of Southern California and Chair, Mobility 21

Steve Finnegan leads public and government affairs, media and community relations, and traffic safety efforts for the Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA). He advocates for motorist and business issues, including improved traffic safety and mobility, effective and efficient use of transportation resources, adequate infrastructure for economic growth, and a healthy business environment.

Steve has experience in transportation, finance, business and advocacy. His career includes work as a financial analyst with Bank of America, leadership positions in planning and operations with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), and serving as a management consultant to public agencies and non-profit organizations.

Steve received a Master of Arts degree in urban planning from the University of California at Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Arts from Claremont McKenna College.

PANELISTS

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

Lucy Dunn is president and CEO of the Orange County Business Council, where she leads a dynamic organization of business members, working with academia and government, to assure the county’s economic prosperity and high quality of life. Before joining the Business Council, Lucy practiced law in Santa Ana, worked to build homes sensitively overlooking, and restoring the Bolsa Chica wetlands, and in 2004, served as Director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development. In 2008, she was appointed to the California Transportation Commission by Governor Schwarzenegger, reappointed twice by Governor Brown, and in 2015 was elected its chair. She also serves on the California Economic Summit, Mobility 21, SCAG’s GLUE Council, Pacific Symphony, Bolsa Chica Conservancy, and UCI Foundation.

She is the recipient of numerous honors and awards including Orange County Business Journal’s “Women in Business” award, Women in Transportation’s “Woman of the Year” award, Southern California Leadership Network’s Public Sector Leader of the Year, and the prestigious “Vision and Visionaries” Award from Cal-State University, Fullerton. She was twice named as “Woman of the Year” by the California Legislature. In 2014, OC Register named her as one of “Orange County’s 100 Most Influential.” In 2016, she was honored by the Endangered Habitats League with its Award of Excellence for her work in advancing settlement of 15 years of litigation, protection of habitat and cultural resources, while providing for the opportunity to enhance South Orange County’s mobility system.

Lucy loves travel, music and her proudest role is mother of two adult sons (and one accomplished daughter-in-law!) who reside in the Bay Area.
Darrell Johnson
CEO, Orange County Transportation Authority and Board Member, Mobility 21

Darrell Johnson is the Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority, leading an agency of 1,400 employees responsible for delivering projects, programs and services that improve mobility for more than three million county residents.

Under the direction of OCTA’s 17-member Board of Directors, Darrell is responsible for a more than $1.2 billion annual budget, implementing the planning, financing and coordinating of Orange County's freeway, street and rail development, as well as managing countywide bus services, commuter-rail services, paratransit service and operation of the 91 Express Lanes.

Since becoming CEO in 2013, Darrell has focused on utilizing innovative financing methods to maximize Measure M, Orange County’s voter-approved half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

By 2020, more than $3 billion in OCTA projects will be under construction, including the $1.9 billion I-405 Improvement Project and 405 Express Lanes, the largest ever undertaken by the agency, and the OC Streetcar, Orange County's first modern streetcar.

In addition, Darrell is reinventing Orange County’s transit system by delivering services and programs that improve efficiency, enhance the passenger experience and better match market demands. This effort includes an overhaul of the bus system, adding community-based transit services, exploring innovative technology solutions, private-sector partnerships, and piloting on-demand transportation projects.

Darrell represents OCTA on local, state and national policy issues related to successfully planning, financing and delivering transportation programs.

Darrell lives in Rancho Santa Margarita with his wife and two daughters.

Darren Kettle
Executive Director, Ventura County Transportation Commission and Immediate Past Chair, Mobility 21

Darren is the Executive Director of the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), a position he started in October 2007. The Commission consists of one elected official from each city in the County, the five County Supervisors, and two public members – yes, that means 17 bosses. In his service to VCTC, Darren leads a small but very capable staff focused on improving transportation planning to ensure wise investment of transportation funds on a wide array of transportation projects programs, ranging from freeway and highway projects to bicycle and pedestrian projects and bus and rail projects.

The Commission also operates Ventura County’s intercity public transit system, known as
VCTC Intercity, serving public transit riders commuting within Ventura County and into Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties.

Darren has a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a Master’s in Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino. His professional career spans 28 years working for local government and regional transportation agencies. Prior to coming to VCTC he served in several senior positions with the county transportation agencies of Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Darren and his wife Keri have been married for seven years and when the “circus” is in town they have four kids with them in their home in Camarillo, Calif.

Anne Mayer
Executive Director, Riverside County Transportation Commission and Board Member, Mobility 21

As the Executive Director of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), Anne Mayer leads a staff of 49 with an annual budget of $881 million. RCTC is the regional transportation agency for Riverside County, the nation’s tenth most populous county with a geography roughly the size of New Jersey. Under Anne’s leadership, RCTC has delivered on promises made to the voters of Riverside County’s Measure A half-cent sales tax measure and ensured that transportation projects and programs support quality of life and the economy in Riverside County. Anne spearheaded the initiation of inland Southern California’s first innovative finance and innovative project delivery efforts, which are coming to fruition on State Route 91 and Interstate 15. She has also led the successful delivery of the first FTA Small Starts project in the region: The Perris Valley Line Metrolink Extension, a historic expansion of commuter rail service in Southern California.

Anne is past chairwoman and current board member of the Self-Help Counties Coalition, and Mobility 21, Southern California’s public-private transportation advocacy coalition. She is the recipient of the WTS-Inland Empire Chapter’s Woman of the Year award and the Athena of Riverside women’s leadership award, in addition to numerous other recognitions.

Prior to joining RCTC in 2005, Anne was the Caltrans District 8 Director where she supervised the operations, maintenance and engineering of the largest territory of any Caltrans district in California. Anne is a graduate of Michigan State University and is a Registered Civil Engineer with over 34 years of service in the transportation profession.

Phillip A. Washington
CEO, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Board Member, Mobility 21

In his position as LA Metro CEO, Phillip A. Washington manages an annual operating budget of $1.6 billion and is responsible for overseeing $15 billion in capital projects and providing oversight of an agency that transports 1.4 million boarding passengers on an average weekday, riding on a fleet of 2,000 clean- air buses and six rail lines. LA
Metro also is the lead transportation planning and programming agency for LA County. As such, it is a major construction agency that oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects – together representing the largest modern public works program in North America.

Phil was a leader in the successful effort to pass a new half-cent sales tax in LA County, which garnered 71.15% voter approval. Measure M will build 40 major highway and transit projects in the first 40 years, create 778,000 jobs through construction and various programs, and provide $133.3 billion in economic impact.

Phil came to Los Angeles from Denver, where he was Assistant General Manager for nearly 10 years, prior to being named CEO in 2009.

In Denver, Phil implemented the FasTracks program, one of the largest voter-approved transit expansion programs in the country. Under his leadership, Denver’s West Line Rail was completed under budget and eight months earlier than scheduled, and the award-winning Denver Union Station was completed five months early.

Also in Denver, Phil spearheaded implementation of the first-of-its-kind $2.2 billion transit Public-Private Partnership (P3). His emphasis on measuring and managing agency performance led to a nearly 90% on-time bus and rail service, and 96% ADA on-time performance.

Phil has had numerous prestigious assignments and honors. In 2007, he was appointed by the Mayor of Denver, to head the Host Transportation Committee for the 2008 Democratic National Convention. In 2009, he was appointed by Governor Bill Ritter to serve on the State of Colorado’s Workforce Development Council helping the State create a 21st century workforce. Phil was named 2013-2014 Outstanding Public Transportation CEO of the Year in North America by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA).

In 2014, he was selected by the editors of Engineering News-Record for special recognition as one of the Top 25 Newsmakers of 2013. In 2016, he was chosen by the National Safety Council as one of the CEOs Who “Get It” – an honor bestowed on CEOs who demonstrate leadership in safety at the highest levels. He has testified before U.S. Congressional Transportation Subcommittees and was awarded a White House Transportation Innovators Champion of Change award in 2012.

Originally from the south side of Chicago – the Chicago Housing Projects of Altgeld Gardens – Phil is a 24-year veteran of the United States Army where he held the rank of Command Sergeant Major, the highest non-commissioned officer rank an enlisted person can achieve. He retired from active duty being awarded the prestigious Defense Superior Service Medal (DSSM) for exceptional service to his country. He holds a B.A. in Business Administration from Columbia College and an M.A. in Management from Webster University. He is a past chair of APTA.
Dr. Raymond Wolfe
Executive Director, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
and Vice Chair, Mobility 21

Dr. Raymond Wolfe is the Executive Director of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for San Bernardino County. He joined SBCTA in April, 2012 after spending more than 20 years with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). At Caltrans, Dr. Wolfe served in many capacities, including Director for District 8, covering both San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

As the Executive Director of SBCTA, he manages a budget of approximately three-quarters of a billion dollars and oversees the delivery of planning, design, and construction of freeway improvements, bridges, and railroad crossings; operation and expansion of commuter rail and transit services countywide; management of air quality programs and freeway service patrol; implementation of alternative fuel and energy programs; and, advocating for countywide interests at both the State and Federal levels.

Dr. Wolfe received his Doctorate in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California, a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Southern California. He is a Registered Civil Engineer and a Registered Mechanical Engineer in the State of California.

Dr. Wolfe is married and has three children.