WELCOME REMARKS

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.
TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Hon. Eric Garcetti  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles and Second Vice Chair, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Eric Garcetti is a fourth-generation Angeleno and the 42nd Mayor of Los Angeles. Born and raised in the San Fernando Valley — the son of public servants and the grandson and great-grandson of immigrants from Mexico and Eastern Europe — Mayor Garcetti’s life has been shaped by a deep commitment to the core values of justice, dignity, and equality for all people. These ideals have fueled the Mayor’s relentless drive to fulfill our common obligation: to give children and families of every race, faith, background, and income the chance to get a good education, live on safe streets, earn a decent wage, breathe clean air and drink clean water, receive affordable medical and child care, and build a future of their own choosing.

Angelenos are experiencing the remarkable results of his vision and leadership: the Mayor led and won a campaign to pass the boldest local infrastructure initiative in American history, funding a once-in-a-generation expansion of public transportation. He launched the L.A. College Promise, the most ambitious higher education access program in the nation — serving more than 4,000 students, many of whom are overcoming poverty and are the first in their families to pursue the dream of higher education. He is confronting a homelessness crisis by leading an unprecedented regional alliance committed to getting people off the streets and ending chronic homelessness. He put more money in workers’ pockets by raising the minimum wage to $15 an hour, and cut business taxes to help drive a historic economic recovery that has created a record number of jobs in legacy industries like entertainment and aerospace. And in 2018, he formed a historic partnership with the philanthropic sector to refurbish nearly 350 athletic courts across the city — to support his plan for universal sports and fitness programs that are both free and local for all children in Los Angeles.

The Mayor’s leadership is making an extraordinary impact on the national and international stages: he rallied more than 400 mayors in cities across America to adopt the Paris Climate agreement after the Trump Administration pulled out of the pact. He led the first National Day of Action on Immigration, and has put unprecedented local resources toward providing Dreamers and others with legal aid to fight deportation. He signed America’s strongest earthquake retrofit law to protect thousands of people’s lives from natural disaster. And he successfully led the bid to bring the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games to the United States for the first time in more than 30 years. He has lived and worked in Europe, Asia, and Africa and appointed Los Angeles’ first Deputy Mayor for International Affairs to expand L.A.’s global ties and bring more jobs, economic opportunity, culture, education, and visitors to the city.

While Mayor Garcetti has taken on these enormous challenges, he has also reimagined how city government delivers the most basic services. Since July 2013, L.A. has paved 10,754 miles of road; cut the average pothole repair time by half; implemented a $1.4 billion plan to repair every sidewalk in every community, and greatly expanded the number of trees in neighborhoods across the city. He created Clean Streets L.A. — a block-by-block assessment of 9,100 miles of streets that identifies neighborhoods with the most needs, and prioritizes delivery of resources. Under his leadership, L.A. has been rated the nation’s best-run city by the Bloomberg What Works Cities initiative and become the number-one solar energy city in America.
The Mayor’s government service began on the L.A. City Council, where he spent four terms as Council President before being elected Mayor in 2013 and winning re-election in 2017 by the widest margin in the history of Los Angeles.

Beyond his time at City Hall, Mayor Garcetti has served his country as an intelligence officer in the United States Navy Reserve, and taught at the University of Southern California and Occidental College.

The Mayor received his B.A. and M.A. from Columbia University, and studied as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, and later at the London School of Economics. He is also a jazz pianist and photographer.

He and his wife, First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland, are the proud parents of a daughter, Maya, and have been foster parents for more than a decade.

Hon. Jim Beall
Chair, California State Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

Senator Jim Beall brings a lifetime of experience and understanding in transportation, housing and government efficiency to the State Senate.

In three decades of public service – first as a San Jose City Councilman, then as a Santa Clara County Supervisor, and legislator in the Assembly -- Jim has left his mark across Silicon Valley and beyond.

In 2017, Jim, the chairman of the Transportation and Housing Committee, was a pivotal figure in unraveling two of California’s toughest problems -- repairing a crumbling transportation infrastructure and building more affordable housing to enable more Californians to live in the communities where they work. His solutions will also create and sustain jobs to keep the state’s economy rolling.

Senate Bill 3, introduced by Senator Beall in late 2016 and passed the next year, gives California the opportunity to build $15 billion in much-needed affordable housing for working families, seniors, vets, and the homeless. SB 3 proposes to expand a limited housing supply and counterbalance a skyrocketing real estate market that threatens our future and economy. The bill’s proposed ballot measure is scheduled to be on the November general election ballot in 2018.

Senator Beall’s Senate Bill 1, approved by a two-thirds majority in the Legislature and signed by Gov. Brown, updates the state’s outmoded road repair funding system to provide a dedicated, accountable stream of funding to repair aging roads and bridges. Over a 10-year period, the bill pumps over $52 billion into repairs. It also dedicates $7.5 billion to expand and improve mass transit systems and projects, such as extending BART to San Jose.

The bill also includes pre-apprenticeship programs, enabling more workers to become eligible for new jobs that emerge as repairs begin throughout the state.

SB 1 exemplifies Senator Beall’s prolific work to improve transportation.

In 2017, he passed a proposal to cut long Bay Area commutes by letting voters decide whether to raise bridge tolls to fund a comprehensive regional traffic plan of 30 projects that are coordinated to
eliminate bottlenecks over the regions busiest commute corridors.

He has helped parents in Los Gatos rebuild a new Lexington School on its original site; led the charge to open a new DMV office in East San Jose; and corrected an inequity in the law to enable the cities of Cupertino, Saratoga, Monte Sereno and Los Altos Hills to recoup their fair share of property tax revenue for local projects and services.

His bill, SB 492, passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the governor in 2017, potentially clears the way for public access to nearly 6,500 acres, including 1,000 acres of redwoods, in the scenic Santa Cruz Mountains.

Senator Beall is known statewide for his legislation to help foster care children, low-income families, and people with disabilities.

He has made a lasting difference in the lives of over 100,000 local youngsters by leading the drive to create the Children’s Health Initiative to ensure that every child in Santa Clara County can be covered by health insurance.

His prior legislation includes AB 303, passed and ratified in 2009, to ensure California's hospitals and emergency rooms can stay open during a catastrophe. The bill helped hospitals access federal funding to finance and complete state-mandated seismic safety improvements.

In 2010, he authored Assembly Bill 12, landmark legislation that extends the benefits of eligible foster care youth beyond age 18 to 21. This extension allows thousands of foster care youth to obtain housing and other services, allowing them to attend college or job-training programs. The bill also provides support to relatives who assume foster care duties, recognition of how family and permanency play such important roles in a child’s life during a period of upheaval.

His work on the delivery of mental health services to Californians includes the passage of laws to increase enforcement of mental health parity laws and curb the overmedication of foster care children. In 2015, the Governor signed into law Senator Beall’s bill to drastically improve mental health training for peace officers to reduce violent confrontations with people with mental illnesses.

Senator Beall has also fought for justice for victims of sexual abuse. In 2014, Audrie’s Law and SB 926, to extend the criminal statute of limitations for victims of sexual abuse, were both approved by the Governor.

Senator Beall and his wife, Patricia, have been married for more than 34 years. He has two stepsons and a grandson.

He is a graduate of San Jose State University where he studied urban planning and political science. Jim, who was born in San Jose, is a lifelong resident of the city.
PRESENTATION OF 2018 MOBILITY 21 AWARDS

Public Sector Leader of the Year

Susan Bransen
Executive Director, California Transportation Commission

Susan Bransen serves as the California Transportation Commission’s (Commission) Executive Director, reporting to the 13-member Commission. As the primary advisor to the Commission, she has a major role in affecting the outcome of all policies and actions adopted by the Commission.

Susan directs the affairs of the Commission including responsibility for programming and allocating billions in transportation funding annually for the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit and active transportation improvements throughout California. Most recently, she has led the effort to implement provisions of Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. Under her leadership this year, the Commission adopted accountability measures for and has invested approximately $25 billion in state and federal funding to projects throughout California, including more than $9 billion in funds generated through enactment of SB 1.

Susan also serves as a liaison on behalf of the Commission with the Legislature and the California State Transportation Agency Secretary in formulating and evaluating policies, plans, and funding for California’s transportation programs. She also serves as a member of the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee and the California Transportation Financing Agency.

Private Sector Leader of the Year

ACS Infrastructure Development, Inc.

ACS Infrastructure Development, Inc. and its Canadian sister company, ACS Infrastructure Canada Inc. (collectively ACS Infrastructure), are the North American subsidiaries of Iridium Concesiones de Infraestructuras, S.A., the concession/public-private partnership (P3) and operations and maintenance arm of the ACS Group). ACS Group is one of the leading international infrastructure development and construction companies in the world with annual net sales in 2017 of approximately $42 billion and more than 182,000 employees worldwide and a presence in 67 countries. With over 40 years of experience in the concession and alternative delivery industry, ACS Group has successfully participated in more than 100 public-private partnership projects to date, and its experience includes the operation and maintenance of over 4,300 miles of highways. For the 11th year running, ACS Group leads the list as the World’s Largest Transportation Developer by Public Works Financing and is currently ranked No. 1 on the 2017 Top 250 International Contractors by Engineering News Record. ACS Group companies include Dragados, Turner Construction and Flatiron Construction.

ACS Infrastructure’s mission is to deliver innovative, effective and reliable alternative delivery/P3 solutions to our public partners across North America. Combining its national and international experience and capacity with local expertise, ACS Infrastructure helps public owners and local contractor partners alike benefit from these alternative delivery methods. City by city, client by client, ACS Infrastructure strives to build infrastructure that strengthens and connects its communities.

ACS Infrastructure has been awarded and is currently developing 17 transportation/transit infrastructure P3 projects in North America worth approximately $24 billion, including the recently
awarded Gordie Howe International Bridge Project between Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Canada, and recently closed projects including the Automated People Mover project at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), and the Finch West LRT and the Highway 427 Expansion projects, both in Ontario. In addition, ACS Infrastructure’s portfolio includes the Angel’s Flight Railway in Los Angeles and the Ottawa Phase II project in Ontario. ACS has six complex projects currently under construction, including the New Champlain Bridge Corridor Project in Montreal, the Eglinton LRT in Ontario, the Confederation Line in Ottawa, the SH-288 Toll Lanes Project in Texas, and the Portsmouth Bypass Project in Ohio. Further, ACS has successfully completed and transitioned into operations the I-595 Corridor Improvements in Florida (the first availability-payment P3 project in the United States), South Fraser Perimeter Road in British Columbia, Northeast Anthony Henday Drive in Alberta, the Right Honorable Herb Gray Parkway in Ontario, and the Autoroute 30 in Montreal.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Hon. John Tavaglione**

*Supervisor, County of Riverside and Commissioner, Riverside County Transportation Commission*

Supervisor John Tavaglione was elected to represent the Second Supervisorial District on Nov. 7, 1994, and was sworn into office on Jan. 3, 1995. The Second District includes the unincorporated communities of Coronita, El Cerrito, Home Gardens and Highgrove, and the cities of Corona, Eastvale, Norco, Jurupa Valley and the western half of the City of Riverside, excluding the La Sierra Area.

Supervisor Tavaglione served as Chairman of the Board in 2017, which was his 6th time serving as chair during his tenure. In 2017, he was also the Chairman of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). In February 2002, he was appointed by State Supreme Court Chief Justice, Ronald George, to the 19 member State of California Probation Services Task Force. He also serves as a member of Riverside County’s Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). In January of 2002, Supervisor Tavaglione was appointed to the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP), the State of California’s second largest public health plan serving Medi-Cal, Healthy Kids, and the Medicare Advantage Special Needs populations in the Riverside/San Bernardino County Region. He is a member of the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) Board of Directors and of Riverside Conservation Agency (RCA). Until completion of their mission in 2010, Supervisor Tavaglione was proud to sit as a member of the Court Facilities Dispute Resolution Committee (CFDRC), whose charge was to settle transfer disputes as part of the statewide process of shifting courthouse ownership from counties to the State of California. He has been a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) for the past 20 years and was elected by California’s 58 counties in 2010-2011 to serve as President of the Association, where he worked closely with Governor Jerry Brown and his administration in negotiating Public Safety and Health/Human Services Realignment.

Supervisor Tavaglione is a fourth-generation resident of Riverside County and has dedicated much of his life to improving the Inland Empire Region. Prior to his election to the Board of Supervisors, he served on the Riverside City Council and was a member of the Riverside Public Utilities Commission. His professional career spanned nearly 25 years as a commercial real estate executive. Supervisor Tavaglione received his Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from California Baptist University. He is a proud U.S. Army Veteran (’68-’70)
As a member of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Tavaglione has been credited for his leadership in regional transportation issues, community and economic development, parks and open space preservation, and for his strong fiscal and organizational management. He is dedicated to improving the economic and social future for the residents of Riverside County and the Inland Empire Region.

As an advocate for youth, Supervisor Tavaglione is a strong supporter of collaborative programs that provide educational and growth opportunities for the County's youth population. He is a Board Member of Greater Riverside Dollars for Scholars and past President of the Southern California Dollars for Scholars Governing Board. Supervisor Tavaglione and his wife, Jan, have helped to send hundreds of students to college, by hosting an annual fundraiser where all proceeds go towards scholarships for graduating high school seniors in his district.

Supervisor Tavaglione and Jan have two children, Heidi and Chris, a daughter-in-law, Jennifer, granddaughters, Madelon Rose and Grace, and grandson William Christopher. He and Jan reside in Riverside with their dogs Rosie and Ralphie. His hobbies are woodworking and singing/performing with his 60's classic rock group, The Legendary Mustangs, and most enjoys babysitting and spending time with his grandchildren.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Tescia Uribe  
Chief Program Officer, PATH

Tescia Uribe oversees PATH’s service-delivery programs throughout the state. As CPO, Tescia ensures a consistent approach and quality of services across all PATH and PATH Ventures programs, which serve Veterans, families and individuals with disabilities and include outreach and engagement, interim housing, permanent housing, housing placement and case management. She joined PATH in November 2013 as the Director of Veteran Clinical Services, and rose to become Regional Director of Metro LA programs in 2014. PATH promoted Tescia to the role of CPO in December 2017.

Tescia has 15 years of experience working with highly vulnerable individuals who are homeless and often experiencing substance use, mental and physical health difficulties, and a variety of other barriers that prevent them from achieving their goals. Tescia is most passionate about ensuring our programs provide the highest quality services and are low barrier and person centered. She earned her bachelor of social work degree from Azusa Pacific University and her master of social work degree from the University of Southern California. Tescia became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in 2012.