

MODERATOR



Dr. Martin Wachs

Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Departments of Civil & Environmental Engineering and City & Regional Planning, University of California, Los Angeles

Dr. Martin Wachs is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Civil & Environmental Engineering and of City & Regional Planning at the University of California, Berkeley, where he directed the Institute of Transportation Studies and the University of California Transportation Center. He earlier spent 25 years at UCLA, where he was Chairman of the Department of Urban Planning for eleven years. After retiring from the University, Dr. Wachs became the Director of Transportation, Space, and Technology Program at the RAND Corporation. He is now teaching courses and conducting research at UCLA in transportation policy and working on transportation policy projects at RAND. He is a member of the Technical Advisory Committee for the California Road Charge Demonstration Project.

PANELISTS



Paula Beauchamp

Director of Project Delivery and Toll Operations, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

Paula Beauchamp is the Director of Project Delivery and Toll Operations for the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and has served the public in San Bernardino County for more than 11 years. In that capacity, Paula oversees the delivery of approximately \$4 billion of transportation projects throughout the largest county in the contiguous United States. With a focus on innovation, Paula and her team are delivering a variety of first-of-its-kind projects to San Bernardino County including: Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI), Roundabout Intersection and Express Lanes. Paula has extensive experience in both the public and private sector. Her road to SBCTA began at Caltrans District 8 as a student assistant while finishing her degree at Cal Poly Pomona as an Engineer. Paula is married to her best friend Mike Beauchamp and together they have 5 children.

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Michael Blomquist

Toll Program Director, Riverside County Transportation Commission

Michael Blomquist is Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Toll Program Director having served in that role for the last 11 years and has been with RCTC since 2007. He has over 28 years in the transportation infrastructure field.

Michael is responsible for RCTC's toll program that features the development of toll projects on State Route 91 and Interstate 15, including 25 miles of tolled express lanes. Michael also leads the planning of RCTC's next generation of toll facilities. Michael's responsibilities also include the operation and maintenance of these express lane facilities which annually generate over 15 million customer trips and \$50 million in revenue.

Prior to his public sector role at RCTC, Michael worked in the consulting engineering arena for several firms in various roles on large freeway and design-build projects in California, Utah, and Oregon.

Michael has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's Degree in Business and is a registered professional engineer in the state of California.



Megan Foster

Director of Federal Affairs, AAA National

As Director of Federal Relations, Megan Foster works to advance AAA's transportation funding, connected and automated vehicle and safety priorities before Congress and federal agencies. When Megan began her AAA career in 2015, she brought more than 10 years of Capitol Hill experience to the association, including service as a legislative director to three members of Congress and five years as a senior legislative assistant. She has extensive knowledge of the federal appropriations process, as well as transportation, telecommunications and homeland security policy issues. Megan is a graduate of the University of Mary Washington and holds a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Security Studies from the College of International Security Affairs at the National Defense University.



Dr. Joshua Schank

Chief Innovation Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Joshua L. Schank is the first ever Chief Innovation Officer at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro), where he leads the Office of Extraordinary Innovation (OEI). The role of this office is to champion new ideas to improve mobility in LA County by informing the high-level vision for LA Metro, piloting and implementing new and experimental programs and policy, and serving as the primary liaison relevant to LA Metro coming from entrepreneurs, established private sector entities, academia, or individual residents.

The office is also responsible for LA Metro's Public Private Partnership (P3), and strategic planning functions.

Prior to joining LA Metro, Dr. Schank was President and CEO of the Eno Center for Transportation, a national nonprofit think-tank. Dr. Schank's extensive work in transportation policy and planning is well documented in his publications, including "All Roads Lead to Congress: The \$300 Billion Fight Over Highway Funding," co-authored with Costas Panagopoulos and published by CQ Press in 2007. He holds a Ph.D. in urban planning from Columbia University, a Master of City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a B.A. in urban studies from Columbia University.