

**MODERATOR**



**Sarah Catz**

*Executive Director, Center for Urban Infrastructure and Advisory Board Member, Mobility 21*

Sarah L. Catz is the Director of the Center for Urban Infrastructure at Brandman University – Chapman University System and a Researcher in the Institute of Transportation Studies at University of California, Irvine. She joined the Mobility 21 Advisory Board in 2015.

During the past two decades, Sarah has been a leading transportation/infrastructure and public policy expert and has played a key role in critical transportation and infrastructure projects, both at the local and state levels. She has served as the state’s acting Deputy Secretary of Transportation as well as the project manager for The Commission on Building for the 21st Century, a California infrastructure commission that included projects within water, transportation, housing, facilities and technology areas. While with the state of California, Sarah also helped secure state funding for critical infrastructure projects, including major rail projects in Southern California.

Sarah spent 10 years on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Transportation Authority and served as Chairman of the Board. She was a founding member and two-term chairperson of the Board of Directors of Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink). Sarah is a past chair of the Orange County Forum, a nonpartisan current affairs organization convening the Orange County civic community to exchange ideas and discuss public policy issues with distinguished speakers and national leaders.

Sarah recently joined Vectis Strategies, a national public relations and public affairs firm, as Senior Partner. Prior to joining Vectis, Sarah was Vice Chancellor of External Affairs at Brandman University-Chapman University System with responsibility for community and government relations as well as advancement and alumni relations. She has also been a partner in a national law firm and operated her own public affairs consulting practice.

Sarah has been recognized by The League of Women Voters of Orange County with the “OC Woman of Achievement” Award and by OC Metro Magazine as one of “10 Women Making a Difference in Orange County.” She also is the recipient of the California Transportation Foundation Tranny Award for “Citizen of the Year” and has been named “Woman of the Year” three times by the Orange County Chapter of WTS.

Sarah received her law degree from the University of Santa Clara and her bachelor’s degree from George Washington University.

**PANELISTS**



**Darren Henderson**

*Vice President, Managed Lanes Practice Director, WSP*

Darren Henderson is a Vice President for WSP in Tempe, Arizona, and serves as the National Practice Director for Managed Lanes and Roadways. Darren is recognized internationally for his expertise on Managed Freeways, Managed Lanes and Congestion Pricing serving as a Program Manager, Project Manager and/or technical advisor for many clients. He has presented at industry events in the United States, Canada, China, Australia, New Zealand and Singapore.

Darren currently provides leadership on various managed lanes projects including the Los Angeles Metro ExpressLanes Program Management, as well as leading efforts to adapt the Australian managed freeways concept for US applications for Riverside County Transportation Commission, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, Colorado Department of Transportation, Georgia Department of Transportation and North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Darren has been a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners since 2000, and currently serves as Secretary of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Managed Lanes Committee.



**Ido Levy**

*Founder & CEO, Safemode*

Ido is the founder and CEO of SafeMode, developing a unique Driver-engagement platform to engage and reward fleet drivers. Ido has more than ten years of experience in the leading innovative teams; prior to SafeMode, Ido served in the IDF as an officer ranked as a captain in the Israeli counter-terrorism unit developed out of the box solution and products in challenging environments.

Ido has been shortlisted at TU-Automotive 2020 "Rising star of the year under 30" award, awarded as "Top young entrepreneurs" of the European Union's ALARM program, and won the SAE's WCX connected cars challenge.



**Dr. Joshua Schank**

*Chief Innovation Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority*

Dr. 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 for new ideas relevant to LA Metro coming from entrepreneurs,

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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 non-profit think-tank with the mission of improving transportation policy and leadership. Before joining Eno, he directed the National Transportation Policy Project at the Bipartisan Policy Center, which proposed a new vision for the Federal role in surface transportation policy.

Dr. Schank was Transportation Policy Advisor to Senator Hillary Clinton during the development of the last surface transportation authorization bill (SAFETEA-LU). He has also worked as a Consultant with PB Consult and as a Senior Associate at ICF International in Washington, D.C. In addition, Dr. Schank served in positions at the Office of the Inspector General's in the U.S. Department of Transportation, and with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York City.

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.

He lives in Los Angeles with his wife Lindsey and his sons Max and Jonah.



### **John Walsh**

*Senior Vice President, Proterra*

John Walsh is the Senior Vice President at Proterra, a leading innovator in heavy-duty electric buses, batteries, charging and infrastructure. John leads "Proterra Transit" Business Segment, when he is helping to continue the company's success in the North American market.

John has nearly three decades of experience in the mobility industry and particular expertise in the heavy-duty vehicle sector. Most recently, John was President and Chief Operating Officer of Davey Coach Sales, Inc., one of the leading dealers of new and used mid-sized buses and shuttles in North America. Prior to that, he served as President of the REV Group (NYSE: REVG), one of the largest bus manufacturing groups in the United States. John was also Vice President of Sales and Marketing at ARBOC Specialty Vehicles and CEO of VPG Autos, maker of the MV-1, the first purpose-built wheelchair-accessible car. Before that, John spent more than two decades at National Bus Sales & Leasing, Inc. and served as President, where he grew National from a small school bus dealership to the largest bus dealership in the U.S.

John is a Board Member with CTE, Center for Transportation and the Environment and a Member of the American Public Transportation Association and serves on the Battery Electric Bus Committee and Workforce Development Committee.