

What's the New Normal: A State and Federal Policy Discussion
Friday, September 18, 2020 (9:00 AM to 10:00 AM)

MODERATOR



Stephen Finnegan

Manager, Public Affairs and Government Relations, Automobile Club of Southern California and Board Member, Mobility 21

Stephen Finnegan leads public affairs, government relations, media communications, community programs, and traffic safety efforts for the Automobile Club of Southern California. 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.

Stephen 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 LA Metro and serving as a management consultant to public agencies and non-profit organizations.

Stephen 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 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 is founding co-chair of the R.E.A.L. Coalition: 23 CEOs of California's largest business organizations from San Francisco to San Diego advocating for infrastructure, education, water and governance reform.

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 the protection of habitat and cultural resources, while providing for South Orange County mobility options. In 2019, the 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, with accomplished daughters-in-law and two grandchildren residing in the Bay Area.

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Mark Fialkowski

Executive Vice President, Mobility Solutions Market, Parsons

Mark Fialkowski leads Parsons' Mobility Solutions market line, and is responsible for profit & loss, strategy, growth, project delivery, talent management and operations for Parsons' bridge, road & highway, tunnel, water/wastewater and industrial markets in North America and the Middle East. Mobility Solutions provides transportation planning, environmental documentation and permitting, design, program/project management, technology, utility and construction services to a wide range of public and private infrastructure clients.

Since 2016, Mark has supported Parsons' four Southern California offices in delivering major programs for RCTC, OCTA, SBCTA, LA Metro, Caltrans and other California infrastructure clients. Parsons employs more than 1,500 people in California – nearly 10% of its worldwide workforce.

Mark has been with Parsons for 26 years. He is a registered professional engineer and completed the Advanced Management Program at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. He holds a Master of Science degree in transportation from Northwestern University and a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign.



Manny Leon

Principal Consultant, California State Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

Manny Leon is a Consultant to the California State Senate Committee on Transportation. Before joining the Senate committee in October 2015, Manny served as a Consultant for the Assembly Transportation Committee. Overall, Manny has worked on legislation and policy issues that covered the Department of Motor Vehicles, the California Highway Patrol, Caltrans, the High-Speed Rail Authority, vehicle inspections and standards, driver's licensing, charter-party carriers, regional planning, and transportation finance.

Manny has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's in public administration. Upon finishing graduate school, Manny was selected to the Assembly Fellows Program where he worked for then-Assemblymember John Laird. After completing the Assembly Fellows program, Manny worked for the Mayor of Riverside and the Orange County Transportation Authority before returning to Sacramento to work for the Assembly Transportation Committee. In his time outside of state government, Manny participates in a variety of sports leagues, running races, and is a Board Member for the River City Food Bank located in Midtown. He is also an appointed member on the City of Sacramento's Administration, Investment and Fiscal Management Board.

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Darren Kettle

Executive Director, Ventura County Transportation Commission and Board Member, 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 team of transportation professionals focused on improving transportation planning and making data driven decisions to ensure the smart investment of transportation funds on transportation projects, 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 degree in public administration from California State University, San Bernardino. His professional career spans 30 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 10 years and when the "circus" is in town they have four kids with them in their home in Camarillo, California.



Phillip A. Washington

CEO, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Board Member, Mobility 21

As Metro's CEO, Phil manages a balanced budget in excess of \$7 billion, is responsible for overseeing between \$18- \$20 billion in capital projects, and provides oversight of an agency with 11,000 employees that transports 1.2 million boarding passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean-air buses and six rail lines. Metro is the lead transportation planning, programming and financing agency for LA County. As such, it is a major construction agency that oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related infrastructure projects – together representing the largest modern public works program in North America. Phil is also engaged and partnering in all facets of transportation and infrastructure in LA County, including aviation, goods movement, freight/railroads, water, public works, housing and transit-oriented communities (TOCs).

Phil was a key leader in the 2016 successful effort to pass Measure M, a half-cent sales tax in LA County (the most populated county in the United States), which garnered 71.15% voter approval. Measure M will allow Metro to build 40 major highway and transit projects over the next 40 years, create 778,000 jobs and provide \$133.3 billion in economic impact for the region. Measure M has no sunset and will only end if voters vote to end it. Phil came to Los Angeles from Denver, where he served as the CEO of Denver Regional Transportation District between 2009 and 2015. He was previously the assistant general manager of RTD for nearly 10 years before being named CEO.

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In Denver, Phil led and implemented the FasTracks program, one of the largest voter-approved transportation expansion programs in the country. Under his leadership, Denver's West Corridor Rail Line project was completed under budget and eight months earlier than scheduled, and the award-winning Denver Union Station project was completed five months early. It is now realizing tremendous revenue and value capture from the surrounding development. Also in Denver, Phil implemented the nation's first and only \$2.2 billion transit public-private partnership (P3), which opened in 2016 and is in operation and exceeding ridership estimates. His emphasis on measuring and managing agency performance led to 90%+ on-time bus and rail service and 96% ADA on-time performance.

Phil has received numerous prestigious assignments and honors. In 2019, he testified before the full U.S. Congressional Transportation and Infrastructure committee, was honored with the Eddy Award for Outstanding Leadership in Economic development and was awarded the prestigious CORO Crystal Eagle Award for a "Legacy of Leadership." In 2018, he was awarded the Honorable Ray LaHood Award (former U.S. Secretary of Transportation) by the national Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS) for his outstanding contribution in promoting opportunities to advance and advocate for women in the transportation industry. In 2017, he was presented with the Judge Harry Pregerson Public Service Award for his service to U.S. military veterans and was honored with the Norman Mineta Award for exceptional leadership in the transportation industry.

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. In 2014, he was selected by the editors of Engineering News-Record as one of the Top 25 Newsmakers of 2013. Phil was also named 2013-2014 Outstanding Public Transportation CEO of the Year in North America by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). In 2012, President Obama named him a White House Transportation Innovators Champion of Change.

In 2009, he was appointed by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter to serve on the State of Colorado's Workforce Development Council to help the state create a 21st century workforce. And, in 2007, he was appointed by the mayor of Denver to head the Host Transportation Committee for the 2008 Democratic National Convention. 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 soldier can achieve. He retired from active duty, is a disabled veteran and was awarded the prestigious Defense Superior Service Medal for exceptional service to his country. He holds a B.A. in business from Columbia College, an M.A. in management from Webster University and is a graduate of the Harvard University Kennedy School for Senior Executives in State and Local Government. He is also a past chair of APTA and a former member of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board and the Eno Center for Transportation.