

MODERATOR



Hilary Norton
Chair, California Transportation Commission and Executive Director, FASTLinkDTLA

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Appointed by Governor Newsom, Commissioner Norton leads the CTC in programming and investing between \$5 and \$7 billion funds annually into the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit and active transportation improvements throughout California. Along with the California Energy Commission and California Air Resources Board, the CTC also funds new infrastructure to support transition to clean fuel

mobility.

As Executive Director of FASTLinkDTLA, the transportation management organization for Downtown Los Angeles, she mobilizes diverse coalitions of business, labor, civic groups, educational institutions, and transit organizations to support policies and infrastructure improvements to shift the mobility culture away from single occupant vehicle driving.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Wellesley College and a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

PANELISTS



Megan McKernan
Manager, Automotive Engineering, Automobile Club of Southern California

In her role as Manager of Automotive Engineering for the Automobile Club of Southern California, Megan McKernan oversees all automotive research and testing for the organization including the Automobile Club's Automotive Research Center (ARC). The ARC, located in Los Angeles, features a lab including a test cell, equipped with a four-wheel-drive chassis dynamometer and vehicle emissions measurement equipment. Past research projects, designed to inform and educate consumers, include advance driver assistance systems, Level 2 autonomous vehicles, advanced headlight technology, electric vehicle range testing and evaluations of fuel quality and octane ratings.

Megan has been with the Auto Club for eight years. Prior to joining the Auto Club, Megan worked as Program Manager of Market Research for the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) for eight years.

Outside of work, Megan is an active drag racer, holding licenses for both Super Comp and Top Alcohol Dragster. Megan is also an avid automotive enthusiast and dog lover. She also enjoys boating, and spending time with family.

Megan holds a B.A in Physics from the University of San Diego and a Master's of Science in Physics for Business Applications from the University of Southern California.



Laura Renger

Director, Electrification & Customer Services Policy, Southern California Edison

Laura Renger currently serves as the director of Electrification & Customer Services Policy in Southern California Edison's Regulatory Affairs organization. In this position, Laura is responsible for the utility's regulatory and legislative policy concerning transportation electrification, building electrification, climate change, energy efficiency and energy equity.

In her previous role, Laura served as director of the Edison International President and CEO's Office supporting matters before the Edison International Managing Committee as well as activities at Edison International and its subsidiaries, Southern California Edison and Edison Energy Group.

Laura began her career at Southern California Edison in the Law Department where she focused on air quality, climate change, safety, and transmission project licensing. She also served as the Principal Manager of Air & Climate Policy in SCE's Regulatory Affairs before joining Edison International.

Laura holds a B.A. from Occidental College and a J.D. from Columbia Law School. She lives in Los Alamitos, California and enjoys spending time with her fiancé and her thirteen-year-old son, Jack.



Michelle Sim

Director of Sustainability, SoCalGas

Michelle Sim is the Director of Sustainability, responsible for development and implementation of SoCalGas' sustainability strategy and vision. Since joining the Sempra utilities in 2013, she has served in various energy, strategic growth initiatives, environmental policy development roles in clean transportation, residential, commercial, and industrial sectors, hydrogen, and carbon capture initiatives. Prior to joining SoCalGas, Michelle worked at a global A&E firm, working primarily on department of defense contracts related to facility and energy management, renewable technologies, and net-zero energy strategies.

Michelle received her BA from the University of California, Berkeley and earned her Certified Energy Manager certificate from the Association of Energy Engineers. Michelle served a two-year term appointed by the then-U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz to the Department of Energy's Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee. Michelle currently serves on the Board of the California Fuel Cell Partnership and as a Board Member of the Asian American Professionals Association.