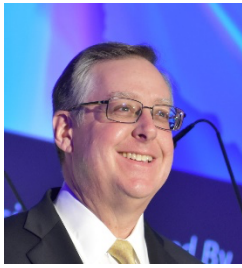


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MODERATOR



Stephen Finnegan

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

Stephen Finnegan leads public and government affairs, public policy, media communications, community programs, and traffic safety advocacy and efforts for the Automobile Club of Southern California and affiliated AAA clubs providing valued services to over 18 million members in parts or all of 22 states. 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 the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (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 degree in economics and political science from Claremont McKenna College.

PANELISTS



Jeffrey Ball

President & Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Business Council and Vice Chair, Mobility 21

Jeffrey K. Ball ("Jeff") is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Business Council where he represents the interests of local businesses and organizations together with academia and government to promote the economic growth of the nation's sixth largest county, Orange County, California.

Jeff is the Founder of Friendly Hills Bank (now First Pacific Bank) where he previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer and is currently Vice Chair of the Board of Directors. His more than 40 years of experience in commercial and investment banking includes leadership positions with Bank of America, as well as past Chair of the California Bankers Association and past Chair of the Government Relations Council of the American Bankers Association. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors for Orange County Business Council, First Pacific Bancorp, the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, Mobility21, Data Center, Inc. and the Kinetic Academy charter school which he founded in 2016. He is also a member by appointment of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges and previously served two terms on the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission of the California State Bar.

Prior to earning his MBA from Whittier College, Jeff earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Puget Sound. A longtime advocate of financial literacy, he frequently guest lectures

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on the topics of financial and economic principles at high schools and universities across the nation.



Martin Erickson

Executive Director, Ventura County Transportation Commission and Board Member, Mobility 21

Martin Erickson has been executive director of the Ventura County Transportation Commission since January 2022. He joined VCTC in 2016 as director of public transit. Martin has more than 25 years of public transit and transportation experience, including as manager of government affairs at the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District and deputy city manager for the City of Oxnard, where his responsibilities included management of the city's transit services program.



Darrell E. Johnson

Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Transportation Authority and Treasurer, Mobility 21

Darrell E. Johnson is the Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), a dynamic agency of 1,400 dedicated professionals. With a focus on enhancing mobility and sustainability for more than 3 million county residents, Darrell leads a comprehensive portfolio of multimodal projects, initiatives and services.

Guided by OCTA's 17-member Board of Directors, Darrell oversees an annual budget exceeding \$1.7 billion. His role encompasses strategic oversight of the planning, financing, and implementation of Orange County's freeway, street, and rail development, in addition to managing countywide transit and commuter-rail services, paratransit service, express lanes, active transportation, and environmental programs.

Since his appointment as CEO in 2013, Darrell has championed innovative financing methods to optimize the impact of Measure M, a voter-approved half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements. He has led a drive toward a more sustainable and equitable transportation network, marked by pioneering environmental mitigation and water-quality initiatives, and a trailblazing shift toward a zero-emission bus fleet.

OCTA is currently managing approximately \$1.8 billion in infrastructure improvements, including the OC Streetcar, a state-of-the-art electric streetcar, with an additional \$1.4 billion in projects anticipated to start within the next two years.

Darrell continues to reshape Orange County's transit system. With a focus on efficiency, passenger experience, and alignment with market demands, he has ushered in reforms including a redesigned bus system, free fares for youth and community college students, and the advancement of community-based and special-event transit services. Embracing innovation and improved connectivity, OCTA explores dynamic technology solutions and strategic private-sector alliances.

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On a broader scale, Darrell represents OCTA on matters of local, state, and national policy pertaining to successful transportation program planning, financing, and delivery. He sits on the boards of the Self-Help Counties Coalition, Mobility 21, and Orange County Business Council.

Darrell lives in Rancho Santa Margarita and is married with two children.



Carrie Schindler

Executive Director, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and Board Member, Mobility 21

Recently appointed as Executive Director of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and San Bernardino Council of Governments, Carrie brings a thoughtful, diplomatic approach to collaboration - guided by a shared vision of elevating the region together through innovative transportation strategies and strong partnerships across the Council of Governments.

With roots in engineering and public service, she led the expansion of Metrolink in the East Valley and championed the nation's first FRA-approved hydrogen-powered passenger rail. Her tenure at SBCTA includes key roles in transit, funding strategy, and infrastructure delivery - all grounded in deep planning and construction expertise from her time with San Bernardino County, and as a designer in the private sector.

A licensed Professional Engineer and San Diego State alum, Carrie balances high-impact leadership with family fun and a passion for discovery.



Robyn Wapner

Chief Administrative and Public Affairs Officer, San Diego Association of Governments

As Senior Director for the Department of Public Affairs and Internal Operations, Robyn Wapner oversees SANDAG's public affairs and administrative functions, including legislative and public engagement strategies, facilities and business operations, executive support, clerk and Title VI-related compliance activities. She provides strategic leadership and guidance to the Board of Directors, Chief Executive

Officer, and executive team on complex, sensitive, and critical policy and operational matters.

Robyn earned her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the University of Southern California, and her Master of Arts in International Commerce and Policy from George Mason University.