

Session B

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Title: Progressive Design-Build Delivery – A Better Way to Achieve More Predictable Project Outcomes

Progressive Design-Build (PDB) is changing the landscape of project delivery in California—especially with the passage of Senate Bill 706 in 2024, which expands its use to cities, counties, and special districts. In this session, experts will explore how early involvement of the design-builder results in better collaboration, improved risk management, and greater flexibility in meeting budget and schedule goals. Attendees will learn about the three variations of design-build, how PDB compares to traditional delivery models, and key lessons learned from real-world multi-million-dollar capital programs.

Location: East Wing

Moderator: Arief Naftali

Speakers:



J. Brandon Dekker

CannonDesign

Brandon Dekker is a Principal and Irvine/San Diego Office Practice Leader for CannonDesign with 24 years of experience in design and construction. He has served as President of both the DBIA Western Pacific Region and the CMAA Southern California Chapter and currently chairs the CMAA Foundation Board. He was instrumental in the 2023 passage of Senate Bill 706. He holds a master's in construction management from Drexel and completed Stanford GSB's Leadership in Innovation Executive Program.



Praful Kulkarni

CannonDesign

Praful Kulkarni, FAIA, DBIA, is Principal and Director of Integrated Services at CannonDesign. A thought leader in collaborative delivery methods, he founded the integrated firm gkkworks, which later merged with CannonDesign. He served as DBIA National Chair in 2017 and now chairs the Progressive Design-Build Committee for CMAA. Praful is a passionate advocate for single-source project delivery, emphasizing innovation and efficiency.



Marko Medved

County of San Diego

Marko Medved is Director of the Department of General Services for the County of San Diego, overseeing 430 staff, a \$360M annual budget, and \$900M in capital projects. A licensed Professional Engineer and Certified Energy Manager, he has also served as a Senior Engineering Manager at Parsons Brinckerhoff and spent 25 years in the Navy's Civil Engineer Corps, including overseeing \$7 billion in construction at Camp Pendleton.

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Title: Principles of Transformative Leadership in Operation & Maintenance

Strong leadership is essential to sustaining high-performing Public Works Operations and Maintenance (O&M) programs. This session focuses on the leadership strategies and planning tools necessary to manage day-to-day operations and long-term service goals. Learn how setting clear objectives, measuring outcomes, and motivating teams can help ensure reliable infrastructure performance while meeting the evolving needs of the community. This session is ideal for both emerging leaders and experienced managers looking to enhance their organizational impact.

Location: Room 107

Moderator: Jose Espinoza

Speakers:



Dr. Arlington Rodgers, Jr.

City of Carson

Dr. Arlington Rodgers, Jr. is a retired United States Army veteran serving for more than 20 years. He has made public and community service his life's commitment. He has served in the capacity of President of the Inland Region Chapter of Municipal Management Assistants of Southern California, President of the San Bernardino Black Culture Foundation, President of the San Bernardino City Library Foundation, and Polemarch of the San Bernardino Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc., and is a board member of the Making Hope Happen Foundation. Professionally, he is a Public Works Director where he continues his commitment to service by ensuring that all residents are receiving high level service delivery. Throughout his public service career, he continues to be a champion for opportunities for hiring women in a male dominated discipline.

Dr. Rodgers is the founder and president of Young American Scholars, a youth centered organization with the mission of assisting young men in their efforts to changer their narrative. He is also the founder and CEO of Factum Consulting, LLC a local government consulting firm that describes itself as "solutionists." He is an active member of the American Public Works Association, the American Society of Public Administration, the California City Managers Foundation, League of California Cities, and the South Bay Council of Governments. It is within these organizations where Dr. Rodgers continues his work of highlighting effective transformational leadership in local government.

Dr. Rodgers is married to Dr. Gwen Rodgers, and they are the parents of Arlington III, Jonathan, Ashley and Jasmine.

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Title: Resiliency and Vibrancy through Rail-to-Rail Active Transportation and Pavement Technology

This combo session brings together experts working on the Rail-to-Rail Active Transportation Corridor Project and those leading climate-resilient pavement innovation. Attendees will hear how public agencies are confronting extreme weather impacts through climate-adaptive roadway design, advanced materials, and emerging technologies like automation and data analytics. By aligning pavement strategies with sustainability and resilience goals, cities can reduce long-term maintenance costs while enhancing safety, accessibility, and environmental performance. Real-world applications from Southern California will illustrate the future of climate-forward transportation infrastructure.

Location: Room 206

Moderator: Joe Mulvilhill

Speakers:



Maryam Dadabhoy

LA Metro

Maryam Dadabhoy is a Director of Engineering at LA Metro with expertise in complex infrastructure across transit, water, and urban development. She leads multimillion-dollar programs with a focus on field execution, stakeholder coordination, and inclusive leadership. Maryam holds a Master's in Project Management and is known for aligning teams to deliver high-quality, on-time results.



Patrick Wong, CPD, CPSWQ, QSD/P, ENVSP

Kimley Horn

Patrick Wong is a Senior Program Manager at Kimley-Horn with over 20 years of experience in transit, transportation, and infrastructure projects. He has led civil design efforts for Metro and other agencies, and actively promotes workforce diversity through industry organizations. Patrick is recognized for fostering equity in project delivery and small business engagement.



Alex Zupanski, PE, TE

FPL

Alex Zupanski is Vice President of Traffic Design at FPL, with over 30 years of experience in traffic engineering. He specializes in joint-jurisdiction projects for METRO, Caltrans, and Southern California agencies, delivering traffic signal, ITS, and design plans under both traditional and alternative delivery methods.



Matthew Arroyo
Griffith Company

Matthew Arroyo is a Project Manager at Griffith Company, currently overseeing the \$100M Rail to Rail Corridor Project. A civil engineering graduate from Cal State Fullerton, he brings extensive experience in heavy civil construction from roles at Skanska and OHL North America.



Arielle Mainzer
GAF Roads

Arielle Mainzer is Senior Brand Manager at GAF Roads, with 15 years of experience in digital strategy and brand development. She has led national media campaigns for brands like Samsung and Enfamil, and now drives marketing strategies to support GAF's infrastructure innovation and growth.



Jonathon Kreibich
GAF Roads

Jonathon Kreibich is a Territory Manager for GAF Roads with 15 years in pavement preservation and asphalt solutions. Formerly the owner of State 48 Asphalt, he blends entrepreneurial experience and technical knowledge to support municipal and contractor success across the Southwest U.S.

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Title: **Parking Management Variety: Experiences and Strategies**

This combo session pairs the City of Ontario's implementation of a citywide street sweeping parking restrictions program with broader insights from parking management case studies across California. Presenters will explore enforcement, community engagement, ADA access, equity, and the economic and social dimensions of parking strategy. Learn how technology, policy updates, and cross-departmental collaboration can streamline implementation and improve public trust. From permit programs to paid parking to neighborhood impacts, this session offers practical steps and tested approaches to managing one of the most pressing and visible urban issues.

Location: Room 209AB

Moderator: Marc Gallardo

Speakers:



Bonnie Tam

City of Ontario Public Works Agency

Bonnie has more than 18 years of local government experience. Currently serving as the Public Works Departmental Administrator for the City of Ontario, she leads and oversees the Public Works Agency's budget operations, personnel administration, communication strategies, and other administrative support functions. Bonnie plays a key role in the Agency's strategic planning, employee engagement and training, and policy development. Prior to joining the City of Ontario, Bonnie managed the City of Monterey Park's environmental programs, public outreach, solid waste and street sweeping contracts, community transportation operations, and Local Return funds for local transportation projects. Bonnie graduated from University of Southern California with a Master of Public Administration degree and obtained a bachelor's degree in criminology, Law and Society from University of California, Irvine.



Tim Masot

City of Ontario Public Works Agency

Tim has been with the City of Ontario for 15 years in the Parks & Streets Maintenance Department within the Public Works Agency. Currently serving as the Parks & Streets Maintenance Manager, Tim manages the City's street overlay program, parks and public grounds, street sweeping services, and other street and landscape related contracts. Tim is very knowledgeable in the public works contracts and public bidding process. He oversees 56 staff members and manages several multi-million-dollar capital improvement projects, including median



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improvement, citywide street overlay and sidewalk repairs, and community block wall construction projects.



Andrea Ampig

City of Ontario

Andrea has 8 years of experience working in local government. Currently serving as a Senior Management Analyst for the City of Ontario, she coordinates and monitors the Public Works Agency's budget and Capital Improvement Program, administers special projects with various City agencies, and processes contracts and agenda reports. Prior to her role at the City of Ontario, Andrea has worked in cities in Los Angeles and Orange County overseeing environmental programs including solid waste contracts, NPDES program administration, and CalRecycle payment programs. Andrea graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences.



Julie Dixon

Dixon Resources Unlimited

Julie Dixon is the President and Founder of Dixon Resources Unlimited, a woman-owned business founded with the direct goal of providing parking consulting services and supporting municipal parking programs. Julie began her career as a parking enforcement officer and has since been responsible for establishing policies, defining objectives, and delivering on initiatives for municipal agencies for over 30 years. Julie was recognized as the *2024 California Parking Professional of the Year* and her company, Dixon Resources Unlimited, was recognized by the International Parking & Mobility Institute (IPMI) as a *2023 Organization of the Year*.