

Session C

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Title: Safety, Mobility, and Striking a Harmony

This combo session includes Slow and Safe, Save a Life and Protected Intersections Explained. It explores how cities are enhancing street safety for pedestrians and cyclists through innovative traffic calming, speed reduction, and intersection design strategies. Learn about real-world projects that minimize vehicle-pedestrian conflict while maintaining emergency response access and ADA compliance.

Location: East Wing

Moderator: Darin Johnson

Speakers:



Harold Zamora

City of Moreno Valley

Harold Zamora is a professional engineer with over 25 years of experience specializing in Transportation, Flood Control, and Land Development. As Engineering Manager for the City of Moreno Valley, he oversees major public works projects, ensuring sustainable and efficient urban development. His leadership is focused on innovative infrastructure that enhances resilience and community quality of life.



Paul Van Dyk

City of Long Beach

Paul Van Dyk is the City Traffic Engineer in Long Beach, with 12 years at the City. He began in bikeway design and traffic calming and now leads the Traffic Engineering Division. Paul oversees mobility planning, capital projects, and grant coordination to help Long Beach achieve ambitious goals like zero roadway deaths and a 30% bike mode share.



Min Zhou

KOA Corporation

Min Zhou, P.E., has over 30 years of experience in transportation engineering, with a focus on complete streets and active transportation. She has led more than 50 major projects and is a statewide leader in walkability and bikeway planning. Min serves on California's Walk and Bike Advisory Committee and regularly presents at APWA and ITE.

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Title: Complete and Green Streets: Practical Wisdom

This combo session presents Multimodal Improvement Projects: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly and Transforming Streets into Green Spaces. It covers how cities are incorporating complete streets and green infrastructure into multimodal corridors. Learn from Glendale's lessons in balancing design and cost, and El Monte's award-winning Merced Avenue Linear Park project that successfully converted a traffic median into a vibrant public space.

Location: Room 107

Moderator: Marc Gallardo

Speakers:



Sarkis Oganessian, P.E.

City of Glendale – Public Works

Assistant Director and City Engineer for Glendale, Sarkis brings nearly 20 years of civil engineering experience. He oversees a \$70M capital budget and has led major transportation and infrastructure projects focused on efficiency, sustainability, and community benefit.



Armen Avazian, P.E.

City of Glendale – Public Works

Armen is the Principal Civil Engineer with over 25 years of experience. He leads Glendale's Capital Improvement Program, overseeing multimodal and community-focused infrastructure with a commitment to sustainability and fiscal stewardship.



Viktoriya Pakhanyan, P.E.

City of Glendale – Public Works

Viktoriya is the Senior Civil Engineer managing Glendale's multimodal improvement projects. With 16 years of experience, she focuses on delivering street, sewer, and storm drain projects while enhancing infrastructure sustainability.



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Rustom Tavitian, P.E.

City of Glendale – Public Works

A Civil Engineer II, Rustom manages over \$40M in project delivery. He is currently overseeing the La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation Project and is known for his expertise in leveraging technology for efficiency and impact.



Steven Wright

Next Level Engineering

Steven Wright is a licensed civil and traffic engineer with over 35 years of experience supporting cities across Los Angeles County, including 28 years with the City of Pasadena in senior leadership roles, and now serves as Principal-in-Charge for multiple Southern California municipalities, providing expertise in traffic engineering, capital project delivery, and construction oversight.



Vincent Hellens

Alta Planning + Design

Vincent Hellens is a Principal and California Regional Director at Alta Planning + Design with over 19 years of experience delivering active transportation and Complete Streets projects. He specializes in ADA improvements, bikeways, and roadway rehabilitation. Vincent holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering and is an Envision Sustainability Professional. He is the immediate past president of APWA SoCal and serves on both local and national Public Works Institute Committees.

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Title: Modernizing Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Fleets and Making Them Work

This combo session combines Modernizing Government Fleets with ZEV Mandates and Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Case Studies. Learn how public agencies are developing long-term fleet modernization strategies, integrating ZEV costs into rate structures, and responding to evolving regulations. Real-world case studies highlight financial planning, procurement models, and performance data from cities like LA and San Francisco.

Location: Room 206

Moderator: Renee Chan

Speakers:



Shane Silsby

Silsby Strategic Advisors, Inc.

Shane Silsby, PE, is CEO of Silsby Strategic Advisors and has 25 years of experience in infrastructure delivery, strategic planning, and federal funding. A former Public Works Director for Orange County, he now advises agencies nationwide on modernization and policy. He's the author of "Managing for Meteors," a guide for local government leaders.



Sean Sabo

City of Seal Beach

Sean Sabo is a Management Analyst with the City of Seal Beach and has over a decade of municipal experience. With a background in public works, he has served multiple Southern California cities. Sean holds a B.A. in Business and an MPA from Cal State Long Beach.



Philip Mainolfi

HF&H Consultants

Philip Mainolfi brings 18 years of experience in finance, solid waste, and compliance. He leads HF&H's ZEV team, advising on franchise agreements, electrification strategy, and integration of ZEV costs into rate structures. He currently supports ZEV implementation in major California cities including LA, SF, and San Diego.

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Title: Manage Smarter, Not Harder

This combo session includes Asset Management for Effective Use of Limited Funding and Smarter Infrastructure Management for Public Works. Learn how public agencies apply asset lifecycle modeling, GIS, and performance dashboards to stretch budgets and meet community expectations. Practical tools and frameworks are provided for building or scaling your asset management program.

Location: Room 209AB

Moderator: Harry Lorick

Speakers:



Keith Pugh, PE

WithersRavenel

Keith Pugh is a former APWA National President and brings 30+ years in municipal engineering. Now Director of Government Innovation at WithersRavenel, he specializes in helping local governments optimize infrastructure planning and delivery.



Dalton Gilbert

OpenGov

Dalton Gilbert is an Enterprise Account Executive for OpenGov specializing in Enterprise Asset Management. He joined OpenGov after its acquisition of Cartegraph in 2023. With a background in Environmental Science and GIS from Stony Brook University, Dalton has worked with agencies across Southern California including the City of Los Angeles and San Bernardino County. His past experience includes roles at Southern California Gas Company and ESRI, where he led GIS and asset management initiatives.