

## MEETING INFORMATION

**Program:**

I-805 Palm Avenue Interchange

**When:**

February 25, 2026  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Where:**

Filippi's Pizza Grotto Kearny Mesa  
5353 Kearny Villa Rd

**Cost:**

Student: \$30  
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## I-805 Palm Avenue Interchange Improvements

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

We're pleased to highlight an upcoming presentation on the Palm Avenue Interchange Improvements Project, a collaborative effort between Caltrans District 11 and the City of San Diego. This long-standing, transformative project is focused on the I-805/Palm Avenue interchange in the Otay Mesa–Nestor area and includes upgrades to the existing Palm Avenue overcrossing bridge and associated on- and off-ramps to improve safety, traffic operations, and multimodal access for all users.

The project has been in development for several years, advancing through planning and environmental clearance and now into the preconstruction phase. Our presenter, Eleanor Gonzalez with Caltrans, has been directly involved since the PA&ED phase and has supported the project through its current stage. Her presentation will provide insight into the project's evolution, key challenges, and lessons learned while delivering a complex interchange improvement within a constrained urban corridor.

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY



### Eleanor Gonzalez Caltrans District 11, Project Engineer

Eleanor Gonzalez graduated with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Northwestern University. She tried her hand interning at an AV design company, and then as a sales rep for a construction product company on the east coast, before moving out to San Diego and finally getting a job as a civil engineer. Deciding she needed some more schooling, Eleanor returned to academia attending the University of California, Berkeley and graduating with a master's degree for the SEMM (Seismic Engineering Mechanics and Materials) program in 2000.

She returned to San Diego and worked as a bridge designer at TYLin for seven years before transitioning over to state employment, officially joining Caltrans in the summer of 2007 where she worked as Project Engineer on the I-15 Barrier Transfer Machine (BTM) Maintenance Facility Project. After completing this project, she rotated through Utilities, Surveys and Construction before landing in Traffic Operations - Permits Branch, where she spent 7 years as a permit writer. In 2014, she transferred to the Central Corridors Design Branch where she has worked as a designer, project engineer and oversight engineer on various projects on the I-805 corridor, and SR-52. Her most recent projects include the SR-52 Dips Project and the Palm Avenue Interchange Improvements Project, where she's been instrumental on the preliminary design, final design, and construction phase as an oversight project engineer.

When not at work, Eleanor enjoys spending time with her husband, Anthony and their two children, Danika and Zach. She also enjoys travelling, R/V camping, attending concerts/sports games, and spending time with family/friends.

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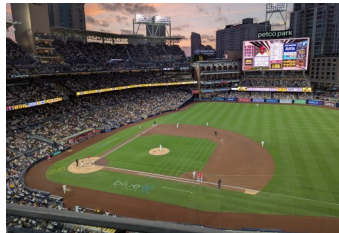
It's hard to believe that we are already halfway beginning 2026, but we have enjoyed some wonderful events last year. We are continuing our speaker series this month with an exciting presentation from Eleanor Gonzalez, Caltrans District 11 Project Engineer. Please join us on Wednesday, February 25th at Filippi's Pizza Grotto Kearny Mesa, 5353 Kearny Villa Rd.

In June, we were lucky to have Daniela Gomez, Caltrans District 11 Structure Representative, who presented on the State Route 125/905/11 Interchange Project at Otay Mesa.

In April, we were thrilled to welcome Ann Fox, Caltrans District 11 Director, to our first in-person meeting since 2020. Ann presented Caltrans Highlights, Projects, and Programs in 2025. Thank you to everyone who was part of our amazing turnout.



In May, we held our annual Joint Summer Social with the APWA Transportation Committee, Transportation Night at Petco Park. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. It was great to see everyone, and we hope you had a terrific time networking with colleagues while enjoying the Padres win over the Angels!



We are also pleased to announce that we will be able to provide 2 scholarships in 2026 and will keep everyone posted when winners are selected.

As always, I also want to extend a big "THANK YOU" to our newsletter sponsors showcased on the last page. Your generous contributions make the Transportation Group's work possible. These sponsorships directly fund our scholarship program and help subsidize our summer social event. If would like to help support our cause, please contact our Treasurer, Marie Santos, directly. For a \$300 sponsorship, your company information will printed for 1/2 page on our newsletters and featured at our Lunch Programs. We hope you'll consider supporting us this year!



Sincerely,  
Brad Wilton, PE  
ASCE Transportation Group Chair

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