

MEETING INFORMATION

Program:

La Media Road Improvements

When:

*August 26, 2026
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM*

Where:

*Filippi's Pizza Grotto Kearny Mesa
5353 Kearny Villa Rd*

Cost:

*Student: \$30
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of San Diego engaged Rick Engineering Company (RICK) as prime engineering consultant to widen La Media Road, a critical designated truck corridor serving the Otay Mesa Port of Entry, from SR-905 to Siempre Viva Road. The project delivered a six-lane primary arterial from SR-905 to Airway Road and a five-lane major roadway from Airway Road to Siempre Viva Road, improving safety, mobility, and drainage along this vital cross-border corridor while eliminating a long-standing flooding condition.

RICK led a multidisciplinary subconsultant team including Martin & Libby (Structural), Geocon Inc. (Geotechnical), and RF Yeager (Corrosion) through design and construction support phases. TC Construction, Inc. was selected by the City to construct the project.

RICK's close collaboration with City staff produced a cost-effective design completed at \$1.7M, well below the City's original \$37M construction estimate. The project reached substantial completion on schedule in August 2025, delivering a transformed corridor that strengthens regional infrastructure and improves cross-border commerce.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Brendan Hastie, PE | Principal, Water Resources

Brendan Hastie is a Principal in RICK's Water Resources Division who brings 26 years of civil engineering experience. He is a recognized leader in hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, drainage design, floodplain management, stormwater quality, hydromodification, and low impact development. Brendan is an active contributor to the engineering profession, regularly presenting at conferences and technical workshops for organizations including APWA, CASQA, FMA, and BIA. He has served on numerous technical advisory committees and regional working groups addressing stormwater, water quality, and sustainable infrastructure. Brendan earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Penn State University.

Kevin Gibson, PE | Regional Operations Officer

Kevin Gibson is a Regional Operations Officer for RICK and has been with the firm since 1989. During his 37 years of experience in civil engineering, he has worked on a number of diverse public works and transportation projects for many different agencies throughout Southern California. Kevin is actively involved in ASCE, APWA, and AGC, including being a past President of the APWA San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapter, currently the Chapter's Delegate to the Council of Chapters, and recently was awarded APWA's National Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence Award in 2024. He holds a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA from San Diego State.

Raun Connely, PE | Associate

Raun Connely is an Associate at RICK Engineering Company with 36 years of civil engineering experience and extensive expertise in the planning, design, and delivery of roadway and public infrastructure improvements. Raun served as Project Engineer for RICK's award-winning La Media Road Improvements, bringing firsthand knowledge of the engineering, multidisciplinary coordination, and design challenges that shaped the project. Throughout his career, he has contributed to numerous roadway and transportation projects throughout the San Diego region. Raun is a California-registered Professional Engineer and earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from San Diego State University.



Hello Transportation Community!

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through 2026. We are continuing our speaker series in August with an exciting presentation from Rick Engineering on La Media Road Improvements project. Please join us on Wednesday, August 26th, at Filippi's Pizza Grotto Kearny Mesa, 5353 Kearny Villa Rd.

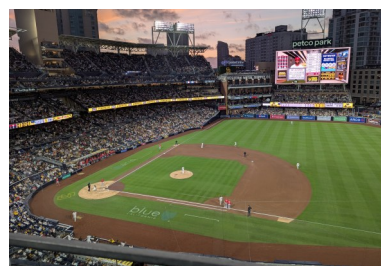
In June, we were fortunate to have Victor Mercado and Stephanie Catubig from Caltrans District 11 present on an Overview of Caltrans' North County Corridors Division.

Our annual Joint Summer Social with the APWA Transportation Committee — Transportation Night at Petco Park on July 28 was a great event, thank you everyone who came out and watched the Padres beat the Rockies!

Congratulations to our 2026 scholarship recipients, Reese Catron (SDSU) and Ethan Ho (UCSD)!

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 you would like to help support our group, please contact our Treasurer, Marie Santos, directly. We hope you'll consider supporting us this year!

Sincerely,
Brad Wilton, PE
ASCE Transportation Group Chair



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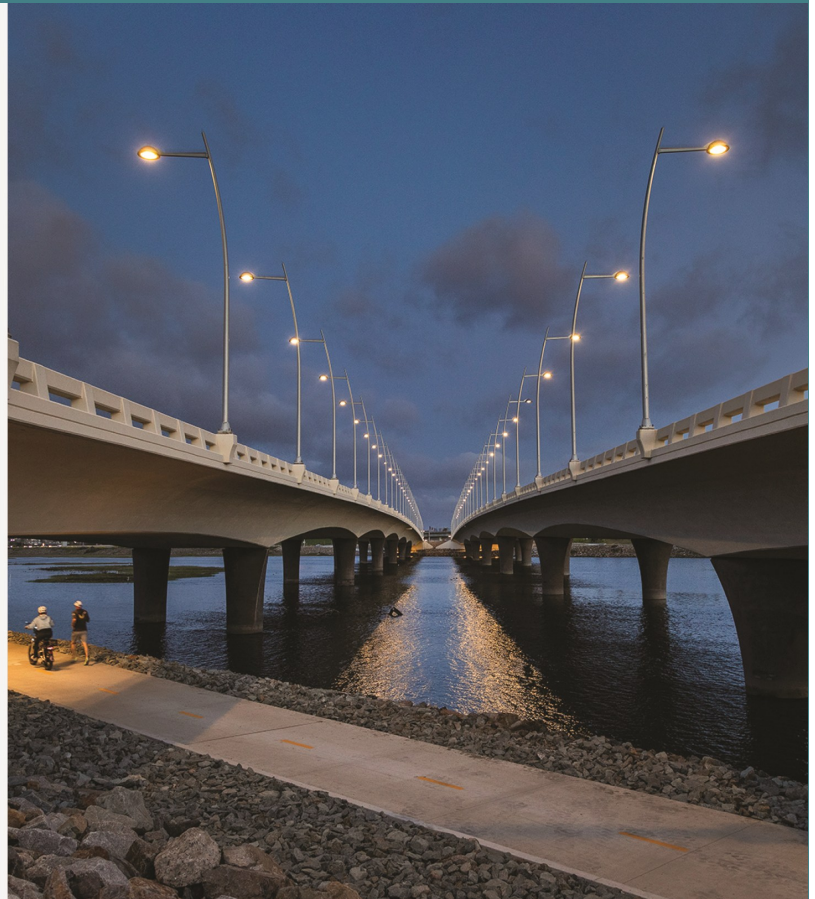
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