

AdvanTEC TALK



ADVANTEC is Giving Back to the Communities we Serve: A Time for Giving to Those in Need

The year 2020 found many people in great need. ADVANTEC stepped up to help two public agencies in need of masks during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in Southern California.

In December, ADVANTEC donated 2,400 KN95 masks to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to help protect essential transit employees and passengers from COVID-19. The donation was initiated by ADVANTEC's leadership team who understand the need for prioritizing health and safety of transit employees and the public. For many passengers, the OC Bus is the only transportation available to them to access medical care, food for their families or travel to their jobs. Public transit is an essential service and the OC Bus continues operating current schedules, day and night, during the state's stay-at-home order. Face coverings are required for all passengers and drivers, and OCTA provides face coverings to passengers onboard who need them.

Following the OCTA mask donation, ADVANTEC donated 3,500 KN95 masks to the City of San Diego to help protect essential convention center staff and public safety officers from COVID-19. The donation was initiated by ADVANTEC's leadership team who learned about the need several weeks ago when San Diego's Mayor-elect and regional partners visited the convention center to discuss the role of Operation Shelter to Home in protecting the health of San Diegans experiencing homelessness and transitioning individuals to longer term housing.

The masks were delivered to the San Diego Convention Center following consultation with the city and recognition of the high demand for masks. City of San Diego Donations Management Unit Leader for the Emergency Operations Center shared in a letter to ADVANTEC:

"There are so many needs during this COVID-19 pandemic, and we appreciate you reaching out to us to help. The donation made by ADVANTEC will help to protect convention center and public safety staff who are working to support Operation Shelter to Home and help San Diego's homeless and transitioning individuals."

Our CEO, Leo Lee, was quoted in a press release published across Southern California: "ADVANTEC's corporate responsibility centers around our guiding principle 'Because we Care,'" stated Leo Lee, CEO of ADVANTEC and a Professional Civil Engineer in the State of California. "We strive to help the public agencies we serve, not only in our daily work to improve traffic and safety on our roadways, but also in meeting the needs of the community."

ADVANTEC has become an integral part of the communities that we work in as we continue to follow our guiding principle "Because we Care".

Calendar of Transportation Events:

- *April 7, 2021, Noon-1:00 PT: ITE Joint Sections Diversity and Inclusion Webinar Series Session 5: Voices of Students
- *April 8, 2021, Joint Virtual CTC, CARB and HCD Meeting
- *April 20-22, 2021, APWA Southern California Chapter Complete Streets and Technology Virtual Conference.
- *April 20, 2021, 1:30 p.m. "Transforming the Coachella Valley into a Smart Region". Speakers: Carlos Ortiz, PE, TE, PTOE, COO of ADVANTEC and Eric Cowle, Transportation Program Manager, CVAG to be presented at the APWA Southern California Chapter Complete Streets and Technology Virtual Conference. Moderated by Alvin Papa and Victor Chavez
- *April 28, 2021, WTS Inland Empire: Brightline West's High Speed Rail-Victorville to Vegas
- *May 12-23, 2021, California Transportation Commission Virtual Meeting
- *May 26, 2021, WTS Inland Empire: San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's Capital -Projects Update
- *July 18-21, ITE Joint International and Mountain and Western Districts Annual Meeting and Exhibition, Portland, Oregon, "Navigating a New Future"

In our upcoming issue--

ADVANTEC is committed to keeping our teams, clients, partners and general audience informed and up-to-date on key projects and happenings within our transportation world. Stay tuned for our next newsletter this summer.

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