

Orange County Engineering Council

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LEADERS NIGHT 2007

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Thursday, August 30, 2007
Old Ranch Country Club
3901 Lampson Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740
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Art Leahy

**Chief Executive Officer
Orange County
Transportation Authority**

**Keynote Address:
Improving Transportation
in Orange County –
Renewed Measure M**

Art Leahy is Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), a countywide transportation agency with 1,945 employees and an annual budget of \$845 million. Under the direction of a 17-voting member Board of Directors, he is responsible for planning, financing, and coordinating Orange County's freeway, street, and rail development; bus service; commuter rail service; paratransit van service for the disabled; and a host of other transportation related programs. He has served in the position since January 2001.

During Leahy's tenure with the OCTA, the agency has undertaken some of the biggest projects in its history, such as the widening of the Garden Grove Freeway (SR-22) and the purchase and improvements to the 91 Express Toll Lanes. During this time, ridership on the bus system and commuter rail systems have increased. Mr. Leahy's experience within the transportation industry is extensive. Prior to joining OCTA, he most recently served as the General Manager of Metro Transit in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota where he was credited with revitalizing their entire transit system. From 1971 to 1996 he served at the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). Starting as a bus operator, he worked his way up to Executive Officer of Operations, where he directed the efforts to start rail service with the opening of the Metro Blue, Red and Green lines and the operation of the MTA's bus system.

Throughout his transportation career, Art Leahy has been active with the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), currently serving as the Chair of the Bus Standards Policy and Planning Committee and also serving on numerous committees striving to reshape the transportation industry to meet future mobility demands.

In 2005, the OCTA was recognized at the "Outstanding Transportation System" of the year by the American Public Transportation Association. In 2004, the agency received "Urban Community Transportation System of the Year" from the Community Transit Association of America. In 1998, Mr. Leahy was named the "Transit Professional of the Year" by the Minnesota Public Transit Association.

Leahy has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the California State University, Los Angeles and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He has two sons, Arthur and Tim, and presently resides in the City of Santa Ana with his wife, Leilia.

RSVP by 8/15/07 by sending an email to Phil Ridout, OCEC Treasurer, at pridout@socal.rr.com with your name title, affiliation, phone, email and menu choice (Chicken, Steak, Vegetarian). If you choose to bring a guest, please include the guest's name and meal choice in your email; and mail a completed registration form and a check (\$30/guest) to Phil Ridout, 6962 Los Amigos Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 prior to August 15. Only invitees and their paid guests will be admitted to Leaders Night.

Program Agenda

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| 6:00 pm | Networking |
| 6:30 pm | Dinner |
| 7:15 pm | Presentations |
| 9:00 pm | Adjournment |



Name:
Affiliation:
Phone:
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Menu: Chicken Steak Vegetarian
Guest Cost: \$30 Number of Guests: