

Welcome to the Acumen E-Newsletter, a recap of recent project highlights and staff updates from the Acumen Team.

*Happy Holidays & Warmest Wishes for a Successful 2025!*

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Project Engineer **Daniel Ortiz**. He has been providing excellent support to Oakland Unified School District under its Measure Y and Measure J Program Management Project since joining Acumen in October 2022. Daniel serves a key support role for the OUSD's project managers and is considered an invaluable "right hand" on a multitude of project management tasks such as scoring and reading RFP/Q responses, handling project documentation, processing invoices and preparing contractor agreements and change orders that require Board of Education approvals. He also works directly with contractors to develop and install location maps for all OUSD schools. We appreciate all your hard work, Daniel!



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



### **California High-Speed Rail Authority: Design Services for Track and Overhead Contact Systems**

The project includes the design preparation and design support during construction of the Early Operating Segment, which is 171 miles of the California High-Speed Rail track system from Merced to Bakersfield. Using Primavera 6, Acumen is developing a detailed design schedule, updates it monthly and submits it to the Authority for review and approval.



### **Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: Transit Operations Engineering Support**

Acumen is part of the team supporting Metro's Operations Engineering Department staff with professional engineering, technical expertise, project managers, field inspections and office support services. Acumen staff are providing analysis and evaluation of current Facility Maintenance Engineering staffing needs and approaches to a variety of key maintenance service categories as well as an in-depth cost analysis tool and reporting.



## City of Oakland: On-Call Construction Management Services 2024 – 2029

Acumen is supporting OakDOT in the care and maintenance of Oakland's streets to optimize pavement condition and address traffic safety. Our experts provide construction oversight, inspection and coordination services for street paving and pavement resurfacing where special inspection and testing of materials were performed at each site. We also ensure compliance with codes and standards for materials testing, completed daily inspection reports, discussed technical specifications, drawings, constructability and maintained

comment resolution and records.

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## RECENT EVENTS

- September 15 – 17: International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) - Global Tolling Summit (Seville, Spain)
- September 24 – 27: InnoTrans Conference (Berlin, Germany)
- September 29 – October 1: Society for Human Resource Management NorCal 2024 Annual Conference (Michelle Stevens in San Francisco, CA)
- October 21: Evening Reception: Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass (Denver, CO)
- October 22 – 23: 2nd Annual USDOT FRA Transportation Technology Center Conference and Tour (Pueblo, CO)
- October 26 – 29: IBTTA - 92nd Annual Meeting and Exhibition (Samuel Johnson in Cleveland, OH)
- November 12: Lunch Meeting: Acumen Alameda CTC Team (Bocanova in Oakland, CA)
- November 17 – 18: Global Diversity Export Initiative Trade Mission to the Caribbean region (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)
- November 20 – 22: Federal Small Business Conference (New Orleans, LA)
- December 6: Conference of Minority Transportation Officials 21st Annual Scholarship & Industry Awards Gala | Celebration of Transportation (Alyssa Walker, Michelle Stevens, and Jennifer Vongsarath in Oakland, CA)
- December 19: Acumen's Holiday Party

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## NEW FACES AT ACUMEN



**Dylan Teehankee** joined Acumen in May 2024. A talented junior programmer and systems analyst, Dylan has been supporting Acumen's technical development team with enhancements to Acumen's security system and performing full-stack development on a new and improved customer relationship management system. He also is providing technical review services to the Acumen team working on Metro's Operations Engineering Facility Maintenance reviews and reporting. We appreciate you, Dylan. Keep up the good work!

## LOCAL UPCOMING TRANSIT EVENTS

- [Oceanic Global & Save the Bay Community Cleanup: Oakland](#) January 18, 2025 in Oakland, CA
- [Great Train Expo Marina 2025](#) January 18-19, 2025 in Richmond, CA
- [Annual Conference on Autonomous Vehicles and Public Transport](#) January 28-29, 2025 in San Francisco
- [Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition's 2025 Membership Party](#) February 6, 2025 in Palo Alto
- [DeveloperWeek](#) February 11, 2025 in Santa Clara

## ACUMEN OFFICE HOURS



*"A good holiday is one spent among people whose notions of time are vaguer than yours."*

— John B. Priestly

In observance of Christmas, Acumen wishes you a joyous and abundant holiday. Please note the Acumen Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 and Wednesday, December 25, 2024. We will reopen on Thursday, December 26, 2024. In observance of New Year's Day, the Acumen Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

## STAY IN TOUCH!

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