

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

## *Summer Is a State of Mind*

*We wish you a summer chock full of rewarding work and timely relaxation. We are grateful for the unique perspectives and expertise you all bring to Acumen. And please know that we couldn't do it without you!*

### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Project Engineer **Juan Pablo Tretton, E.I.T.** Juan Pablo joined Acumen in September 2021 and brought solid experience planning and managing project design, development and implementation, including technical research and analysis, scheduling and contractor performance. He also has coordinated construction projects with various regional, state and federal jurisdictions, stakeholders and the public. At Acumen, Juan Pablo serves a key role as a resident engineer supporting the City of Oakland's crucial pavement rehabilitation, safety enhancements and preventive maintenance treatments on 350-plus miles of City streets, including timely, efficient concrete improvements for sidewalks, driveways and curb ramps. We value your contributions, Juan Pablo, thank you for the hard work and commitment!



### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



#### **Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC): Tolls Operations Support & Advisory Services** **(Prime: Acumen)**

OTIC is carrying out a multi-year modernization program to enhance operations, increase efficiency and improve customer service. Recently, the agency completed implementation of a new roadside toll-collection system and commercial back-office system. Acumen is providing professional toll system support services and advisory expertise to update and enhance OTIC's existing Toll Operations Manual to reflect current operations, best practices and align with the agency's vision for the future.



## **Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA): BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project**

VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension (BSVII) Project is a six-mile, four-station extension of the regional BART system from Berryessa/North through downtown San Jose to the City of Santa Clara, serving 55,000 weekday riders. The BSVII Project includes three underground station platforms, one ground-level station, and a new maintenance and storage facility. Acumen will provide construction inspection services.



## **Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC): Local Public Fleet Electrification Planning Technical Assistance**

This MTC Public Fleet Electrification Planning Assistance Program provides local public agencies with consultant assistance for public fleet electrification planning, such as assessing fleets, fleet replacement options, fueling and charging needs, infrastructure siting, costs and impacts, and transition actions. Acumen technical support includes a Data Collection, Operations and Management (O&M) Plan and grant support.

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## **GRANTS & AWARDS**

East Bay Community Foundation Oakland Small Business Resiliency Fund Grant, May 2025

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## **SPONSORSHIPS & EVENTS**

- June 17: Society for Human Resource Management NorCal: The MultiGen Advantage - Building Stronger Teams for the Future (San Jose, CA)
- June 3-4: 2025 California Hydrogen Leadership Summit (Sacramento, CA)
- May 29: Empower and Inspire: Celebrate Asian Women Pioneers in Transportation with AAAE and COMTO NorCal (Oakland, CA); **VIP Sponsorship**
- May 28: CMAA NorCal Event: Meet the Primes, In-Person Networking Event (Oakland, CA); **DBE Sponsorship**
- May 13-15: USHSR 2025 Conference (Washington, DC)
- May 1: LASC 8th Annual Award Dinner: LAWA, LA Metro, LADWP - 2025 Trailblazer Public Agency of The Year Award (Los Angeles, CA)
- April 28-May 1: Advanced Clean Transportation Expo (Anaheim, CA)
- April 22: California Africa Climate and Economic Forum (San Francisco, CA)
- April 22-24: 2025 Southeast Regional Federal Construction, Infrastructure & Environment Summit (Wilmington, NC)
- April 16: 2025 Resource Fair 2.0 (San Mateo, CA)
- April 3: AAAE Lunch Event with MTC (San Francisco, CA); **VIP Sponsorship**

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## NEW FACES AT ACUMEN



Meet **Clair Song, P.E.**, vice president of business development. Clair is a professional engineer with a strong background in structural engineering and 20 years of extensive experience designing bridges, tunnels, highways and buildings. She joins Acumen to leverage her extensive industry knowledge in support of Acumen's growth with strategic public and private transportation opportunities as well as contribute her skills as a program manager and engineer on major construction management projects.

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## ACUMEN INTERN



**Christian Tovar-Villarreal** is serving as Acumen's summer intern this June and July. A native of East Oakland with a strong passion for coding, Christian will support our operations staff to develop in-office workplans. He also will provide as-needed technical support to Acumen's IT and product-development departments. An electrical engineering major at Sonoma State University, he recently completed his sophomore year. He will be continuing his education at Laney College in the fall. Welcome, Christian, we look forward to you working and learning with us this summer!

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## ACUMEN OFFICE HOURS



*"You can't separate peace from freedom, because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom."*

— *Malcolm X*

In observance of Juneteenth, the Acumen Office will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025 and will reopen on Friday, June 20, 2025 8 am PST.



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