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Moving Goods Through Southern California: Challenges and Opportunities

A Conversation with Noel Hacegaba and Michael Cano

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Michael Cano serves as the first **Deputy Executive Officer for Goods Movement Planning and State Policy and Programming** for **Los Angeles County Metro's Countywide Planning Department**. In this capacity he developed and authored Metro's LA County Goods Movement Strategic Plan which is centered on equity and supports the region's economic vitality and environmental sustainability goals. He leads Metro's planning efforts in the development of comprehensive multimodal highway corridor planning, grant applications and guidelines development for state and federal discretionary funding programs, project development and multimodal integration, and local-state-federal policy analysis for all things goods movement-related at Metro.



Dr. Noel Hacegaba is the **Chief Operating Officer** of the **Port of Long Beach**, responsible for managing the Port's day-to-day operations, including Commercial Operations, Finance and Administration, Engineering Services, Planning and Environmental Affairs, Human Resources, Communications and Government Relations. In recent years, Dr. Hacegaba led the Port's response to the pandemic-induced supply chain crisis, directing the Port's Business Recovery Taskforce and coordinating with industry, labor and government partners to identify near-term solutions. Under his leadership, the Port of Long Beach opened the nation's first "pop-up yard" to provide immediate congestion relief and facilitated the first 24-hour terminal operation.

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