

2024 CALIFORNIA PASSENGER RAIL SUMMIT

October 10-11, 2024

UC San Diego Park + Market | 1100 Market St, San Diego, CA 92101

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Wednesday, October 9

6:00 – 8:00 pm	Networking Get-Together Arriving early on Wednesday? Join us for a casual get-together.
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Thursday, October 10

8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration Table Open
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast Brought to you by CPRS sponsor Herzog
8:45 am – 9:15 am	Welcome to San Diego
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Coastal Climate Resiliency Challenges The Coastal Climate Resiliency Challenges panel will feature speakers from coastal regions in Southern, Central, and Northern California. Each region will showcase its current climate resiliency and adaptation construction projects as well as planning efforts to address forecasted risks to coastal rail infrastructure. Topics will address the challenges of immediate threats to rail infrastructure due to coastal climate hazards, short- and long-term solutions to these issues, funding strategies, and more.
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 11:30 am	State Update State agencies will provide a general update that covers funding, service planning, technology and equipment, and payment systems. The State Rail Plan establishes a long-term vision for an integrated, cohesive statewide rail system that offers efficient passenger and freight service, supports California's economy, and helps achieve critical climate goals. Caltrans Division of Rail will share how its organization is delivering the rail plan.

Updated: September 3, 2024

11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<p>State-Supported IPR CEO Roundtable</p> <p>Hear from the CEOs of California’s three state-supported intercity passenger rail services talk about ridership recovery, their biggest challenges, and most recent innovations.</p>
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<p>Lunch + Networking</p>
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	<p>Freight Partnerships on Shared Corridors</p> <p>As population and traffic congestion continue to grow throughout California, the demand for passenger rail service also grows—and because our railroad networks are already built out, shared use is essential. As plans for shared-use railroad corridors increase, more conversation is needed to improve, encourage, and sustain the cooperation between freight and passenger rail.</p>
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<p>Corridor ID, Part 1: Existing Services</p> <p>The <i>Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act</i> (IIJA) authorized the Secretary of Transportation to establish the Corridor Identification and Development (Corridor ID) Program to facilitate the development of intercity passenger rail corridors. The Corridor ID Program is a comprehensive intercity passenger rail planning and development program that will help guide intercity passenger rail development throughout the country and create a pipeline of intercity passenger rail projects ready for implementation.</p>
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	<p>Break</p>
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	<p>Corridor ID, Part 2: Emerging Corridors</p> <p>Learn about the struggles of our veteran “emerging corridors” and how they are leveraging the Corridor ID program to extend or implement new services to their existing corridors.</p>
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<p>Offsite Reception</p> <p>Join us for refreshments and conversation at the top of Hotel Indigo San Diego-Gaslamp Quarter. We have the entire Borrego Rooftop reserved, which provides a fantastic view of downtown San Diego and Petco Park.</p>

Friday, October 11

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Registration Table Open</p>
8:00 am – 8:45 am	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Brought to you by CPRS sponsor Four Nines Technologies</p>

8:45 am – 9:45 am	<p>Blended Service + High-Speed Rail</p> <p>With perseverance, the passenger rail backbone of California is emerging as the California High-Speed Rail project is becoming a reality. We are now at the point where integration of feeder passenger rail or blended service is a must-have conversation moving forward. This forum will be an opportunity to learn what challenges are being faced and what opportunities are being realized for California’s integrated passenger rail future.</p>
9:45 am – 10:45 am	<p>Implementing Mega Rail Projects</p> <p>A mega-rail project represents the pinnacle of project complexity. With more mega-rail projects than ever before in California, these projects are increasingly becoming ‘must-do’ milestones to transform rail in the state. Learn how present-day practitioners tackle these complexities, secure funding, and support the partnerships required to make progress on our shared vision for integrated passenger rail.</p>
10:45 am – 11:00 am	<p>Break</p>
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Technology + Rolling Stock</p> <p>The State Rail Plan provides a vision for an integrated statewide rail network—and technology and rolling stock are crucial for delivering that vision. Learn more about innovations in technology and how the State is coordinating with its partners on fleet planning and procurement efforts.</p>
12:00 am – 1:00 pm	<p>Hosting the World and Serving California by Rail</p> <p>California will soon host the world for key upcoming sporting events, including the LA28 Olympics, FIFA World Cup in 2026, and Super Bowl LXI in 2027. Preparing for these enormous events while working to equitably modernize transport payments and trip planning for all users of California passenger rail is a huge opportunity. However, balancing transport integration principles with traditional rail revenue yield management will be a considerable challenge. Hear how rail and transport professionals are working together to present a car-free mobility landscape attractive to residents and guests alike.</p>
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<p>Boxed Lunch</p>
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<p>Mobile Tour #1: Del Mar Bluffs</p> <p>Join us for a scenic tour of Del Mar Bluffs and the trestle bridge through San Dieguito Lagoon. We will ride the COASTER train to Solana Beach, walk along the beach for up-close views of the bluffs, and explore the strategies used to protect these coastal landmarks. <i>Sign up at the conference.</i></p>
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>Mobile Tour #2: Trolley to 12th + Imperial / Chicano Park</p>

	<p>Visit San Diego Metropolitan Transit System’s (MTS) 12th & Imperial station, tour the MTS Operations Center, and explore the trolley maintenance facility to gain insights into San Diego's transit operations. Then, take the trolley to Chicano Park to experience its vibrant murals and learn about the activism that shaped this community. Participants needing to leave early will have the option to forgo the second part of the tour. <i>Sign up at the conference.</i></p>
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>Mobile Tour #3: Binational Connections</p> <p>Explore one of the U.S.'s busiest land border crossings on our Binational Connections tour. Visit the U.S.-Mexican border at San Ysidro to observe current operations and learn about planned enhancements to increase trolley capacity and integrate heavy rail for future cross-border transit. <i>Sign up at the conference.</i></p>

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