

# 2024 CALIFORNIA PASSENGER RAIL SUMMIT

October 10-11, 2024

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

## DRAFT AGENDA

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### Wednesday, October 9

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

8:00 am – 4:00 pm	<b>Registration Table Open</b>
8:00 am – 8:45 am	<b>Breakfast</b> Brought to you by CPRS sponsor Herzog
8:45 am – 9:15 am	<b>Welcome to San Diego</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mario Orso, CEO, San Diego Association of Governments</li><li>• Shawn Donaghy, CEO, North County Transit District</li><li>• Edward J Graham, Director of Rail Operations, San Diego Metropolitan Transit System</li></ul>
9:15 am – 10:15 am	<b>Coastal Climate Resiliency Challenges</b> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderator: Rob Klovsy, Senior Vice President - Southern California Transit Market, HDR, Inc.</li><li>• Danny Veeh, Rail Program Manager, San Diego Association of Governments</li><li>• Jason Lee, Project Manager, Orange County Transportation Authority</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Berryman, P.E., Capital Program Manager, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency</li> <li>• Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, Transportation Agency for Monterey County</li> <li>• Shirley Qian, Principal Planner, Capitol Corridor JPA</li> </ul>
10:15 am – 10:30 am	<b>Break</b>
10:30 am – 11:30 am	<p><b>State Update</b></p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kyle Gradinger, Chief, Caltrans Division of Rail</li> <li>• CalSTA</li> </ul>
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<p><b>State-Supported IPR CEO Roundtable</b></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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Kyle Gradinger, Chief, Caltrans Division of Rail</li> <li>• Jason Jewell, Managing Director, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency</li> <li>• Stacey Mortensen, Executive Director, San Joaquin JPA</li> <li>• Rob Padgette, Managing Director, Capitol Corridor JPA</li> </ul>
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch + Networking</b>
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	<p><b>Freight Partnerships on Shared Corridors Discussion</b></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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: David Solow, Global Technology Leader-Railway and Transit Operations, Jacobs</li> <li>• Megan Neeck, Freight Railroad Outreach Specialist, Federal Railroad Administration</li> <li>• Jim Tylick, AVP Passenger Operations, BNSF Railway</li> <li>• Adrian Guerrero, Assistant Vice President, Public Affairs - West, Union Pacific Railroad</li> <li>• Stacey Mortensen, Executive Director, San Joaquin JPA</li> <li>• Tracey Martinez, North County Transit District</li> </ul>

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<p><b>Corridor ID, Part 1: Existing Services</b></p> <p>The <i>Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)</i> 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Michael Cornfield, Principal at DB E.C.O. North America Inc.</li> <li>• Jim Allison, Manager of Planning, Capitol Corridor JPA</li> <li>• James Campbell, Operations Officer, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency</li> <li>• Barbara Moreno, Transportation Industry Specialist, Federal Railroad Administration</li> <li>• Shannon Simonds, Office Chief of Rail Planning &amp; Implementation, Caltrans Division of Rail</li> </ul>
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	<p><b>Break</b></p>
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	<p><b>Corridor ID, Part 2: Emerging Corridors</b></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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Shannon Simonds, Office Chief of Rail Planning &amp; Implementation, Caltrans Division of Rail</li> <li>• Christina Watson, Director of Planning, Transportation Agency for Monterey County</li> <li>• Peter Rodgers, Executive Director, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments</li> <li>• Sheldon Peterson, Rail Manager, Riverside County Transportation Commission</li> </ul>
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<p><b>Offsite Reception</b></p> <p><i>Borrego Rooftop @ Hotel Indigo, 509 Ninth Ave, San Diego 92101</i></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	<b>Registration Table Open</b>
8:00 am – 8:45 am	<b>Breakfast</b> Brought to you by CPRS sponsor Four Nines Technologies
8:45 am – 9:45 am	<b>Blended Service + High-Speed Rail</b> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Jill Gibson, Transit Practice Leader, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.</li> </ul>
9:45 am – 10:45 am	<b>Implementing Mega Rail Projects</b> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Peter Gertler, Senior Vice President, HNTB</li> </ul>
10:45 am – 11:00 am	<b>Break</b>
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Technology + Rolling Stock</b> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Olivia Arant, Office Chief of Assets &amp; Equipment, Caltrans Division of Rail</li> <li>• Brian Schmidt, Director of Equipment Services, San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission</li> <li>• Michelle Stewart, Senior Manager of Special Projects, Metrolink</li> </ul>
12:00 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Hosting the World and Serving California by Rail Discussion</b> 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

	<p>transport professionals are working together to present a car-free mobility landscape attractive to residents and guests alike.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Erika Ehmsen, Customer Experience Officer, Xentrans</li> <li>• Amy Martin, Public Transit Technology + Fares Consultant, Four Nines Technologies</li> <li>• Hunter Owens, Research Data Manager, Caltrans</li> </ul>
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Boxed Lunch</b>
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<p><b>Mobile Tour #1: Del Mar Bluffs</b></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><b>Mobile Tour #2: Trolley to 12<sup>th</sup> + Imperial / Chicano Park</b></p> <p>Visit San Diego Metropolitan Transit System’s (MTS) 12th &amp; 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 <a href="#">Chicano Park</a> 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><b>Mobile Tour #3: Binational Connections</b></p> <p>Explore one of USA'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>