

2024 CALIFORNIA PASSENGER RAIL SUMMIT

October 10-11, 2024

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

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, October 9

6:00 pm – 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 our sponsor Herzog
8:45 am – 9:15 am	Welcome to San Diego <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MC: Peter Casellini, Senior Rail Planner, San Diego Association of Governments• Mario Orso, CEO, San Diego Association of Governments• Shawn Donaghy, CEO, North County Transit District• Edward J Graham, Director of Rail Operations, San Diego Metropolitan Transit System• Avi Shah, Past President, Railway Association of Southern California
9:15 am – 10:30 am	Coastal Climate Resiliency Challenges <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">• Moderator: Rob Kloovsky, Senior Vice President - Southern California Transit Market, HDR, Inc.• Danny Veeh, Rail Program Manager, San Diego Association of Governments• Jason Lee, Project Manager, Orange County Transportation Authority• David Berryman, P.E., Capital Program Manager, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, Transportation Agency for Monterey County • Shirley Qian, Principal Planner, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 11:45 am	<p>State Update</p> <p>State transportation 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"> • Moderator: Peter Casellini, Senior Rail Planner, San Diego Association of Governments • Kyle Gradinger, Chief, Caltrans Division of Rail • Anthony Serna, Policy Advisor for Rail + Transit, California State Transportation Agency
11:45 am – 12:45 pm	<p>State-Supported Intercity Passenger Rail 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Kyle Gradinger, Chief, Caltrans Division of Rail • Jason Jewell, Managing Director, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency • Stacey Mortensen, Executive Director, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority • Rob Padgette, Managing Director, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm	Lunch + Networking
1:45 pm – 2:45 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. 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"> • Moderator: David Solow, Global Technology Leader-Railway and Transit Operations, Jacobs • Tracey Foster, Chief Development Officer, North County Transit District • Adrian Guerrero, Assistant Vice President, Public Affairs - West, Union Pacific Railroad

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stacey Mortensen, Executive Director, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority ● Megan Neeck, Freight Railroad Outreach Specialist, Federal Railroad Administration ● Jim Tylick, AVP Passenger Operations, BNSF Railway
2:45 pm – 3:45 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. Existing rail providers will discuss the implications of Corridor ID for their services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: Yasmin Ara, Consulting Manager, DB E.C.O. North America Inc. ● Jim Allison, Manager of Planning, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority ● James Campbell, Operations Officer, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency ● Andrew Cook, Manager of Planning and Programming, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority ● Barbara Moreno, Transportation Industry Specialist, Federal Railroad Administration ● Shannon Simonds, Office Chief of Rail Planning & Implementation, Caltrans Division of Rail
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>Corridor ID, Part 2: Emerging Corridors</p> <p>Learn about the experience of our veteran “emerging corridors” and how they are leveraging the Corridor ID program to extend existing rail services to new markets or implement new services on their existing corridors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: Shannon Simonds, Office Chief of Rail Planning & Implementation, Caltrans Division of Rail ● Christina Watson, Director of Planning, Transportation Agency for Monterey County ● Peter Rodgers, Executive Director, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments ● Sheldon Peterson, Rail Manager, Riverside County Transportation Commission
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<p>Offsite Reception</p> <p><i>Borrego Rooftop @ Hotel Indigo, 509 Ninth Ave, San Diego 92101</i> <i>9th floor</i></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.
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Friday, October 11

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration Table Open
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast Brought to you by our sponsor Four Nines Technologies
8:45 am – 9:45 am	Blended Service + High-Speed Rail 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. This forum will review the challenges and opportunities facing California’s integrated passenger rail future. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Jill Gibson, Transit Practice Leader, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. • Michael Cano, Executive Officer - Countywide Planning, Los Angeles Metro • LaDonna DiCamillo, Southern California Regional Director, California High-Speed Rail • Melissa Ruggiero, Planning Manager, Caltrain
9:45 am – 10:45 am	Implementing Mega Rail Projects A mega-rail project represents the pinnacle of project complexity. With more mega-rail projects than ever before in California, learn how present-day practitioners tackle complexities, secure funding, and support the partnerships required to make transformative progress on our shared vision for integrated passenger rail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator/ Speaker: Peter Gertler, Senior Vice President, HNTB • Andy Cook, Manager of Planning and Programming, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority • Justin Fornelli, Chief - Program Delivery, Metrolink • Anna Harvey, Deputy Project Director, Transbay Joint Powers Authority
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Technology + Rolling Stock 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 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"> • Olivia Arant, Office Chief of Assets & Equipment, Caltrans Division of Rail • Leo Sanchez, Deputy Managing Director, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority • Brian Schmidt, Director of Equipment Services, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority • Michelle Stewart, Senior Manager of Special Projects, Metrolink
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 FIFA World Cup in 2026, Super Bowl LXI in 2027, and the LA28 Olympics. Preparing for these enormous events presents a huge opportunity to equitably modernize transport payments and trip planning for all users of California passenger rail. Balancing transport integration principles with traditional rail revenue yield management will be a considerable challenge. Hear how rail and transit professionals are working together to present a car-free mobility landscape attractive to residents and guests alike.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Erika Ehmsen, Customer Experience Officer, Xentrans • Roderick Diaz, Director, Planning and Development, Metrolink • Amy Martin, Public Transit Technology + Fares Consultant, Four Nines Technologies • Hunter Owens, Research Data Manager, Caltrans
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. 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. <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 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 cross-border transit. <i>Sign up at the conference.</i></p>