

2025 SPRING ▶▶▶▶

Legislative Conference

THE KIMPTON SAWYER HOTEL
MAY 8, 2025 / SACRAMENTO, CA

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Continental Breakfast & Networking

10:15 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

CEO of San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and the 33rd Chair of the Association's Executive Committee Sharon Cooney

10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Keynote Address

California State Transportation Agency Secretary Toks Omishakin

10:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Association State Legislative and Budget Update

This session, led by the Association's Advocacy Team, will focus on the Association's sponsored legislation and budget requests as well as the latest developments in the 2025-26 Legislative Session. Topics covered will help set the stage for legislative visits in the State Capitol.

Panelists:

- State Legislative Committee Chair Beverly Greene (Moderator)
- Executive Director Michael Pimentel
- Legislative Advocate Matt Robinson
- Legislative & Regulatory Advocate Brendan Repicky

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunchtime Presentation and Networking

FTA Region IX Administrator Ray Tellis

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Reimagining Transit's Future:

Insights from CalSTA's Transit Transformation Task Force

This session will feature members of the Transit Transformation Task Force to discuss the Task Force's ongoing work to develop policy recommendations aimed at boosting transit ridership, enhancing the rider experience, and addressing transit agencies' short-term and long-term fiscal challenges. Join us to learn how transit agencies, regional entities, state agencies, and advocacy organizations are working together to shape the future of public transportation in California.

Panelists:

- Executive Director Michael Pimentel (Moderator)
- CalSTA Chief Deputy Secretary for Rail and Transit Chad Edison
- Monterey-Salinas Transit General Manager / Chief Executive Officer Carl Sedoryk
- UC Davis Associate Professor and Transit Research Center Co-Director Kari Watkins, PE, PhD
- SPUR Transportation Policy Director Laura Tolkoff



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2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Improving California's Climate Strategy through Cap-and-Trade Reauthorization

This session will bring together California legislative leaders to discuss the future of the state's landmark Cap-and-Trade Program. Panelists will cover the process and timeline for the program's reauthorization, initial legislative priorities for reshaping its structure and investments, and how California transit agencies can remain involved.

Panelists:

- CalMatters Climate Reporter Alejandro Lazo (Moderator)
- Senator Ben Allen (Invited)
- Senator Catherine Blakespear
- Assembly Member Lori Wilson

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Legislative Visits

