

CALIFORNIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION'S  
56<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE & EXPO

# EMBRACING CHANGE

NEW ERA. NEW VISION.

*November 2-4, 2021*

*SAFE Credit Union Convention Center | Sacramento*

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## YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY

### COVID-19 RISK MITIGATION PROTOCOLS

The California Transit Association is committed to providing a safe, productive, and welcoming environment for all Conference participants and Association staff. All participants including, but not limited to, attendees, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and staff, will be required to abide by a series of risk mitigation protocols.

#### Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination

The Association is requiring all participants to be fully vaccinated\* for COVID-19 in order to protect the health and safety of our community. During check-in, all Conference participants must provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination by providing their paper COVID-19 vaccination card or digital photo of their card via a mobile device.

*\*An individual is fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.*

#### Mask Requirement

The Association is requiring all Conference participants to wear masks at all times other than when actively eating or drinking.

#### Additional Protocols

The Association will implement the additional risk mitigation protocols:

- The Association will ensure the Conference is in full compliance with all applicable state and local government public health mandates.
- The Association will ensure the Conference indoor activities and sessions will be held in rooms that allow participants to be seated in theater seating with a minimum of three feet apart. All networking activities will occur in spaces large enough to accommodate social distancing.
- The Association will provide ample outdoor space available for eating and drinking.
- The Association will provide boxed or plated Conference meals to minimize points of contact with food.

## SAFE CREDIT UNION CONVENTION CENTER & SHERATON GRAND SACRAMENTO HOTEL SAFETY

The Annual Fall Conference & Expo is an indoor event taking place at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center and Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel.

The Association is working diligently with respective venue staff to ensure participants are provided with a safe and secure environment at each location. Both venues follow CDC guidelines. All venue staff are required to wear masks regardless of their vaccination status per a Sacramento County Health Order.

### SAFE Credit Union Convention Center

The venue is implementing state-mandated guidelines for occupancy limits, physical distancing, and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures. During its time being closed from late 2019 through all of 2020 for its major upgrades, SAFE Credit Union Convention Center achieved its GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation - an achievement that demonstrates a commitment to ensuring a clean, safe, and healthy environment for everyone using or working in the facility.

Preventive measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 include:

- Hand sanitizer stations are available to all guests at all entrances, lobbies, and at the top and bottom of each elevator and escalator.
- All venue staff will wear face coverings at all times.
- All common areas will be cleaned and sanitized frequently.
- The venue will follow social distancing and capacity guidelines.
- All employees will undergo a wellness screening each morning and sick employees will not report to work.

### Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel

Conference participants can secure lodging at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. The Sheraton has implemented hygiene and cleanliness enhancements to their practices throughout the entire hotel including: increased public space and guest room cleaning and social distancing practices; use of masks for all associates; and the addition of electrostatic spraying to cleaning protocols.

To further protect guests:

- Masks are required indoors for everyone.
- Mobile check-in/check-out is available through the Marriott Bonvoy mobile app.
- Housekeeping services are provided upon guest request 24-hours in advance.

## COVID-19 LIABILITY

By attending the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference & Expo, you voluntarily assume all risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury related to exposure to COVID-19, and release the Association from liability for any injury or harm that may result by attending the Conference. The Association's goal is to ensure a safe meeting environment. As such, you also agree to abide by any prevention or safety measures that the Association, the venue, the County health department, or the state of California may have in place during the Conference. You also agree not to attend the Conference, if you become ill; are aware that you have been directly exposed to the COVID-19 virus within two-weeks prior to the Conference; or exhibit any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus prior to or during the Conference. Conference participants that show any COVID-19 symptoms during the Conference, will notify the Association immediately by emailing [info@caltransit.org](mailto:info@caltransit.org).

## REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY

The Association understands some of the mitigation protocol requirements outlined here, travel restrictions, and other COVID-19 related issues may have caused changes to your travel plans. In response, the Association has updated its refund and cancellation policy:

- Conference registration can be transferred to another participant **at any time** for no additional charge.
- Participants cancelling **10 or fewer days** before the event start date will not receive a refund. Registration fees may be transferred to other individuals at any time.
- Participants cancelling **greater than 10 days** before the event start date will incur a \$30 cancellation fee, deducted from their refund, to cover credit card and other associated fees.
- In the event that the Association must cancel the Conference due to COVID-19, the Association will refund the full cost of registration; however, the Association will not assume responsibility for any additional charges incurred, or expenses, related to conference participation or travel.
- If participants can no longer attend the Conference due to state and/or local travel bans, they will receive a full refund of registration fees.