

2022 SPRING LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
MAY 18, 2022
SAFE CREDIT UNION CONVENTION CENTER
AGENDA

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM BREAKFAST & NETWORKING

10:00 AM - 10:05 AM WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

[Karen King](#), Chief Executive Officer, Golden Empire Transit District; Chair, Executive Committee, California Transit Association
[Beverly Greene](#), Executive Director of External Affairs, Marketing & Communications, Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District; Chair, State Legislative Committee, California Transit Association

10:05 AM - 10:45 AM SPECIAL ADDRESS (RECORDED)

[Toks Omishakin](#), Secretary, California State Transportation Agency

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

[Michael Pimentel](#), Executive Director, California Transit Association

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM BRINGING RIDERS BACK: ARE FREE FARES THE WAY?

This session will explore various legislative approaches to providing free transit services to riders, as well as the experience several transit agencies have had with fare-free pilot programs across California. Panelists will also discuss the impact free fares can have on regaining riders and the resources needed to undertake these efforts.

[Diana Hammons](#), Senior Manager, Revenue Collection & Sales, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
[Darrell Johnson](#), Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Transportation Authority
[Eli Lipmen](#), Director of Development and Programming, Move LA
[Michael Pimentel](#), Executive Director, California Transit Association (**Moderator**)
[Jean-Daniel Saphores](#), Professor, UC Irvine Institute of Transportation Studies

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCHTIME ADDRESS

[Brian Kelly](#), Chief Executive Officer, California High-Speed Rail Authority

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM NEW FOCUS ON THE TRANSITION TO ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES

This session will provide new insights into Governor Newsom's proposed \$6.1 billion investment in zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure, and discuss near-term funding opportunities for transit agencies.

[Doran Barnes](#), Chief Executive Officer, Foothill Transit; Chair, Zero-Emission Bus Task Force, California Transit Association (**Moderator**)
[Tyson Eckerle](#), Deputy Director for Zero-Emission Vehicle Market Development, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development
[Elizabeth John](#), Office Manager, Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Technologies, California Energy Commission
[Kenneth McDonald](#), President and Chief Executive Officer, Long Beach Transit
[Sydney Vergis](#), Chief, Mobile Source Control Division, California Air Resources Board

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ASSOCIATION STATE LEGISLATIVE & BUDGET UPDATE

This session will delve into the Association's 2022 legislative and budgetary priorities, including bills that the Association is sponsoring. Attendees will have the opportunity to gather more information about bills of high importance to the Association and how they will affect transit agencies.

[Alchemy Graham](#), Legislative & Regulatory Advocate, California Transit Association
[Michael Pimentel](#), Executive Director, California Transit Association
[Matt Robinson](#), Legislative Advocate, California Transit Association
[Joshua W. Shaw](#), Senior Counselor, California Transit Association

3:00 PM ADJOURN