

2021 SPRING LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE



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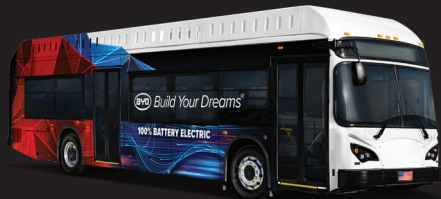
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Welcome!

On behalf of the California Transit Association, thank you for joining us for the 2021 Spring Legislative Conference. As you may be aware, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Association did not conduct a Spring Legislative Conference in 2020 and instead we focused on helping California's transit systems get through the crisis. Collectively, we were very successful in our work in 2020 and we will spend some time reflecting on 2020 during the conference. Today, in the midst of California's reopening, we continue our work to respond to the impacts caused by the pandemic and are using all of our resources to move our transit systems forward.

This year's Spring Legislative Conference will focus on pandemic response and what our Executive and Legislative Committees are doing at the state and federal level to ensure a swift recovery. We will also hear from Federal Transit Administration Deputy Administrator Nuria I. Fernandez, explore the legislative priorities of the Senate and Assembly Transportation Committee Chairs, discuss the Association's pandemic relief requests with the Administration and legislative budget staff, and highlight the Governor's work to promote clean transportation and improve mobility through the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI).

Last year was like nothing we have seen before. Thanks to our Association's advocacy work and the shared goals of our members, California's transit systems were able to weather the storm and provide critical transportation services to our state's frontline workers. Recognizing that we are not out of the woods yet, the Association continues to push for additional relief and assistance and our Spring Legislative Conference will be a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the work we are doing.

I very much appreciate your participation today and am hopeful that we will all be together soon.

Sincerely,

Kate Breen

Chair, California Transit Association

Director of Government Affairs, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency



Agenda at a Glance

8:55 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Kate Breen, *Chair, California Transit Association;*
Director of Government Affairs,
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Keynote Address

Nuria I. Fernandez, *Deputy Administrator,*
Federal Transit Administration

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Executive Director Remarks

Michael Pimentel, *Executive Director,*
California Transit Association

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The Future is Federal: The American Jobs Plan and Transportation Reauthorization

Moderator: Kristin Jacinto, *Chair, Federal Legislative Committee;*
Manager, State and Federal Relations,
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Jackie Schmitz, *Senior Professional Staff – Majority,*
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Cheryle Tucker, *Senior Professional Staff – Minority,*
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break





11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Legislative Relief in the Time of COVID

Moderator: Rick Ransberger, *Chair, State Legislative Committee; General Manager, Central Contra Costa Transit Authority*

Mark Tollefson, *Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom*

James Hacker, *Consultant, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee*

Genevieve Morelos, *Consultant, Assembly Budget Committee*

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Time Briefing

Senator Lena Gonzalez, *(D-Long Beach), Chair, Senate Transportation Committee*

Assemblymember Laura Friedman, *(D-Glendale), Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee*

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Association State Legislative and Budget Update

Michael Pimentel, *Executive Director, California Transit Association*

Matt Robinson, *Legislative Advocate, California Transit Association*

Joshua W. Shaw, *Senior Counselor for Policy & Education, California Transit Association*

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure

Darwin Moosavi, *Deputy Secretary, Environmental Policy and Housing Coordination, Deputy Secretary, California State Transportation Agency*

2:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Michael Pimentel, *Executive Director, California Transit Association*

Sessions

The Future is Federal: The American Jobs Plan and Transportation Reauthorization

MODERATOR:

Kristin Jacinto, *Chair, Federal Legislative Committee; Manager, State and Federal Relations, Orange County Transportation Authority*

SPEAKERS:

Jackie Schmitz, *Senior Professional Staff – Majority, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee*

Cheryle Tucker, *Senior Professional Staff – Minority, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee*

DESCRIPTION:

This panel will cover the status of the American Jobs Plan and federal transportation reauthorization, which will both include significant infrastructure investment. The panel will also cover how transit agencies can get involved in advocating for federal support that better advantages public transit.

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DESCRIPTION:

This panel, featuring key officials from the Newsom Administration and State Legislature, will cover the status of the state budget as it relates to public transit. Topics that will be covered include the extension of statutory relief for transit agencies, funding for zero-emission buses, and the California Comeback Plan.



Association State Legislative and Budget Update

SPEAKERS:

Michael Pimentel, *Executive Director, California Transit Association*

Matt Robinson, *Legislative Advocate, California Transit Association*

Joshua W. Shaw, *Senior Counselor for Policy & Education,
California Transit Association*

DESCRIPTION:

This panel will focus on the Association's sponsored legislation, the Governor's proposal to fund zero-emission transit buses & related infrastructure and other advocacy efforts ensconced in the Association's 2021 State Legislative Program.

The Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure

SPEAKER:

Darwin Moosavi, *Deputy Secretary, California State Transportation Agency*

DESCRIPTION:

This session will provide an overview of the Newsom Administration's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure, highlighting how the plan could impact future public transit investments.





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