



JOINT MEMBERSHIP MEETING & CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 17, 2007

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD PASSENGERS
RAIL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
THE TRANSIT COALITION



Agenda

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10:00 a.m. Reception

10:15 a.m. Opening remarks and introductions



Paul Dyson
President
RailPAC



Ross Capon
Executive Director
NARP

10:30 a.m. Keynote Speech



Alex Kummant
President
Amtrak

11:30 a.m. AMTRAK & THE FUTURE OF NATIONAL & STATE SYSTEMS



Moderator:
Art Lloyd
Vice-President
RailPAC



Bill Bronte
Division of Rail
Chief - Caltrans



Ross Capon
Executive
Director
NARP



Andrew Selden
United Rail
Passenger Alliance

12:15 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 p.m. REGIONAL & COMMUTER RAIL
Lessons from the Northeast



Governor Michael Dukakis
Former Amtrak Director

1:45 p.m. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL
A Sleeping Giant?



Moderator:
Dennis Lytton
NARP Director



Paul Dyson
President
RailPAC



Mike McGinley
Retired Southern
Pacific Railroad
and Metrolink

2:30 p.m. URBAN RAIL TRANSIT
Vital Projects to Create a Unified System



Moderator:
James Smith
Vice-President
RailPAC



Melvin Clark
Deputy Executive
Officer
Metro Rail



Jerard Wright
Vice-President
The Transit
Coalition



Bart Reed
Executive Director
The Transit
Coalition

3:30 p.m. HIGH SPEED RAIL



Dan Leavitt
Assistant Executive Director
California High Speed Rail Authority

4:00 p.m. RailPAC Members Meeting &
Election of Directors and Officers

Selected Biographies



William D. (Bill) Bronte serves as chief of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Rail. In this capacity, he is responsible for the program management, administration, and marketing of two of the three State-supported Amtrak services in California (the *Pacific Surfliner* and the *San Joaquins*) and providing program oversight of the third service (the *Capitol Corridor*). Bronte has served in a variety of positions within Caltrans for 25 years, most related to the programming and financing of rail capital projects and operations.



Ross B. Capon joined the National Association of Railroad Passengers as Assistant Director in 1975, becoming Executive Director in 1976. He edits the association's newsletter, talks with the news media and on Capitol Hill about America's need for a balanced transportation system where rail plays a bigger role. He is a member of the Federal Railroad Administration's Railroad Safety Advisory Committee, and board of Travelers Aid International.



Melvin Clark is Deputy Executive Officer, Metro Rail and is responsible for providing rapid transit rail transportation to approximately 225,000 daily passengers over 73 route miles throughout Los Angeles County. Clark previously managed rail systems for the Missouri-Illinois Bi-State Development Agency, Atlanta MARTA and Norfolk Southern.



Michael S. Dukakis is a former Governor of Massachusetts and the Democratic presidential nominee in 1988. He served on the board of directors for Amtrak and then became a professor of political science at Northeastern University in Massachusetts, visiting professor of political science at Loyola Marymount University, and visiting professor of Public Policy at UCLA.



Paul Dyson is a graduate of the British Railways Management Training program, and a 38 year veteran of the railroad industry. He has worked for Southern Pacific and was a Vice President for GATX Rail. He has been President of RaiIPAC since 2006. Dyson also serves as a member of the Burbank Transportation Commission.



Alex Kummant has served as President and CEO of Amtrak since September 2006, appointed by the railroad's Board of Directors. The veteran railroad and industrial executive is responsible for a business in excess of \$3 billion in annual revenues, more than \$9 billion in assets and 19,000 employees.



Dan Leavitt has served as the Deputy Director for the California High-Speed Rail Authority since 1998. He was responsible for managing the Authority's recently completed statewide program environmental review process. His current duties include directing the "Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train Program EIR/EIS" process and representing the Authority as part of the management team for the "Bay Area Regional Rail Plan."



Michael E. McGinley, P.E., is a registered Professional Engineer (Civil) engaged in railroad engineering, maintenance, and operations from 1966 to present. Employment includes 21 years with Southern Pacific, 14 years with the Southern California Regional Railroad Authority (SCRRA, Metrolink), and part-time on-call consulting firms since retirement from SCRRA in 2006.



Bart Reed is the Executive Director of The Transit Coalition, a San Fernando Valley based nonprofit dealing with transportation policy, planning and land use issues. Reed is a nationwide advocate for effective transportation systems and solutions. Reed, an often quoted transit advocate, addresses citizen and community groups about public transportation issues, including autos, rail, bus, bicycles, roads, ADA, goods movement and pedestrian safety. Reed publishes the weekly TTC eNewsletter and the monthly *Moving Southern California* transportation newsletter.



Andrew C. Selden is President of the Minnesota Association of Railroad Passengers and Vice President, Law and Policy, of the United Rail Passenger Alliance. He has written numerous articles on rail passenger policy and theory, and collaborated with the late Byron Nordberg and Dr. Adrian Herzog in developing the "matrix theory" explanation of network traffic dynamics. In 1998 Selden was a finalist candidate to be CEO of Amtrak.



Jerard D. Wright is Vice President of The Transit Coalition and Vice Chair of the Metro Westside/Central Sector Governance Council. He graduated the Illinois Institute of Technology with a BA in Architecture. He currently resides in his native Los Angeles working as a Construction Assistant for the Alhambra School District and does Design and Drafting services under the Wright Concept.

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