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To: Debbie Hale, Executive Director, TAMC; TAMC Board of Directors

From: Mike LeBarre, Chair-Rail Policy Committee, Director/City of King

Subject: Trip Report: California Passenger Rail Conference, Oakland, CA.

I attended the California Passenger Rail Conference held in Oakland, CA. April 25th. This year the conference focused on innovative technologies to improve passenger travel experience, Transformative megaprojects, passenger rail vehicle developments, and initiatives to reduce rail's carbon footprint.

I attended the following meetings and sessions:

- Keynote Speaker: Ryan Russo, Director, Oakland Department of Transportation
- Megaregional Rail Megaprojects: Speakers from San Diego Association of Governments, San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, and Metrolink
- Megaregional Rail Projects Discussion Session: Kyle Grading, Assistant Chief, Div. of Rail and Mass Transportation, Caltrans
- Sustainability Initiatives: Speakers from Capitol Corridors Joint Powers Authority and San Jose Department of Transportation
- Enhancing Passenger Experience: Speakers from DB Engineering and Consulting, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and Xentrans.
- California's Integrated Travel/Ticketing Program: Chad Edison, Deputy Secretary California State Transportation Agency and Speakers from the city and county of San Francisco, and UrbanLabs LLC

The conference was informative and gave me the opportunity to meet peers and learn about their rail organizations. I appreciated the opportunity to meet Deputy Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency, Chad Edison and discuss rail along the coast corridor. One subject I found particularly interesting was the discussion of passenger experience. This is an issue I believe will become more important as travel options expand and customer choices will move the industry toward better value, comfort, and amenities.


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