

The Mineta Transportation Institute, the University of Denver and the American Association of Geographers present...

High Speed Rail in California: Progress and Prospect



Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Hilton San Francisco Union Square
333 O'Farrell St
San Francisco, CA 94102

This workshop brings together representatives from the California High Speed Rail Association (CHSRA), local planning officials, and academic experts to explore in detail:

- The plan to build the nation's first, true, high-speed rail line.
- The progress achieved to date and the major challenges that lie ahead.

Agenda



Welcome

Karen Philbrick, PhD, Executive Director, Mineta Transportation Institute

Workshop Overview

Andy Goetz, PhD, Professor, University of Denver



9:10am to 12:30 p.m.

Featured Speakers:

9:10am to 9:40am

Rod Diridon
Emeritus Executive Director
Mineta Transportation Institute

9:40am to 10:10am

Ben Tripousis
Northern CA Regional Director
California High Speed Rail Authority

10:10am to 10:40am

Jim Hartnett
Executive Director
Caltrain

10:40am to 10:55am

BREAK

10:55am to 11:15am

Ed Reiskin
Director of Transportation
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

11:15am to 11:35am

Gillian Gillett
Director of Transportation Policy
Office of Mayor Edwin M. Lee

11:35am to 11:55am

Jason Henderson, PhD
Professor
San Francisco State University

11:55am to 12:15pm

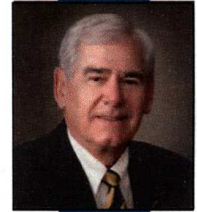
Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, PhD
Research Associate
Mineta Transportation Institute

12:15pm to 12:30pm

Final Questions and Closing Comments

Speaker Biographies (listed in alphabetical order)

Rod Diridon, Sr. is the Emeritus Executive Director of the Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI), a transportation policy research center created in 1991. He is known as the “father” of modern transit service in Silicon Valley and has chaired more than 100 international, national, state and local programs, most related to transit and the environment. Mr. Diridon was appointed in 2001 and 2005 by Governors Davis and Schwarzenegger, respectively, to the California High Speed Rail Authority Board of which he is chair emeritus. He helped found and is chair emeritus of the APTA High Speed and Intercity Rail Committee and National High Speed Rail Corridors’ Coalition. He is the elected chair of the US High Speed Rail Association’s Board.



Gillian Gillett, is the Director of Transportation Policy for the Office of Mayor Edwin M. Lee. She advises Mayor Lee on Transportation policy matters, with a focus on the non-SFMTA systems (High Speed Rail, BART, Caltrain, Bike Share). Gillian came to City Hall from the private sector, where she ran a custom software consulting company specializing in systematic redesign of business processes and workflow for large organizations. She previously served as the Chair of the Transportation Committee of San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR). She holds a B.A from St. John's College, Annapolis, MD.



Andrew R. Goetz is Professor and Chair in the Department of Geography & the Environment and a research associate in the National Center for Intermodal Transportation at the University of Denver. He has published research on topics including high-speed rail, transportation infrastructure and urban/economic growth, rail transit systems, transit-oriented development, smart growth planning, sustainability, intermodal transportation, transport geography, air transportation, airport planning, and globalization. Dr. Goetz served as associate editor of the *Journal of Transport Geography* from 2004-2012, and still serves on its editorial board along with those of *Transport Reviews* and the *World Review of Intermodal Transportation Research*.



Jim Hartnett is General Manager/CEO of the San Mateo County Transit District, a post that includes General Manager of the bus and transit agency SamTrans, Executive Director of the commuter rail system Caltrain, and Executive Director of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, which administers the proceeds of a half-cent sales tax for transportation projects. Prior to joining Caltrain, Mr. Hartnett was on the Redwood City City Council for 15 years. He served more than 10 years on the Caltrain and SamTrans boards of directors and the past four years on the California High Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors.



Jason Henderson is Professor of Geography & Environment at San Francisco State University, and author of *Street Fight: The Politics of Mobility in San Francisco*, by University of Massachusetts Press. His research includes how culture, economics, ideology, and politics shape urban transportation policy and the geography of cities. He has published articles in *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Antipode*, *Urban Geography*, the *Journal of Transport Geography* and book chapters on sustainable transportation. Henderson has also co-authored a new book on car free and car lite developments in San Francisco and six European case studies, and is currently conducting a comparative study of Copenhagen, Amsterdam, and San Francisco.





Karen Philbrick has served as executive director of the Mineta National Transit Research Consortium and the Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI) since 2014, after five years of service as MTI research director. As research director, she oversaw the work of more than 230 principal investigators, the competitive selection of 138 research projects, and the publication of more than 175 peer-reviewed research reports and journal articles. In 2014, Dr. Philbrick was appointed by US Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx to her second two-year term on the USDOT Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS), where she chaired the working group charged with identifying key elements of a fatigue management program for the transit industry.



Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA). He oversees the Municipal Railway (Muni), parking, traffic engineering, bicycle and pedestrian safety, accessibility, and taxi regulation. Muni is largest public transit agency in the Bay Area, carrying more than 200 million riders per year and 700,000 boardings on an average weekday. He is responsible for more than 5,000 employees, an \$850 million annual operating budget, and a \$3 billion capital budget. Mr. Reiskin is a member of the Board of Directors of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority, and is past President of the National Association of City Transportation Officials, NACTO.



Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris is a Professor of Urban Planning and Associate Dean of the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. Recent and ongoing projects include: high speed rail development, examination of the impacts of new rail transit lines on communities, transit and pedestrian safety, transportation needs of women, environmental determinants of crime, and cultural uses of neighborhood parks. Dr. Loukaitou-Sideris has published numerous journal articles and books and has served as a consultant to the Transportation Research Board, Federal Transit Administration, Southern Calif. Association of Governments, South Bay Cities Council of Government, and many municipal governments on urban design, land use and transportation.



Ben Tripousis is the Northern California Regional Director of the California High Speed Rail Authority. Ben is responsible for the development of the California High Speed Rail (HSR) project from the Bay Area to the Central Valley. This includes the electrification of the Caltrain Peninsula Corridor project, the Gilroy to Merced project segment, and the future High Speed Rail connection to Sacramento. In addition, Ben oversees state investment in the development of Regional Rail Improvements to the Capitol Corridor, Altamont Corridor Express and the San Joaquin Regional Rail systems. Ben is an Adjunct Professor at SJSU, teaching HSR Management and Operations, and is the Director of the HSR Connectivity Center at MTI.



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