Transit: Connecting Communities, Improving Access, Equity & Mobility
Hello Fellow Conference Goers. As Board Chair, let me be one of the first to formally welcome you to the CALACT 2022 Spring Conference and EXPO in beautiful Newport Beach. Nestled among golden stretches of pristine Pacific coastline, Newport Beach epitomizes the casually sophisticated lifestyle of Southern California.

If you are planning any extra time to sightsee, you won’t want to miss places like historic Crystal Cove, a federally listed historic district, featuring an enclave of forty-six vintage coastal cottages originally built as a seaside colony in the 1930s and 1940s.

Newport Beach is part of a rich transit history here in Southern California. The Pacific Electric, created in 1901 and known by its nickname the Red Cars, was a privately owned mass transit system consisting of electrically powered streetcars, interurban cars, and buses, and was the largest electric railway system in the world by the 1920s. Organized around the city centers of Los Angeles and San Bernardino, it connected cities in Los Angeles County, Orange County, San Bernardino County, and Riverside County…. including Newport Beach!

For those who are big shoppers, the hotel is located right next to Fashion Island which is a phenomenal outdoor plaza. The hotel is also near two great Mexican restaurants SOL Mexican Cocina and Seabirds in Costa Mesa which has a killer avocado taco. You can also take a nice, long walk to historic Balboa Island or you can take transit, Uber, or Lyft.

The Conference Committee has created a program packed with critical information from experienced experts that will energize and inspire you.

We would not be able to offer this conference experience without the generous help of our sponsors including Transdev, Connexionz, First Transit, Luminator Technology, GreenPower Motor Company, Creative Bus Sales, Gillig, United Survivability & Safety Corp, Q'Straint/Sure-Lok, A-Z Bus Sales, Lightning eMotors, GMV, Master’s Transportation, Ecolane, Decals by Design, RydeTrans, Proterra, RATP Dev USA, Caltrans and Freedman Seating. Also, thanks to our session presenters and moderators who generously share their time, expertise, and talent. Finally, kudos to the CALACT staff and the Conference Committee who labored untold hours to bring each of us a Conference which looks to be an impressive gathering with a great vibe.

A special thank you to our host, Anaheim Transportation Network (ATN), for their support of this Spring Conference.

Regards,

Omar McPherson
CALACT Board Chair
San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority Operations Manager
Welcome

On behalf of the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CALACT,) we appreciate your participation in the 2022 CALACT Spring Conference & Expo and welcome you to beautiful Newport Beach. We hope that you enjoy the exciting and interesting educational program put together by the CALACT Conference Committee. CALACT is excited to come back to the Southern California coastline of Orange County to learn, network, and have fun.

TRANSIT: Connecting Communities - Improving Access, Equity, and Mobility focuses on the role transit plays in each of our communities and the continuous strengthening of values that shape our industry. As transit continues to evolve into the future, it continues to help build community resilience and enhance the quality of life among riders. Transit’s role in California’s mobility landscape is evermore significant as it seeks to improve air quality, congestion, and equitable access to environmentally sound mobility options. During the conference, the educational series will explore the ways in which transportation has become even more critical at a regional and statewide level.

The Conference kicks off on Tuesday with a session about Zero Emission Program Basics followed by a hands-on exercise to develop your Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) which will provide an overview to help participants understand the essentials of Zero Emission Bus deployment. The conference continues Wednesday morning with a keynote address from George Carroll who will provide insight into his own experiences that lead him to positively affirm his valuation of life circumstances and how attendees can best tackle life’s peaks and valleys at both a personal and professional level. Afterward, enjoy an educational breakout with topics such as Transit Board of Directors Training, Zero Emission Bus Deployment, information on Recruiting Coach Operators and so much more! Don’t forget to tune into a special plenary session at 1:00 P.M. where attendees will have a chance to directly engage with Caltrans senior management staff to discuss statewide programs and initiatives. Following the day’s breakout sessions, grab a drink and some food at the Expo Reception where you can catch up with old friends and see the latest and greatest in transit products.

Thursday, the conference continues in full swing with sessions on ADA compliance, management procurement, forming alliances, and Zero Emission Bus infrastructure. The day continues with sessions on services beyond the ADA, CARES Act compliance, and many more choices. After sessions conclude for the day, join your CALACT friends and Transdev for an evening of casino games, dancing, drinks, and dinner at the Harborside Pavilion for a night to remember.

On Friday, grab a spectacular breakfast and join your colleagues for a special plenary session on regulatory updates. This session will help you understand the current regulatory issues as well as funding available through the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act and state legislation that affects transit. Afterward, the conference concludes, and we hope you find time to explore the Orange County coast. From shopping to museums to bay cruises, there’s much to do. Enjoy the beautiful scenery while you’re here as you learn, network, and enjoy yourself.

Regards,

Jacklyn Cuddy

Jacklyn Cuddy
Executive Director
CALACT
NEWPORT BEACH MARRIOTT HOTEL & SPA
The Conference Hotel is the Newport Beach Marriott located at 900 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660. The telephone number is 949-640-4000.

TRANSPORTATION

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An OCTA bus is available from the John Wayne Airport to your destination. Please meet the bus at the Arrival (lower) terminal B, at the curbside, take Route 76 bus towards Huntington Beach, exiting at MacArthur-Plaza. From there, walk to Bristol at MacArthur and take Route 57 towards the Newport Transportation Center. From there, walk to the hotel. The Google trip planner or OC Flex App can help guide your journey to the Conference hotel.

Private Transportation
John Wayne Airport hosts a number of different private options to help you get to the Conference hotel. Shuttle information can be found on the web at www.ocair.com or private taxis can be called at (714) 999-9999. On-demand transportation is also available.

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The Marriott Newport Beach Hotel & Spa offers valet parking at a rate of $38/day and daily self-parking at $31/day with hourly options available at a discounted rate for attendees.
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George Carroll, the former collegiate football player who was severely injured on the field, shares his dramatic story of overcoming hardship, depression, and suicidal thoughts. His motivational and light-hearted approach inspires others to adapt to life’s inevitable roadblocks with optimism, mental flexibility, and emotional agility. His engaging delivery will leave you feeling energized and ready to handle challenges, at work and at home.

George’s childhood dream was to play professional football, but after he shattered his leg and ankle in his final season at the University of Northern Colorado, he found himself depressed and hopeless. Graduating with a Communications Degree, George moved to Denver, Colorado where he started his career in tech sales and management.

George quickly excelled in tech sales and management, but he was left unfulfilled working for managers who lacked integrity. Depressed and considering suicide, George discovered the world of Tony Robbins, Entrepreneurship, Positive Psychology and Personal Growth. Through his own transformational experiences and journey, he found his calling.

GEORGE CARROLL

Keynote Speaker
RON BROOKS is a graduate of Indiana University, a 29-year veteran of the accessible transit and paratransit industry, and a champion for transportation and mobility products and services that are accessible to everyone. Ron began his public transit career in 1993 working on accessibility projects and paratransit programs for BART. After leaving BART in 1996, Ron served in a number of accessibility and paratransit focused positions throughout the country, including stents in Palm Beach County, FL, Albuquerque, NM, the San Francisco Bay Area and six years from 2013 to 2019 overseeing accessibility programs and paratransit for Valley Metro, the transit authority serving the Phoenix, AZ metropolitan area. In 2020, Ron founded Accessible Avenue in order to assist the mobility services industry with consulting and training services focused on designing, developing and delivering mobility-related products and services that are accessible to everyone. Ron attributes his passion for accessible mobility to his lived experience as a person who is blind and to his love of transportation. Says Ron, “When we are trying to solve a mobility challenge, I am able to utilize my professional experience, but the things that really help me to work hard and have empathy are my experiences and those of other disabled friends and family members, many of whom depend on these types of services for virtually every trip they make. Being able to directly experience the positive impacts we can have on the lives of people who need us is truly powerful.”

LINDA FORD is a legal professional specializing in administrative law, with experience in legislative matters, safety, civil rights, environment, litigation, budget, and procurement. Linda is an innovative forward thinker with a reputation for taking initiative, tackling tough issues successfully, and strategic planning skills proven to achieve organizational goals. Linda is also a subject matter expert in regulatory, policy and guidance development. Linda has executive level presentation skills with experience in presenting and speaking to all levels of leadership and the public. Linda is a budding diversity and inclusion leader focused assisting organizations improve, and advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging goals. She recently launched a webinar series for my organization devoted to diversity, equity and inclusion and is working on a comprehensive pilot program for transit industry companies interested in advancing a racial equity commitment program.

JEANIE WARD-WALLER is the Deputy Director, Planning and Modal Programs. Jeanie has served as Acting District 2 Director, and provided leadership as Caltrans’ Sustainability Program Manager in the Director’s Office where she led the growth of the Sustainability Program in implementing new initiatives across Caltrans. Before joining Caltrans, Jeanie worked for over a decade in the private sector as a structural engineer and in the non-profit sector as policy director for two transportation organizations—the California Bicycle Coalition and the Safe Routes Partnership. As a structural engineer, she managed design and construction oversight on large-scale on large-scale building projects, including a 40-story tower in downtown Boston.

In each of her roles, Jeanie has built trusted partnerships with diverse stakeholders across government, non-profit, academic, and private sectors to develop creative solutions, advance policy change, and effectively implement new programs. Jeanie has a master’s degree in Engineering for Sustainable Development from the University of Cambridge and a master’s degree in Civil Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering at Brown University. She is a licensed Civil Engineer in California and Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) accredited professional.
ROBBIE SARLES is President of RLS & Associates, Inc., a transit consulting firm headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, with offices in Colorado, Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. For over 38 years, Ms. Sarles has provided consulting assistance to state departments of transportation, local governments, and rural, small urban and human services transportation systems, both across the country and internationally.

Ms. Sarles is a nationally recognized trainer and expert in several areas, such as drug and alcohol, coordinated transportation, third party contracting, performance measures, and more. She is a leading expert for the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Drug and Alcohol Testing Regulations and oversees RLS’ statewide drug and alcohol testing regulatory compliance program and policy assessments for 19 states and has personally conducted countless drug and alcohol program assessments throughout the nation. She is routinely sought for her expertise on intricate and complicated drug and alcohol testing issues.

Ms. Sarles is also known for her knowledge, expertise, and insights into the integration and coordination of transportation resources. Ms. Sarles’ passion is the transformation and rebirth of the way human services and public transportation services are provided and dollars are managed, as well as the alignment of policies, funding, planning, and technology into an enhanced mobility platform.

RAY TELLIS was appointed FTA’s Region 9 Administrator in February 2019. Region 9 supports public transportation in four states: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada; and the territories of American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, altogether representing nearly 165 grantees. He provides executive direction to a professional staff of up to 42 individuals responsible for environmental reviews, grant development, program and project management and financial management functions.

Ray has over 25 years of experience in the public transportation industry and previously served as the Director of FTA’s Los Angeles Office. In his new capacity, he oversees the delivery of a $25 billion FTA program. Throughout his tenure, Ray has worked closely with officials at transit agencies, state departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, and other FTA stakeholders.

Prior to joining FTA, Ray worked for a private freight railroad and the Illinois Department of Transportation. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), as well as a Master’s in Public Works from IIT.

KRISTEN JOYNER is Founder and President of KJ Backpack LLC, promoting responsible leadership by connecting exceptional and passionate trainers to transit professionals, whereby creating a responsible workforce for the safety and benefit of the traveling public. Kristen’s expertise includes over twenty years in the public transit sector, energetically leading a multi-state transit association, providing administrative public transportation experience and delivering engaging leadership development training. She initiated the Operation Veterans in Public Transportation (OVIPT) program to promote jobs for veterans in transit and created the Accessible Meeting Guide to make events more inclusive for people with disabilities.

Ms. Joyner is a member of the U.S. Secretary of Transportation’s Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. She serves as the Vice President of the CTAA Board of Directors, Represents CTAA’s Region 6, Chairs the Legislative Committee and is a member of the Training Committee.
Agenda at a Glance

REGISTRATION DESK HOURS
Tuesday, April 19th 3:00 PM-5:00 PM           Wednesday, April 20th 7:00 AM-11:45 AM & 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
Thursday, April 21st 7:30 AM-12:30 PM & 2:00 PM-5:00 PM       Friday, April 22nd 8:00 AM-10:00 AM

TUESDAY, APRIL 19th

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Costa Mesa  11:30 AM  GOLF OUTING  SPONSORED BY: DECALS BY DESIGN, USSC, GILLING & FREEDMAN SEATING
Sapphire Cove  3:00 PM  RTAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Amalfi Registration  3:00 PM  REGISTRATION OPEN
Downtown Anaheim Meet at Porte Cochere  4:00 PM  ATN DOWNTOWN ANAHEIM TOUR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th

Amalfi Registration  7:00 AM  REGISTRATION OPEN
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Amalfi Ballroom  8:15 AM  WELCOME SESSION & KEYNOTE ADDRESS: GEORGE CARROLL  SPONSORED BY: CREATIVE BUS SALES
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Cardiff  2:45 PM  COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & COALITION BUILDING
Laguna & Sunset  2:45 PM  THE IMPORTANCE OF REAL-TIME SERVICE ALERTS
Baycliff  2:45 PM  LEADERSHIP & BEYOND
Amalfi Salon 5  2:45 PM  ZERO EMISSION FUNDING: WHERE TO FIND IT & HOW TO GET IT
Sapphire Cove  2:45 PM  BOARD COMMUNICATIONS & EFFECTIVE MEETINGS
Riveria Ballroom  3:00 PM  EXHIBITOR MOVE-IN
Riveria Ballroom  4:00 PM  EXHIBITOR MEETING
Amalfi Foyer  4:15 PM  BREAK
Laguna & Sunset  4:30 PM  IMPROVING YOUR RIDERS’ CHOICE - INTRODUCING NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR CUSTOMERS: DETERMINING RIDER NEEDS, ENSURING EQUITY WITH NEW TECH AND GATHERING FEEDBACK AFTER LAUNCH
Baycliff  4:30 PM  MANAGEMENT PROCUREMENT IN A POST-COVID WORLD
Cardiff  4:30 PM  STAFF RECRUITMENT & RETENTION
Amalfi Salon 5  4:30 PM  ZERO EMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE: BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES
Sapphire Cove  4:30 PM  RED FLAGS & PITFALLS TO AVOID - HOW TO BE PROACTIVE BEFORE THINGS GO SOUTH
Riveria Ballroom  6:00 PM  EXPO RECEPTION
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- Salon 1 & 2
- Foyer
- Court & Sunset

**Cardiff**
- Salons 1, 2 & 3
- Foyer
- Court & Sunset

**Laguna & Sunset**
- Riveria Ballroom
- Parking Lot

**Harborside Pavilion**
- Riveria Ballroom
- Front Hotel

**Santa Ana, CA**
- Meet at Porte Cochere
**Conference Agenda**

**MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022**

**1:30 PM**

**CALACT BOARD MEETING**

Members of the CALACT Board of Directors will convene for their Spring 2022 meeting to discuss pressing Association matters.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022**

**8:30 AM**

**Amalfi Ballroom**

**PRECONFERENCE SESSION: ZERO EMISSION BUS PROGRAM BASICS 101**

New terms are coming to the transit world related to Zero Emission Bus and deployment. Ready to learn some new acronyms? Need to know what a kilowatt hour is? How to compare costs with fuel equivalents? Want to understand the differences between Hydrogen-Fuel Cell and Battery-Electric buses? This session will discuss fundamental information in order to provide a basic understanding of the Zero Emission Bus world.

**Speakers:** Yachun Chow, California Air Resources Board; Greg Pratt, Humboldt Transit Authority; Cecil Blandon, AC Transit; Lauren Skiver, SunLine Transit Agency

**Moderator:** Rick Ramacier, Ascendal Group

**11:00 AM**

**Amalfi Ballroom**

**PRECONFERENCE SESSION: ZERO EMISSION BUS ROLLOUT PLAN ASSISTANCE**

During this hands-on Preconference session, speakers will discuss the requirements of a Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Rollout Plan and provide hands-on experience to get your Rollout Plan started. Attendees will preregister for this course and bring a laptop to draft their initial plan. Topics discussed will include regulatory requirements and best practices. A well-drafted plan is critical to execution of ZEB deployment in addition to meeting Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) requirements and will help agencies be successful in transitioning out of traditional fuel type fleets. This session is designed to help attendees leave with a tangible plan of action for meeting the June 30, 2023, small agency Rollout Plan deadline.

**Speakers:** Roland Cordero, Foothill Transit; Shirin Barfjani, California Air Resources Board; Yachun Chow, California Air Resources Board; Wendy King, California Department of Transportation

**Moderator:** Rick Ramacier, Ascendal Group

**11:30 AM**

**Costa Mesa Country Club**

**GOLF OUTING AT COSTA MESA COUNTRY CLUB**

**Lunch Sponsored by:** Decals by Design

**Golf Balls Sponsored by:** United Safety & Survivability, Gillig & Freedman Seating

Don’t miss out on the CALACT 2022 Spring Conference Golf Outing at the Costa Mesa Country Club on Tuesday April 19, 2022, with the first tee time at 11:30 AM and then every 9 minutes.

**12:30 PM**

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**3:00 PM**

**Amalfi Registration**

**3:00 PM**

**Sapphire Cove**

**REGISTRATION OPENS**

**RTAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Members of the RTAP Advisory Committee meet to discuss issues rural transit agencies are facing, provide direction to challenges, and plan future training and outreach goals.

**4:00 PM**

**Downtown Anaheim**

**Meet at Porte Cochere**

**DOWNTOWN ANAHEIM TOUR**

Hop on one of Anaheim Transportation Network’s (ATN) electric busses as they take you on a tour of downtown Anaheim. You’ll see the beautiful historic Packing House District while learning more about the CTR City area and ATN’s Free Rides Around the Neighborhood (FRAN).

**5:00 PM**

**REGISTRATION CLOSED**
**Conference Agenda**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022**

*7:00 AM*  
Amalfi Registration

*7:15 AM*  
Amalfi Foyer

*8:15 AM*  
Amalfi Ballroom

**7:00 AM**  
**REGISTRATION OPEN**

**7:15 AM**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
*Sponsored by: RydeTrans*

**8:15 AM**  
**WELCOME SESSION**

Leadership from the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CALACT) as well as from the conference host agency, Anaheim Transportation Network welcome attendees to the greater Orange County area.

**Speakers:** Jacklyn Cuddy, California Association for Coordinated Transportation; Omar McPherson, San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority; Kris Murray, Board member of Orange County Council of Governments and Chamber of Commerce; Diana Kotler, Anaheim Transportation Network.

**8:30 AM**  
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GEORGE CARROLL**  
*Sponsored by: Creative Bus Sales*

George Carroll, the former collegiate football player who was severely injured on the field, shares his dramatic story of overcoming hardship, depression, and suicidal thoughts. His motivational and light-hearted approach inspires others to adapt to life’s inevitable roadblocks with optimism, mental flexibility, and emotional agility. His engaging delivery will leave you feeling energized, inspired, and ready to handle challenges at work and at home.

**WEDNESDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**10:00 AM**  
Cardiff

**10:00 AM**  
Baycliff

**10:00 AM**  
**THE ADA’S SERVICE ANIMAL & REASONABLE MODIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Get ready to be blown away by not just one ADA Compliance expert, but two! Jess Segovia, owner of ADA Guru, Ron Brooks, co-founder of Accessible Avenue will discuss everything you’d ever want to know about the ADA’s Service Animal requirements and review the ever challenging and often misunderstood Reasonable Modification requirements. This session includes a review of many real-world operating scenarios that are designed to enhance your understanding of the ADA. Don’t miss the chance to play Accessibility Trivia and win some great prizes, including a Starbucks Gift Card!

**Speakers:** Jess Segovia, ADA Guru; Ron Brooks, Accessible Avenue

**Moderator:** Gracie Davis, Orange County Transportation Authority

**RECRUITING COACH OPERATORS**

The bus driver shortage has been a problem with the transit industry for many years. Exacerbated by the pandemic, agencies are now facing increased challenges in recruiting and retaining operators for their routes. In this session, agencies will discuss innovative strategies in combating operator shortages including bonus pay, looking into new or underutilized recruitment pools, and much more. Join this session to learn ways in which your agency can combat the bus driver shortage to ensure a more connective community transit system.

**Speakers:** Letty Ochoa, First Transit-Pasadena; Julie Espy, Orange County Transportation Authority; David Aguirre, Orange County Transportation Authority; Emily Bergkamp, Intercity Transit

**Moderator:** W.C. Pihl, Transdev
ZERO EMISSION BUS DEPLOYMENT CLINIC
This interactive session will be presented in an idea café format to allow maximum discussion and will include topics related to deploying Zero Emission Buses (ZEB) at your agency. Lead by a roundtable of operators and experts, attendees can come with their questions and issues related to ZEB deployment and receive feedback on those that have integrated ZEBs into their fleets. Topics will also include challenges presented through contractor operations, lack of facilities, and infrastructure challenges.

Speakers: Brian Bustamante, Southern California Edison; Lauren Skiver, SunLine Transit Agency; Amy Hance, City of Clovis, Dean Kunesh, Pacific Gas & Electric; Sean Hackley, Hitachi

Moderator: Dustin Strandberg, Victor Valley Transit Authority

HOW SUCCESSFUL BOARD MEMBERS SEE THEIR ROLE
The first workshop session will focus on a board members’ (corporate and non-profit) legal and fiduciary responsibilities for the agency it governs as well as success strategies to help board members effectively direct the transit agency toward fulfillment of its mission.

Speakers will cover the following topics:
- Role of the Board member
- Bylaws, Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest/Third Party Agreements
- Fiduciary responsibilities
- Board member protections/Insurance

Speakers: Robbie Sarles, RLS & Associates; Kristen Joyner, KJ Backpack; Jim LaRusch, Raul V. Bravo & Associate

Moderator: Margaret Schoep, Gold Coast Transit District

AWARDS LUNCHEON
Sponsored by: Q’Straint / Sure-Lok
Join the CALACT community to celebrate the industry’s accomplishments and leaders.

CONNECTING WITH CALTRANS
Caltrans will provide an overview of state programs and new initiatives. Attendees will have a chance to meet Caltrans program staff in a café style roundtable discussion. Bring your burning questions for Caltrans staff to help provide technical assistance and information.

Speakers: Jeanie Ward-Waller, California Department of Transportation; Wendy King, California Department of Transportation; Brian Travis, California Department of Transportation; Sharon Beasley, California Department of Transportation; Kathy Pongratz, California Department of Transportation; Kyle Gradinger, California Department of Transportation; Tracy Harrison, California Department of Transportation; Rick Franz, California Department of Transportation; Michael Lange, California Department of Transportation; Stefanie Acton, California Department of Transportation; Rob Mitchell, California Department of Transportation; Courtney Williams, California Department of Transportation

Moderator: Alex Clifford, San Joaquin Regional Transit District

BREAK
Sponsored by: Luminator Technology Group & Master’s Transportation
2:45 PM  COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & COALITION BUILDING
Cardiff

Creating relationships with organizations, private businesses, and taxpayers in your community can be challenging. This session will discuss different strategies for engaging with the public through community events, social service organizations, chamber of commerce meetings and more. Learn how to increase the visibility of your agency and engage them in building partnerships to support public transit.

Speakers: Chris Ackerman, Victor Valley Transit Authority; Tiffani Fink, Paratransit Inc; Heather Menninger, A-M-M-A Transit Planning

Moderator: Eric Haack, Access Services

2:45 PM  THE IMPORTANCE OF REAL-TIME ALERTS
Laguna & Sunset

This session will provide an overview of best practices for providing good service alerts, as well as case studies and discussion on the following topics:

- How transit agencies can benefit from service alerts
- Why your riders need real-time alerts
- What makes a high-quality service alert
- The different places and media where riders can see alerts
- How to efficiently "Create Once, Publish Everywhere"

You’ll leave with specific tactics you can use to increase the quality of the service alerts you publish and suggestions of how to streamline your alerts’ processes to save your agency time.

Speakers: Cody Kraatz, SimplifyTransit; Kaj Huddart, Transit App; Chris Orlando, North County Transportation District

Moderator: Bethany Berube, Clovis Transit

2:45 PM  LEADERSHIP & BEYOND
Baycliff

This session will discuss steps you can take to become an effective leader in your organization and your community during these turbulent times. Leaders need to motivate and mentor staff to build trust and respect in their agency. Hear how you can influence change and create innovation among your team and in the community. Learn how leaders effectively advocate for their programs and funding while supporting the larger community. Lastly, this session will help you recognize the steps you can take to become a confident successful leader.

Speaker: Ray Melleady, United Safety & Survivability Corporation

Moderator: Margaret Schoep, Gold Coast Transit Authority

2:45 PM  ZERO EMISSION FUNDING: WHERE TO GET IT AND HOW TO FIND IT
Amalfi Salon 5

This session will summarize ZEB funding opportunities, recent cost information, and recent ZEB performance data. The California Energy Commission and Air Resources Board will provide attendees with information on various funding streams and how agencies can tap into their fleet’s financing. Also discussed will be information related to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), FTA grant funding, including Low/No grants as well as other emerging opportunities. Speakers will provide an overview of Low-Carbon Fuel Standard credits and basics for application, in addition to available VW Mitigation funding. Speakers will also take feedback on how funding ought to be structured.

Speakers: Wendy King, Caltrans; Yachun Chow, California Air Resources Board; Colette R. Kincaid, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District; Michelle Vater, California Energy Commission, Larry Rillera, California Energy Commission

Moderator: Greg Pratt, Humboldt Transit Authority
**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS & EFFECTIVE MEETINGS**

The second Transit Board Member session will turn to the important topic of communication. Speakers will discuss the need for a communications plan, answer the question, “Who speaks for the agency in a crisis?” and provide approaches for how to positively influence the represented community about transit’s ability to solve local challenges. Andrea West from OCTA will provide essential information on the Brown Act and CA opening meeting laws including the electronic meeting requirements. And finally, a brief presentation on success tips for the sometimes-awkward zoom or video meetings will be provided.

**Speakers:** Kristen Joyner, KJ Backpack; Robbie Sarles, RLS & Associates; Andrea West, Orange County Transportation Authority

**Moderator:** Amy Hance, City of Clovis

**EXHIBITOR MOVE-IN**

**EXHIBITOR MEETING**

**BREAK**

**IMPROVING YOUR RIDERS’ CHOICES - INTRODUCING NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR CUSTOMERS: DETERMINING RIDER NEEDS, ENSURING EQUITY WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY, AND GATHERING FEEDBACK AFTER LAUNCH**

Agencies are introducing new technology (mobile apps, on-line features, etc.) that improve a rider’s ability to access their service, while also potentially reducing pressure on agency staff often needing to respond to rider questions or concerns. Along with these improvements, there are sometimes challenges that must be considered with new innovations: What services are most desired by (and will be used by) riders? Once introduced, are users able to use it easily or does the new technology need some improvements? And how can the new services be introduced in such a way that it is done equitably, and how new services are accessible to all who want it.

This session will discuss how technology changes, how agencies interface with riders and the public, and what considerations need to be part of the design-phase of new technology to ensure equity in a deployment. This session will not only focus on some recent technology rollouts, but also the challenges and successes of how riders are kept informed throughout the deployment process. The session will also discuss how an agency collects information on new technology services after the launch to determine customer satisfaction and to address any needs to improve, through built-in mobile app surveys and the results of a focused customer satisfaction survey.

**Speakers:** Eric Haack, Access Services; Rashida Kamara, County Connection; Thomas Craig, Washington State Department of Transportation

**Moderator:** Rex Clark, Ecolane

**MANAGEMENT PROCUREMENT IN A POST-COVID WORLD**

While the management procurement process isn’t necessarily easy at any time, during these two years the process has been even more complicated by distancing requirements, remote working arrangements, virtual meetings, new operating requirements for PPE, protective barriers, intensive cleaning, and the unpredictability of costs for labor and materials. So how have we coped with these challenges? As we exit COVID, what will we retain of the new procedures and what will be jettisoned as soon as possible?

Attend this workshop for a review of common procurement issues and to learn how COVID requirements have been addressed and how these experiences will impact procurements as life moves toward a new normal.

**Speaker:** Roy Gauthier, Transportation Planning & Policy

**Moderator:** George Sparks, Pomona Valley Transportation Authority
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Cardiff

**STAFF RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**
This session will discuss new strategies for recruiting new staff into your organization and how to retain your current staff. This session will look at untapped resources and other areas for recruiting and retaining employees.

**Speakers:** Valerie Gibson, City of Pasadena; Ron Brooks, Accessible Avenue; Kristen Joyner, KJ Backpack

**Moderator:** Cristina Russell, Transdev

4:30 PM  
Amalfi Salon 5

**ZERO EMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE: BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES**
A session directly related to battery electric benefits and challenges in infrastructure, including funding, utilities, charging options and vehicles. This will be a forum to discuss the viability and solutions to the agencies that operate or plan on operating Battery Electric Buses (BEBS).

**Speakers:** Brian Bustamante, Southern California Edison; Moses Stites, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, Dean Kunesh, Pacific Gas & Electric; Sean Hackley, Hitachi

**Moderator:** Dustin Strandberg, Victor Valley Transit Authority

4:30 PM  
Sapphire Cove

**RED FLAGS & PITFALLS TO AVOID - HOW TO BE PROACTIVE BEFORE THINGS GO SOUTH**
Board members and Agency Directors sometimes find themselves in untenable positions where other board members or agency management have violated regulations, committed crimes or mismanaged assets to such an extent as to be considered negligent. The results can be disastrous for the agency and often begs the question "How did the Board/Management not see this?" This session will focus on actual situations that have occurred in the transit industry and the red flags that may have been overlooked. Case studies will be provided that will challenge session attendees to identify possible issues and determine what they would do differently if faced with the same situation.

**Speaker:** Robbie Sarles, RLS & Associates

**Moderator:** Margaret Schoep, Gold Coast Transit District

6:00 PM  
Riveria Ballroom

**EXPO RECEPTION**
Come mingle with the CALACT community as we enjoy drinks, appetizers, and see the latest and greatest transit products.
THURSDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

8:00 AM  CARDIFF

SERVICES BEYOND THE ADA: CREATING EQUITY & MOBILITY FOR DISADVANTAGE RIDERS

With some occasional exceptions, the public transit industry does a good job meeting the transportation requirements set out in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Yet, many people with disabilities report that public transit remains a barrier to their equal participation in society. This workshop begins with ADA compliance as the baseline and explores how to build accessibility beyond mere compliance simply by identifying and removing points of friction that can accumulate in just about any product, service or process. Spoiler alert: many points of friction can be eliminated with minimal effort and for virtually no cost beyond the time it takes to find and address them.

Speakers: Ron Brooks, Accessible Avenue; Kristen Joyner, KJ Backpack
Moderator: Eric Haack, Access Services

8:00 AM  BAYCLIFF

FTA COMPLIANCE & CARES ACT FUNDING

This session will provide an overview of common compliance review findings, factors that commonly trigger deficiencies, remedies that can be proactively implemented, and root causes of systemic non-compliance evidenced by repeat findings. The last portion of the session will focus on compliance emphasis areas associated with CARES Act funding and new review topic areas including Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) and Cybersecurity.

Speaker: Robbie Sarles, RLS & Associates
Moderator: Brian Travis, California Department of Transportation

8:00 AM  LAGUNA & SUNSET

FORMING LOCAL ALLIANCES

This session will tell the story of four different transit alliances that were formed with a shared interest or challenge. Key questions addressed will include: How did the alliance start? What is its common vision or goal? What makes the alliance work?

These stories include:

- “Far North” rural transit agencies met weekly during the pandemic to discuss how to protect drivers and passengers. Their focus expanded to coordinating schedules and implementing zero emission buses and infrastructure. This Far North Group has continued to meet and coordinate on critical issues.

- The Central Valley Transit Managers includes public transit operators in the Central San Joaquin Valley. Established as a loose working group to provide each other with technical assistance, they continue to meet informally to share information and knowledge on other timely topics.

- The Alliance of Local Transit Operators includes over 40 locally funded agencies in Los Angeles County. This group initially formed to advocate that COVID relief funds be allocated to them by LA Metro and continues to meet to address other shared issues.

- The North American Transit Alliance (NATA) was formed during the pandemic by the six largest private transit contracting firms in the US (First Transit, Keolis, MV, National Express, RATP Dev and Transdev) to advocate for access to COVID funding. NATA continues to set aside competition to collaborate on industry-wide challenges.

Speakers: Joe Rye, Redwood Coast Transit; Amy Hance, Clovis Transit; Steven Mateer, City of Glendora; W.C. Pihl, Transdev
Moderator: George Sparks, Pomona Valley Transportation Authority
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ZERO EMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE: HYDROGEN FUEL CELL BUSES
This is a session directly related to hydrogen fuel cell benefits and challenges in infrastructure, including funding, utilities, fueling options and vehicles. This will be a forum to discuss the viability and solutions to the agencies that operate or plan on operating Fuel Cell Electric Buses (FCEB’s).

Speakers: Roland Cordero, Foothill Transit; Lauren Skiver, SunLine Transit Agency, Ashish Bhakta, Trillium; Karl Gnadt; Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District
Moderator: Dustin Strandberg, Victor Valley Transit Authority

9:30 AM  
Amalfi Foyer
BREAK

9:45 AM  
Amalfi Salon 1 & 2
SEVEN ADA COMPLIANCE ISSUES AGENCIES STRUGGLE WITH
This session will include contractor-speakers and representatives from various agencies to discuss and present on how to mitigate compliance pitfalls when it comes to contractor oversight. We all must follow the Federal Regulation Part 1V Department of Transportation, 49 CFR Part 27, 37 and 38 Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities: Final Rule and Final FTA ADA Circular. The panelists will share best practices, guidelines, policies, and procedures to meet the FTA and ADA requirements.

Speakers: Melissa Mungia, Orange County Transportation Authority; Sean Powers, Transdev; Rashida Kamara, Central Contra Costa Transit Authority; Don Swain, National Express; Laura Sampson, First Group
Moderator: Robbie Sarles, RLS & Associates

9:45 AM  
Laguna & Sunset
TRANSIT & THE SUPPLY CHAIN
Supply chain issues are affecting nearly every facet of daily life. Issues related to the supply chain have had consequences for the transit industry, including a delay in receiving orders. In this session, industry leaders will provide an update on the transit supply chain and future projections on when issues may ease.

Speakers: Chris Eldridge, Ford; Joe Meer, Morongo Basin Transit Authority; Steve Chung, Creative Bus Sales
Moderator: George Sparks, Pomona Valley Transportation Authority

9:45 AM  
Baycliff
TRANSIT EQUITY & THE COMMITMENT TO TITLE VI
This session will take a closer look at the application of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in transit grants and allocation requests. When and how to apply the lens of DEI is critically important when developing and adhering to your agency’s Title VI Plan, but what else should we be doing? Learn about strategies for clearly articulating DEI.

Speakers: Amar Cid, California Department of Transportation; Kimberly Turner, Kimberly Turner Consulting; Linda Ford, American Public Transportation Association
Moderator: Joanne Jacobsen, Orange County Transportation Authority

9:45 AM  
Amalfi Salon 5
MAINTENANCE & TRAINING ON ZERO EMISSION BUSES
A session that covers safety and getting technicians equipped for the new technology of battery electric vehicles. The session will cover in detail the safe handling and repair of battery electric vehicles, including lock out tag out, a/c voltage safety, PPE, and other important safety tips. It will also cover the tools and training necessary, tips on how to get funded for these important subjects, and how to get your shops prepared for electric buses

Speakers: Phil Zirges, Orange County Transportation Authority; Mike Brock, Immersed Technology
Moderator: Jane Leonard, SCTTC
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Cardiff

SPONSORED SESSION: EXPERIENCES FROM THE FIELD: TRAINING YOUR WORKFORCE FOR BATTERY-ELECTRIC BUSES

Sponsored by: Proterra

As the adoption of battery-electric buses accelerates rapidly throughout California and North America, transit agencies are faced with training their workforces and recruiting new talent to operate and maintain advanced vehicle technology and charging infrastructure. In this session, EV training expert James Hall from Proterra will share experiences from the field holding BEB training programs at transit agencies throughout the country, in addition to a presentation from Tahoe Transportation District’s Fleet & Facilities Manager Alwyn Jones. Hear a discussion on the skills required for successfully running battery-electric buses, lessons learned, and explore key considerations to keep top of mind for the workforce of today and tomorrow.

Speakers: James Hall, Proterra; Alwyn Jones, Tahoe Transportation District

Moderator: Robert Lucio, Gold Coast Transit District

11:00 AM  
Santa Ana, CA
Meet at Porte Cochere

OFFSITE: OCTA’S HYDROGEN FUEL-CELL BUS OPERATION TOUR

Please join us to learn more about OCTA’s hydrogen fuel-cell electric bus pilot program. OCTA is a leader in testing Zero Emission Bus technology. The Cochere hydrogen fuel-cell electric bus program is just one component of OCTA’s efforts to develop a balanced and sustainable transportation system that will help bring even cleaner air quality to Orange County.

OCTA began operating 10, 40-foot hydrogen fuel-cell electric buses in early 2020. The buses are deployed on regular OCTA bus routes within disadvantaged communities in Orange County. The buses are fueled at OCTA’s Santa Ana bus base.

OCTA’s hydrogen fueling station is the largest in the nation for public transportation. In addition to its hydrogen fuel-cell electric bus pilot program, OCTA will also be testing 10 plug-in battery-electric buses in the coming months.

OCTA’s efforts align with California’s Innovative Clean Transit Rule, a first-of-its kind regulation in the U.S. that sets a goal for public transit agencies to gradually transition to 100 percent Zero Emission Bus fleets by 2040. The Innovative Clean Transit Rule is part of the state’s comprehensive program helping to achieve California’s air quality and climate goals.

11:15 AM  
Amalfi Foyer

BREAK

11:30 AM  
Laguna & Sunset

CONNECTING RIDERS THROUGH MOBILITY-ON-DEMAND

As transportation expectations change and technology evolves, public transit agencies will have to continue to adapt and adopt new service provision models. Passenger expectations, the increasing number of mobility options and constrained agency budgets also continue to apply pressure to agency decision makers and encourage them to explore more flexible service models to meet the needs of the communities and constituents they serve. In many instances, transit agencies have opted to partner with Transportation Network Companies to assist them in developing and operating on-demand transportation models. Typical use cases include first and last-mile connections, peak/off-peak service, late-night rides, paratransit, micro transit, and inefficient bus route replacement programs. Through the partnership process, they have brought greater connections to fixed route riders and spontaneity to paratransit riders. During this session, the panelists will discuss the particular partnerships and models which their agencies have pursued in addition to operating in-house services.

Speakers: Sean Tiedgen, Shasta Regional Transit Authority; Jim Appleby, Anaheim Transportation Network; Aaron Moore, Omnitrans; Teague Kirkpatrick, RydeCo

Moderator: Chris Ackerman, Victor Valley Transit Authority
11:30 AM    STRENGTHENING EQUITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS WITH DISADVANTAGE BUSINESSES (DBEs)

This session will include information on what a “good faith effort” is when it comes to trying to procure goods and services through Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). Focus will be on effective strategies on how to find DBEs, how to engage them as part of your procurement process, and how this partnership helps ensure equity and bring a sense of “being a part of” the community as a whole.

Speakers: Laura Foster, Orange County Transportation Authority; Cynthia Suero-Gabler, LA Metro
Moderator: Kimberly Turner, Kimberly Turner Consulting

11:30 AM    STATE CONSOLIDATION FUNDING APPLICATION

Caltrans grant staff developed a consolidated application for its transit grant programs that would allow transit agencies to complete a single application for all funds for which they are eligible. The programs covered by the consolidated applications are: 5311/5311f, 5310, 5339, LCTOP, TIRCP and SGR funding. This session will review how to complete the application and enter the application data into the Blackcat grants management system.

Speakers: Maya Wallace, California Department of Transportation; Rachel Pallister, Panther International; Scott Entin, Panther International
Moderator: Dennis Brooks, A-M-M-A Transit Planning

11:30 AM    CALACT/MBTA BUS PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES

The CALACT/MBTA Purchasing Cooperative offers your agency a selection of transit buses, vans and passenger shelters. This session will provide you with an update from Joe Meer on the current contracts that are available as well as the status of the ZEB bus portion of RFP #20-01 that is currently out to bid. Joe will also provide an update on the challenges of the continuing supply shortage and inflationary challenges. Tolar Manufacturing has been awarded RFP # 21-01 for passenger shelters and accessories. Patrick Merrick will provide additional information on their product offerings. The State Department of General Services offers a contract for large ZEB buses; Richard Tree will provide insight into their experience using the California Department of General Services contract to purchase their electric buses.

Speakers: Richard Tree, Tulare County Regional Transit Agency; Joe Meer, Morongo Basin Transit Authority; Patrick Merrick, Tolar Manufacturing
Moderator: Dan Mundy, California Association for Coordinated Transportation

11:30 AM    HOW TO PRODUCE GTFS-REALTIME: BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

This session will present perspectives from technology experts at Caltrans, GMV, and Connexionz about barriers agencies face in creating GTFS-Realtime data, and opportunities that can be leveraged if good data is produced. Each team will speak about their technology approach, as well as the feedback they hear from customers and the problems they encounter when submitting GTFS-Realtime data to applications like Transit, Google Maps, and Apple Maps.

Speakers: Ma’ayan Dembo, GMV; Brian Garrett, Connexionz; Ali Attari, Rebel Group
Moderator: Thomas Craig, Washington State Department of Transportation

1:00 PM    BUS SHOW LUNCHEON

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Visit the bus dealers and complete your bus cards for a chance at winning prizes!
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2:30 PM    EXPO
Riveria Ballroom
See the latest products from vendors. Visit each vendor to qualify to win the grand prize! Raffle prizes will be drawn prior to the plenary session kick-off tomorrow with Expo Grand Prizes being drawn the last ten minutes of the Expo. You must be present to win.

4:00 PM    BREAK
Riveria Ballroom
Sponsored by: GMV & GreenPower Motor Company

6:30 PM    EVENING EVENT - CASINO NIGHT
Harborside Pavilion
Sponsored by: Transdev
Join us for a night to remember at Balboa’s Harborside Pavilion! Attendees will enjoy a delicious dinner and beverages followed by live music from “Those Guys” Band and a casino night. Practice your poker skills for this fun event.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

8:00 AM    REGISTRATION OPEN
Amalfi Registration

8:00 AM    BREAKFAST BUFFET
Amalfi Salon 1,2 & 3

9:00 AM    STATE & FEDERAL UPDATE INCLUDING IIJA FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION
Amalfi Salon 1,2 & 3
This will provide an overview of the IIJA funding, federal programs, and state legislation that may affect transit agencies in California.
Speakers: Steve Wallauch, Platinum Advisors; Ray Tellis, Federal Transit Administration-virtual
Moderator: Amy Hance, City of Clovis

11:00 AM    CONFERENCE CONCLUDES
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CONFERENCES COMMITTEE

The California Association for Coordinated Transportation would like to express our appreciation to our conference committee members for their willingness to serve on the Conference planning committee and their assistance in promoting education and learning opportunities for our members.

Chair: George Sparks & Valerie Gibson

Chris Ackerman, John Andoh, Bethany Berube, Rex Clark, Thomas Craig, Gracie Davis, Frank Dopp, Valerie Gibson, Eric Haack, Amy Hance
Margaret Heath-Scheop, Simon Herrera, Peter Johnson, Kevin Kane, Omar McPherson, Joe Meer, Aaron Moore, W.C. Pihl, Sean Powers, Arun Prem
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We extend our sincere thanks to the wonderful staff at Anaheim Transportation Network who assisted in the planning and completion of the CALACT Spring Conference and EXPO. We could not have done it without them. Please join us in thanking all of them for their hard work.

THE MEMBERSHIP

Without your excellent input, idea sharing, expertise, and participation, our Conferences would not be the same. We sincerely appreciate your support of CALACT and attendance at this year’s Spring Conference. Thank you!

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