2026 APTA TRANSform Conference
Rail Transit CEOs Committee

Sunday, October 4th, 2026

11:00am – 12:00pm

CEOs or Designated CEO Representatives Only

Hilton Chicago

Salon A3 (Lower Level)

(Reminder to confirm room location when you are onsite as rooms may change)

AGENDA

Officers: *Carolyn Gonot, Chair; Katharine Kellman, Vice Chair; Jessica Mefford-Miller, Secretary*
APTA Staff Advisor: *Bryan Sooter*, Tdisho Pendleton

Mission Statement

The Rail Transit CEOs committee is comprised of the general managers (or designees) of APTA's rail transit system members. It works with the Rail Transit Committee to give policy and planning direction for rail programs. It prioritizes and gives high-level management support to the major programs of the rail committee structure and supports and facilitates information exchange in areas of common interest.

Welcome and Introductions — Carolyn Gonot, *VTA*

Greetings from APTA Leadership — APTA Leadership

New Officer Slate Introduction — Carolyn Gonot, *VTA*

- Chair -Jessica Mefford-Miller, Valley Metro
- Vice Chair- Sharon Fleming, Calgary Transit
- Secretary- Julie Kirschbaum, SFMTA

FTA Remarks on Rail Vehicle Procurement — Matthew Cahill, FTA

TfL Experience with Rail Project Cost Estimating and Escalation — Andy Lord, TfL

Rail Vehicle Task Force — Scott Sauer, *SEPTA*; John Cohen, *Alstom*

Next Meeting: APTA Rail Conference June 2027