MEGA OPS COMMITTEE MEETING

Mid Size Ops, Bus Ops, Small Ops Committees

UPDATED AGENDA

Sunday, October 4, 2026 10:45-12:00 pm	**TRANSform Conference** Hilton Chicago | Salons A1-2 (Lower Level) 720 South Michigan Ave

Please check the room location onsite as room assignments can change

OFFICERS	STAFF ADVISORS
Mid Size Ops Officers: Miguel Velazquez, RTS; Elizabeth Presutti, CATS; Tara Crawford, Trinity Metro **Bus Ops Officers:** Andy Burke, WeGo Public Transit; Gregory Edwards, WMATA; Vaughn Francis, COTA; Jarrod Hampshire, Metro RTA **Small Ops Officers:** Bryan Smith, CityBus; Reginald Mason, GTA; Ben Limmer, MetroLINK	Lisa Jerram | ljerram@apta.com Tdisho Pendleton | tpendleton@apta.com Katie Mabry | kmabry@apta.com Thomas Petersen | tpetersen@apta.com

	AGENDA ITEM	LEAD
1	**Welcome and Introductions**	Miguel Velazquez, *Chair, Mid-Size Ops* Bryan Smith, *Chair, Small Ops* Andy Burke, *Chair, Bus Ops*
2	**Remarks from the Federal Transit Administration**	Matthew Cahill Acting Deputy Administrator Chief Counsel
3	**Remarks from APTA Leadership** - *Subject to change depending on scheduling*	APTA Leadership
4	**Legislative Update**	Katie Mabry Sr. Legislative Representative
5	**Bus Manufacturing Task Force 3.0**	Lisa Jerram Sr. Director, Bus Operations & New Vehicle Technologies
6	**Bus Operator Hiring and Onboarding Challenges** • Introductory Remarks • Presentation: Streamlining Bus Operator Hiring • Interactive Poll re Onboarding	Bryan Smith Douglas Nevins, *Transit Workforce Center* Jarrod Hampshire

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7	**Open Discussion** • Artificial Intelligence in Public Transit • Autonomous Vehicles • Agency Achievements and Success Stories	Andy Burke Greg Edwards Tara Crawford, Ben Limmer Vaughn Francis
8	**Adjournment**	Miguel Velazquez