

APTA Mobility Conference | Portland, OR

BRT Tuesday Program

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Oregon Convention Center, Room A107-A109, 1st Floor

7:15-8:15 Continental breakfast available to all conference attendees

8:00 – 8:15 Welcome and Introductions – Charlotte Obodzinski, Department Manager, Pace Suburban Bus; Chair, APTA BRT Committee

8:15 – 9:45 Setting the Table for BRT

Moderator: Laura Minns, Assistant Vice President - Transit & Rail Planning, WSP USA; Vice Chair, APTA BRT Committee

- 1. Beyond the Surface: Rethinking BRT Infrastructure
 - Shonda Wang, Principal, SvN Architects and Planners
- 2. LA Metro Community Based Organization Partnership Strategy
 - Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez, Executive Officer, Community Relations, Local Government & Countywide Initiatives, LA Metro
- 3. Houston Metro's University Metro Rapid Corridor
 - Steve Granson, Project Development Practice Leader, HNTB
 - Jason Phillips, Vice President, AECOM

9:45 - 10:00 Break

10:00-11:30 Roses Are Red and Bus Lanes Are Too

Moderator: Jonathan Ahn, Project Manager, BRT Operations, Metro Transit

- 1. BRT from Plan to Action Milwaukee BRT
 - David Locher, Manager of Enhanced Transit, Milwaukee County Transit System
 - Michael Schneider, Project Design Engineer, AECOM
- 2. Better Bus, Rose Lanes, ETC A transit lane by any other name is just...
 - James McGrath, Director of Partnerships & Programs, Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.
 - Cara Belcher, Sr. Project Manager, TriMet
- Bus Lane Safety Reducing incidents through improved messaging to general traffic
 - Aaron Vogel, Chief Operating Officer, IndyGo

- Chris Hemmer, Sr. Vice President I Transit and Rail & Senior Project Manager, Senior Technical Principal, WSP
- Joe McCormack, Chief Development Officer, Planning & Development, Lane Transit District

11:30 - 12:00 BRTherapy Breakout Sessions

- BRT operational challenges facilitated by Jonathan Ahn
- Zero emission bus and BRT facilitated by Charlotte Obodzinski
- Free topic or choose your own adventure facilitated by Laura Minns