



# American Public Transportation Association

2023 APTA TRANSform Conference

Florida Ballroom B-C

Hyatt Regency

Orlando, FL

## Commuter Rail Committee

### Agenda

Sunday October 8, 2023

**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

James (Jim) Derwinski *Chair*

Catherine Rinaldi *1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair*

Debra Johnson *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair*

APTA Staff Advisors: Marie Benton ([mbenton@apta.com](mailto:mbenton@apta.com)) and Natasha De La Cruz ([ndelacruz@apta.com](mailto:ndelacruz@apta.com))

#### Mission Statement

This Committee promotes commuter railroads and supports the Commuter Rail Committee to address their unique regulatory, legislative, and operational issues.

1. **Welcome and Introductions** Jim Derwinski, Metra
2. **TSA Vetting of Certain Surface Transportation Employees** Polly Hanson, APTA
3. **FRA Updates and Discussion** Devin Rouse, DC Rail Advisory
4. **Agency Updates Around the Room** All
  - Ridership (hand out provided)
    - i. How to develop service in an emerging market
    - ii. How to target discretionary riders
  - Resiliency
    - i. How are we dealing with our vulnerabilities to climate change
    - ii. Current sustainability initiatives
  - Fiscal Cliff Discussion
5. **October 2023 Elections** Marie Benton and Jim Derwinski

Running Slate for 2023-2025:  
**Chair:** Catherine Rinaldi, President MTA Metro-North Railroad (currently serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair:** Debra Johnson, General Manager and CEO, RTD (currently serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair/Secretary:** Rich Andreski, President and CEO, Trinity Metro
6. **Adjourn**

**Next Meeting:** APTA Rail Conference, June 2, 2024  
Cleveland, OH