



APTA High-Speed & Intercity Passenger Rail Committee
Sunday, September 29, 2024
3:15 – 4:45 PM PDT
Marquis Ballroom South, Anaheim Marriot

- 3:15: Welcome and Opening Remarks from HS&IPR Committee Chair, *Chad Edison*
- 3:20: Self-Introductions
- 3:30: Remarks by *Lucie Anderton*, International Association of Railways, Paris
- 3:45: California Rail Development Highlights, *Chad Edison*
- 4:00: APTA Report, *Art Guzzetti*
- 4:05: Strategic Priorities / Positioning Work Plan Task Force, *Work Plan Champions*
- 4:20: [SPEEDLINES](#) Issue 40
- 4:25: Amtrak Update, *Anna Lynn Smith*
- 4:35: Open Mic / News and Information sharing
- 4:45: Adjourn

Monday, September 30

4:15 – 5:15 pm PT Anaheim Convention Center

Progress and Prospects for High-Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail

National and international thought-leaders will share their visions on the role high-speed and intercity passenger will play in our transportation future. Discussion will reflect on the level of activity currently underway in North America and around the world. Panelists will highlight strategies to sustain such levels of effort, and will flag best-practices in facilitating project implementation.

Sponsor Remarks: Diane Cowin, AECOM

Moderator: *Chad Edison*, Chief Deputy Secretary for Rail and Transit, California State Transportation Agency, Sacramento, CA

Panel Members:

- *Jennifer Mitchell*, Deputy Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Washington, DC
- *Roger Harris* Senior Vice President for High-Speed Rail Development, Amtrak, Washington, DC

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

4:30 – 6:00pm PST

Room 160, Anaheim Convention Center

Are you Future Ready? Planning for Climate and Seismic Resilience

Rail organizations acknowledge the need to adjust intelligently to the changing climate and extreme weather. North American and international participants will share best practices and available solutions in consideration of floods, storms, heatwaves, rising seas, and seismic events. Discussion will cover physical changes to infrastructure, and the organizational adjustments in how services are provided, ways to anticipate problems, and how to learn from experience.

Moderator: **Lucie Anderton**, Head of Sustainability, International Association of Railways, Paris, FR

Panelists:

Allison Ishihara Fultz, Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Washington, DC

Shawn Donaghy, Chief Executive Officer, North County Transit District, Oceanside, CA

Anna Lynn Smith, Vice President – Strategy and Planning, AMTRAK, Philadelphia, PA

Meg Cederoth, Director of Planning and Sustainability, California High-Speed Rail Authority, Sacramento, CA