



Rail Transit Committee
Sunday, September 14th, 2025
3:45 – 5:15pm

APTA TRANSform Conference
Room: Ensemble F-G (Level 2)
Omni Boston Seaport Hotel

(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

Mission Statement

The Rail Transit Committee gives overall policy and planning direction to the rail programs. It prioritizes and provides high-level management support to the major programs of the rail committee structure and supports and facilitates information exchange in areas of common interest.

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| 1. Welcome & Introduction | Carolyn Gonot, VTA |
| 2. Working Group and Subcommittee Updates | |
| • Rail Safety Committee | Kevin Jones, <i>dss+</i> |
| • Streetcar Subcommittee | Tom Gerend, <i>Kansas City Streetcar</i> |
| • Capital Projects | Mike Eidlin, <i>KKCS</i> |
| • Light Rail Technical Forum (LRTF) | Mike Eidlin, <i>KKCS</i> |
| • Elevator & Escalator Technical Forum | Ed LaGuardia, <i>Michael Baker</i> |
| • Rolling Stock Equipment Technical Forum | TBD |
| • Power, Signals & Communications Technical Forum | TBD |
| • Operations Control Center Technical Forum | Will Steep, <i>BCRTC</i> |
| • Automated Transit Technical Forum | Will Steep, <i>BCRTC</i> |
| • Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance (VIM) Working Group | Mike Kunkle, <i>PRT</i> |
| • Track & Noise/Vibration Technical Forum | Bryan Sooter, <i>APTA</i> |
| • Rail SPPC | Mike Knunkle, <i>PRT</i> |
| 3. Standard PPE Backpack | Bryan Sooter, <i>APTA</i> |
| 4. TCRP Research on Strategies to Increase Ridership | Jessica Alvarez, <i>Foursquare</i> |
| 5. Agency Update: | <i>All</i> |
| Updates around the room from rail transit agencies on their latest projects, recent procurements, deliveries, overhauls and ridership. | |
| 6. Closing Remarks and Adjourn | |

Next meeting: APTA Rail Conference, June 28, 2026 in Baltimore, MD