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Marla Lien was the General Counsel for the Regional Transportation District (RTD from 2005 through 2016), having served as Associate General Counsel from 1990 through 2005 and then as General Counsel. Marla's practice focuses on project development including rail and property acquisition. Her experience encompasses the FasTracks Program including the University of Colorado A Line, U.S. 36 BRTD, and other commuter and light rail lines in Denver, as well as the Denver Union Station redevelopment, where she participated in the negotiation and drafting of funding, real estate acquisition and sales, site planning, and design build contracts with the U.S. DOT, the City and County of Denver, the Denver Union Station Project Authority, and the master developer. She was also the lead negotiator for the Denver Union Station Historic Station building hotel project. Marla's responsibilities with these projects involved federal grant eligibility, project structure, and funding for the RTD Penta-P Project for the East and Gold Lines known as "Eagle P3." Eagle P3 is the first comprehensive public-private partnership to be undertaken by a U.S. transit agency.

Marla chairs the American Public Transportation Association Legal Affairs Committee and leads the annual conference of transit attorneys. Marla also has expertise with railroad negotiations, real estate development projects, elections, legislation, and project finance and funding. She has worked closely with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration.