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Welcome

On behalf of Amtrak, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, NJ TRANSIT, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and Regional Plan Association, we welcome you to this important gathering of government, business, and community leaders who all share one thing in common: a profound stake in the future of our regional, multi-modal transportation network.

We hope this Summit will be the beginning of a focused and urgent dialogue among the stakeholders in this vital array of public resources, aimed at nothing less than developing a shared strategic vision, and concrete action plans, to address the region's need for expanded trans-Hudson transportation resources.

Trans-Hudson travel and freight movement is expected to increase significantly over the next 25 years, presenting growing capacity challenges for access roads, bridges, and tunnels; and bus, rail, and ferry links between New York and New Jersey. Options for crossing the Hudson River have not kept pace with the growth of our population or economy. Congestion created by the limitations on trans-Hudson crossings creates a ripple effect across the region, and stands as a major impediment to long-term economic growth. Alleviating these effects and thereby facilitating the continued growth of our regional economy will ultimately depend on the development of new trans-Hudson transportation capacity.

Today, we will address a broad spectrum of ongoing and proposed improvements to our multimodal transportation network. As you will note from the agenda, Summit participants will also discuss innovative infrastructure funding sources, financing techniques, and project delivery mechanisms, including public-private partnerships, and tax-increment financing, as well as ways to streamline the current regulatory process to reduce costs and fast-track crucial infrastructure projects.

We welcome all of you to this Summit and look forward to a very productive conversation on the future of trans-Hudson transportation.

Sincerely,



Anthony Coscia
Chairman of the Board, Amtrak



Thomas Prendergast
Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority



Veronique Hakim
Executive Director, NJ TRANSIT



John Degnan
Chairman, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey



Elliot Sander
Chairman, Regional Plan Association; President & CEO, I-Grace

Agenda

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Breakfast & Networking

Continental breakfast served

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Welcome Remarks

John Degnan, Chairman, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Elliot Sander, Chairman, Regional Plan Association; President & CEO, I-Grace

Scott Rechler, Vice-Chairman, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Session I: Understanding the Trans-Hudson Challenge & Developing Solutions

15-MIN BREAK

10:15 AM – 12:30 PM

Session II: Building a Federal, Bi-State & Local Partnership

Questions and answers

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch & Networking

Buffet lunch served

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Session III: Financing the Solutions

Questions and answers

15-MIN BREAK

3:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Session IV: Getting Shovels in the Ground

Questions and answers

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM

Closing Remarks

Thomas K. Wright, President, Regional Plan Association

John Degnan, Chairman, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

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Morning Sessions

Session I

Understanding the Trans-Hudson Challenge & Developing Solutions

The first morning session will begin with presentations by each of the transportation agency co-sponsors that focus on a different aspect of the trans-Hudson challenge. Presentations will reference potential solutions to expand capacity in trans-Hudson crossings and facilities for further discussion, including the costs and benefits of proposed projects.

Moderator

Thomas K. Wright, President, Regional Plan Association

Presentations

The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Amtrak

NJ TRANSIT

Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Session II

Building a Federal, Bi-State & Local Partnership

The panelists from Session I will be joined by additional panelists representing other partners in addressing the trans-Hudson challenge, for a moderated discussion of potential solutions and a process for moving forward.

Moderator

Thomas K. Wright, President, Regional Plan Association

Amtrak Panelists

Anthony Coscia, Chairman of the Board

Stephen Gardner, Vice President, NEC Infrastructure & Investment Development

Drew Galloway, Chief of Planning & Performance, NEC Infrastructure & Investment Development

New Jersey Panelists

Veronique Hakim, Executive Director, NJ TRANSIT

Rich Roberts, Chief, NEC Trans-Hudson Projects, NJ TRANSIT

New York Panelists

Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation

Thomas Prendergast, Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Bill Wheeler, Director of Planning, Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Port Authority Panelists

John Degnan, Chairman

Patrick Foye, Executive Director

Andrew Lynn, Director, Planning & Regional Development

Additional Panelists

Joel Ettinger, Executive Director, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council

Mary K. Murphy, Executive Director, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Martin Robins, Founding Director, Voorhees Transportation Center, Rutgers University

Peter Rogoff, Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation

Afternoon Sessions

Session III

Financing the Solutions

This panel will discuss innovative financing models, including the role of public-private partnerships, in funding the massive capital investments required to substantially expand cross-Hudson transit capacity.

Moderator

Rohit Aggarwala, Principal, Bloomberg Associates

Panelists

D.J. Gribbin, Managing Director, Macquarie Group

Chris Ireland, Director of Infrastructure investments,
Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan

Sam Schwartz, President, CEO & Founder, Sam
Schwartz Engineering

Robert D. Yaro, President Emeritus & Senior Advisor,
Regional Plan Association

Session IV

Getting Shovels in the Ground

This panel will explore the project delivery process and the labor, regulatory and environment permitting involved in expanding cross-Hudson transit capacity, and possible strategies for “fast-tracking” necessary projects of national and regional significance.

Moderator

Joshua Schank, President & CEO, Eno Center for
Transportation

Panelists

Mark Chertok, Principal, Sive, Paget & Riesel

Philip Howard, Chair, Common Good Legal Reform
Think Tank

Marilyn Jordan Taylor, Dean of the School of Design
and Paley Professor, University of Pennsylvania

Speakers



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