

2014 FRA Rail Program Delivery



AGENDA August 4-6, 2014

Washington DC Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005, Tel: 202-737-2200
DIRECTIONS: Arrive WMATA Metro Center Station. Exit 12th & G Streets. Marriott on 12th between G and H.

NOTE: PDH Professional Development Hours (Self-Report – see separate sheet)

Monday, Aug 4 INTRODUCTIONS and PROJECTS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY	
3:00 – 5:00 PM	<p>Pre-Meeting: MTAC, FRA, Volpe only</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the philosophy of MTAC • how MTAC differs from FTA’s PMOC program, and FRA’s recent A&E contractor program • the MPs – content and usage on different projects • Volpe and FRA • Q&A
5:00 PM 5:45 PM	<p>Registration and Meet and Greet</p> <p>Welcome Remarks from FRA</p> <p>Stacy Cummings, Executive Director Corey Hill, Director, Office of Program Delivery</p>
6:00 – 7:15 PM	<p>“Lightning Talks”</p> <p>Ten talks, 6 minutes each. Learn about FRA-funded projects in all regions of the country. Co-presented by Grantees and FRA Regional Managers / Project Managers (RM/PM). Concise, fast-paced, multiple-speaker format.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – Northeast. Trevor Gibson 2 – NEC. Rebecca Reyes Alicea + Susan Jurman of MTA Capital Construction 3 – Mid-Atlantic. Adam Denton + Al Fazio of Amtrak 4 – South. Randy Brown + Jason Orthner of NCDOT 5 – Midwest. Wynne Davis + Tim Hoeffner of Michigan DOT 6 – Central. Catherine Dobbs + Mark Werner of TxDOT 7 – Vehicles. Sal DeAngelo 8 – Southwest. Melissa DuMond + Bruce Roberts of Caltrans 9 – SW CHSRA & Transbay. Peter Osborn + Jeff Morales of CHSRA, and Mark Zabaneh of TJPA 10 – Northwest. Leo Wetula

Tuesday, Aug 5	DIALOGUE BETWEEN GRANTEES AND FRA
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration and breakfast on your own
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Welcome to Attendees and Introductory Remarks, Safety Briefing Corey Hill, Director, Office of Program Delivery Joseph Szabo, Administrator, FRA
9:00 – 10:15 AM	Decision-making during Planning, PE, Environmental Review, FD <i>What are the most important decisions the Grantee makes?</i> <i>What are the most important decisions FRA makes?</i> POINT: FRA discusses Key Decisions for Major Rail Projects Moderator – David Kutrosky, Managing Director, Capitol Corridor JPA Discussants – Corey Hill, Director, Office of Program Delivery David Valenstein, Chief, Environmental and Corridor Planning Presenters - (15 min ea) - FRA’s Planning Framework, Kyle Grading, Planner - NEPA and the Planning Process, Michael Johnsen, Environmental Team Lead - Decision-making During Project Development, Leonard Evans, Chief, Engineering Q & A (15 min)
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 – 12:00 PM	Decision-making continued COUNTERPOINT: Project Sponsors discuss Key Decisions for Major Rail Projects Moderator – David Kutrosky, Managing Director, Capitol Corridor JPA Discussants - Leonard Evans, Chief, Engineering and Project Development, FRA Wendy Messenger, Chief, Program Implementation, FRA Presenters – (20 min ea) - California High Speed Rail, Jeff Morales, CEO, California High Speed Rail Authority - Empire Corridor, Susan Andrews, Director of Rail Projects, NYSDOT - Chicago – St. Louis Corridor, John Oimoen, Deputy Director, Railroads, IDOT Q & A (20 min)
12:00 – 12:30 PM	U.S. DOT Leadership Remarks Karen Hedlund, Deputy Administrator, FRA Victor Mendez, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Transportation
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch break

1:30 – 2:00 PM	FRA Leadership Remarks Karen Hedlund, Deputy Administrator, FRA Paul Nissenbaum, Associate Administrator for Railroad Policy & Development, FRA
2:00 – 3:15 PM	Management & Technical Capacity and Capability of the Extended Project Team Moderators - Vincent D. Gallagher, Jr., Vice President, Hill Intl. and John Lehman, Senior Project Manager, Hill Intl. People Make the Projects: What FRA looks for in project organizations and team qualifications, Vince Gallagher and John Lehman of Hill Intl. (15 min) Organizations, Qualifications, Roles/Responsibilities, Mgmt Approaches (15 min ea) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AMTRAK’s Organization for Engineering /Construction - Joseph Rago PE, Deputy Chief Engineer-Capital Construction, Amtrak - Piedmont Improvement Program, Jason Orthner, Manager of Design and Construction, NCDOT - Rochester Station, Marie Corrado, Director, Major Projects Office, NYSDOT Q & A (15 min)
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 – 5:00 PM	Generating Revenue: Stations, Real Estate, and Capturing Value Moderator – Michael Murray, Transportation Industry Analyst, FRA Discussant – Anish Kumar, Architect, Planner, Sr. Director Facilities Planning, AMTRAK Presenters (15 min ea) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raleigh Union Station, Craig Newton of NCDOT and Roberta Fox, City of Raleigh - Sacramento Railyards, Gregory Taylor AIA LEED AP, Project Mgr, City Sacramento - TOD and Generating Revenue, Transbay Transit Center District – Scott Boule, Legislative Affairs and Community Outreach Manager, TJPA - International Station Experience, Paul Reynolds, Atkins Global Q & A (20 min)
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Take the Metro Red Line to Washington Union Station
5:45 – 6:30 PM	A Presentation on Union Station’s 2nd Century in Columbus Club, NE corner of Main Hall Beverley Swaim-Staley, President/CEO of Union Station Redevelopment Corporation Brian Harner, Lead Project Consultant for Union Station’s 2nd Century plans David Tuchmann, Vice President of Development, Akridge
6:30 – 7:15 PM	Union Station Tour (limited availability)
7:15 PM	Dinner on your own (list of restaurants in Union Station and environs)

Wednesday Aug 6 RAILROAD PLANNING & OPERATIONS and PROJECT CONTROLS	
8:30 – 10:00 AM	<p>Railroad Planning & Operations</p> <p>Moderator – David Solow, Planning Lead, CH2MHill Presenters – (15 min ea)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Railroad Planning Basics</i>, Richard Cogswell, Sr. Engineer, FRA - <i>AMTRAK’s Perspective on Planning and Operations</i>, Drew Galloway, Chief of Corridor Development and Planning, Sr. Operations Planner, AMTRAK - <i>What intercity passenger rail project sponsors should know about railroad operations</i>, DJ Mitchell II, Asst. Vice President, Passenger Operations, BNSF - <i>FRA Safety Interface</i> – Dan Knote, Staff Director, Passenger Rail Division, Office of Railroad Safety, FRA <p>Q & A (20 min)</p>
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 - 12:00 PM	<p>Cost, Schedule, Risk Management Through the Project Life</p> <p>Moderator - Peter Osborn, Senior Project Manager, FRA Discussants - Scott Kiefer, Sr. Lead Engineer, Booz Allen Hamilton; Marian Rule, Sr. VP, TransSystems; Mark Walbrun, Transit and Rail Market Leader, CH2MHill</p> <p>Presenters – (20 min ea)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost Management, Reporting, Ronald Anderson, VP, Kal Krishnan Consulting Svc. - Scheduling 101, Thomas E. Mitchell, PE, Dir. National Construction Consulting Svcs, Urban Engineers - How we brought our project in on budget and on schedule, Patricia Quinn, Executive Director, Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority <p>Panel discussion: (20 min)</p>
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 - 2:30 PM	<p>Cost, Schedule, Risk, continued</p> <p>Presenters –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk Assessment – Top-down, Bottom-up? Understanding the basics, Will Willson, Director Risk Management, Gardiner & Theobald (45 min) - Risk Assessment for Transbay - Mark Zabaneh, Sr. Program Mgr, TJPA (15 min) <p>Panel discussion: (20 min)</p>
2:30 – 3:00 PM	<p>Wrap Up, Corey Hill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are your biggest concerns, needs - Discussion of the value of this meeting, future meetings, topics