

Regional Transit Symposium: Learning from the Best



The Regional Transportation Authority is leading the way in Pima County in supporting the development and expansion of regional transit.

We invite you to join us for a lively discussion on how other transit experts across the country have developed regional transit authorities, coordinated with community leaders, worked through challenges in the process, responded to regional needs and how their operations are working during tight economic times.

Help us to listen, learn and build upon the industry's best practices.

December 2, 2009

**Silverbell Ballroom, Manning House
450 W. Paseo Redondo, Downtown Tucson**

8:30 a.m. – Registration begins

9:00 a.m. – Program begins promptly

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM:

RTA Chair Ed Honea, Mayor of Marana

RTA Executive Director Gary G. Hayes

Panel Discussion (See bios on page 2)

Space is limited. RSVP by Nov. 20:

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PANEL SPEAKERS:

Keith T. Parker, President/CEO

VIA Metropolitan Transit in San Antonio, Texas

Prior to joining VIA in July 2009, Mr. Parker served as CEO and Director of Public Transit for the Charlotte Area Transit System, or CATS. Mr. Parker, AICP, joined CATS in 2000 as Chief Operating Officer where he was responsible for bus and paratransit operations, as well as assisting in developing light rail plans for the transit system. Prior to joining CATS, he served as CEO/Executive Director for the Clark County Transit Authority in Vancouver, Wash.



John M. English, General Manager/CEO

Utah Transit Authority

Mr. English, internationally recognized for his transit experience and ability to make transit projects a reality, managed the funding and construction of the \$312.5 million Sandy to Salt Lake TRAX light rail line, completing the 15-mile TRAX line one year ahead of schedule and under budget, as well as the \$118.5 million University TRAX light rail line connecting downtown Salt Lake City and the University of Utah in time for the 2002 Winter Olympics.



Jacob Snow, General Manager

Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada

As general manager, Mr. Snow has overseen the planning and implementation of the rapid transit Metropolitan Area Express, the successful launch of the double-deck Deuce vehicles on the Las Vegas Strip and the initial completion of the 215 Bruce Woodbury Beltway. He currently is overseeing the development of the RTC's ACE rapid transit system for Southern Nevada. The first ACE line – the ACE Gold line – will debut in January and will provide an enhanced transit link between downtown Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Strip.



Linda S. Watson, CEO

LYNX, Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority

Earlier this year, Ms. Watson testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Highways and Transit on "Maintaining our Nation's Highway and Transit Infrastructure." Ms. Watson, who has more than 20 years of transportation-related experience, is past chair of the Transportation Research Board and is a past member of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Executive Committee. Currently, she serves on the National Transit Institute Advisory Board.



Cal Marsella, CEO

MV Rail and Chief of Business Development in Colorado/California

Mr. Marsella, a 36-year transit veteran with municipal, county, regional and state levels of governments, was a co-owner of Gulf Coast Paratransit Services in Fort Myers, Fla., and owned a transportation consulting company in Miami. Before joining MV, he was General Manager and CEO of the Denver Regional Transportation District. While there, the Denver RTD was named the Most Outstanding Transit System in North America twice. He was named the Outstanding Transit Manager in North America in 2006.

