

Rail Users' Network

invites you to an important Mid- Atlantic Rail Conference:

"Keeping Connected by Rail: Making Your Voices Heard"

Friday, April 20, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

American Public Transportation Association Headquarters, 1666 K Street,
Washington, DC

(Optional tour -Saturday, April 21)

- 8:30 a.m. Registration / Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome: Richard Rudolph, Ph.D., Chair, Rail Users' Network
- 9:10 a.m. Dabney Hegg, Senior Staff Member, Senate Committee on
Commerce, Science, Transportation (invited)
- 9:30 a.m. Art Guzzetti, Vice President-Policy, American Public Transportation
Association
- 9:55 a.m. Brian Rosenwald, Chief, Product Management, Amtrak
- 10:25 a.m. Keynote Address: Don Phillips, Trains Magazine
- 11:10 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:20 a.m. Panel: Connecting With Your Constituents: Best Practices for
Effective Advocacy

Mike Testerman, President, Virginia Association of Railway Patrons.

Aissia Richardson, Chair, SEPTA Citizens Advisory Committee

David Alpert, WMATA Riders Advisory Council

Jack Corbett, MetroRiders.org

Moderator: Andrew Albert, Chair, NYC Transit Riders Council,
Non-voting member, MTA Board
- 12:35 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

- 1:30 p.m. Panel: Recent Success Stories in the Mid-Atlantic Region
- Meredith Richards, Chair, Piedmont Rail Coalition
- Jim Price, Chief Operating Officer, Hampton Roads Transit
- Gene Kirkland, Treasurer, Carolinas Association of Passenger Trains
- Moderator: Richard Rudolph, Chair, Rail Users' Network
- 2:45 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:00 p.m. Panel: Efforts Underway to Extend Rail Service West and North of Roanoke, Virginia.
- J. Charles "Chuck" Riecks, Charleston, W.Va., Chair, Friends of the Cardinal
- Carl Palmer, General Manager, Valley Metro, Roanoke, Va.
- Richard Beadles, founder, Virginians for High Speed Rail, and
- Kenneth Joseph, Western Pennsylvanians for Passenger Rail
- Moderator: David Peter Alan, RUN Board Member; Chair, Lackawanna Coalition _____
- 4:15 p.m. Instructions for Saturday tour: David Peter Alan
- 4:20 p.m. Wrap-up and Closing Remarks: Richard Rudolph