

# **RUN's Virtual Conference**

## **“Rail News and Rumors”**

**Friday, April 24, 2026 1 PM - 5 PM. EST.**

### **Agenda and List of Speakers**

1:00 - 1:05 Richard Rudolph, RUN's Chairman, Introductory Remarks.

1:05 - 2: 25 **The FRA I.D. Corridor I. D. Phase Two Panel Presentation.**

Andrew Albert. RUN's Vice-Chair will moderate.

Panelists include:

- Todd Liebman, President, All Aboard Arizona will talk about the Tucson to Phoenix rail project
- John Esterly, Executive Director, [All Aboard Ohio](#) will talk about the 3C & D project.
- Paul Spoelhof will talk about the Midwest Connect Project:Chicago to Pittsburgh through Fort Wayne, IN, and Columbus, Ohio.
- Knox Ross, Chairman, Southern Rail Commission will talk about the effort to restore passenger rail service from Baton Rouge to New Orleans. Each panelist will have 20 minutes to talk about their state's Project, with time at the end for Q & A.

2:25 -2:30 Break.

2:30 - 3:00 Azita Kaovasia, AVP Major Programs – she leads Amtrak's Distance Fleet Replacement Program, overseeing procurement, vendor selection, and delivery of next. - generation long distance trainsets. She will talk about the process for ordering equipment.

3:00 - 3:30 Jason S. Myers, Rail Program Manager at NCDOT's Rail Division will speak about the Charlotte, NC to DC Corridor.

3:30 - 4:00 Michael Weinman, Founder and Director, PTSI Transportation will give a talk - "British Rail Fragmented: 30 Years of Chaos"

4:00 - 4:30 Alice Rodriguez, Deputy Director of External Affairs, California High Speed Rail Authority will talk about the progress that is being made.

4:30 - 4:50 Phil Streby, RUN Board Member and Legislative Committee Chair and Amtrak Conductor who is retired will talk about why RUN is opposed to the UP/ NS merger.

**4:50 - 5:00 Closing Remarks. David Peter Alan, Contributing Editor, Railway Age, RUN Board Member.**