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Join Us at The Rail Users' Network Virtual Fall Conference.

***An Update - Keeping You Informed in The World of
Passenger Rail & Rail Transit***

Friday, November 14, 2025 12:45 - 5:00 PM. EST

List of speakers and topics include:

- 12:45 - 12:55 **Richard Rudolph**, Chair, Rail Users' Network. Remarks regarding RUN's history, accomplishments and what needs to be done going forward to assist rail advocacy efforts to restore or expand new passenger rail / rail transit projects.
- 12:55 - 1:25 **Chris Nevitt**, Board Chair, Front Range Passenger Rail District. Establishing Passenger Rail Service from Denver to Fort Collins, Colorado.
- 1:25 - 1:55 **Luis Mota**, Project Manager for the South Central Extension Project. He will talk about The new light rail line which was recently completed, the South-Central Extension/Downtown Hub, a 5.5-mile expansion that connects South Phoenix to downtown and creates a new two-line Valley Metro system.
- 1:55 - 2:55 UP/NS Proposed Merger Panel. **Andrew Albert**, moderator. Panelists include; **Steve Roberts**, the president of RailPac (California and Nevada), **Jim Blaze**, Contributing Editor at Railway Age, and **Ron Kaminkow**, Trustee, Rail Workers United.
- 2:55 - 3:00 Break.
- 3:00 - 3:25 **Jordan Smith**, Project Director-IBX, MTA Construction & Development will talk about The Interborough Express (IBX) – the proposed 14-mile light rail project that will connect Queens to downtown Brooklyn.
- 3:25 - 3:55 **Michelle Tortolani** (Vice President, Project Delivery, Fleet & Facilities, Amtrak) will talk about the new rail car equipment which is being put into service and the procurement process for ordering new long distance railcar equipment.
- 3:55 - 4:25 **Lori Kahikina**, Executive Director & CEO, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) will talk about the Skyline, the rapid transit system that is expanding with Phase 2 connecting to Daniel K Inouye International Airport next month, and a final phase to reach Downtown Honolulu in 2031.
- 4:25 - 4:50 **Steve Unger**, Co-Chair of Eastern Carolina Rail, and Vice-Chair of the North Carolinians for Passenger Rail will talk about the effort to restore regional rail service between Raleigh and Wilmington, North Carolina.
- 4:50 - 5:00 **David Peter Alan**, Contributing Editor, Railway Age, and RUN Board Member will offer closing remarks.

**** Q&A will be offered after each speaker as time may allow.**