SAVE THE DATE FOR RUN'S Fall 2026 VIRTUAL RAIL CONFERENCE

Richard Rudolph, Ph.D. Chairman, Rail Users' Network

The Rail Users Network is holding its Fall 2026 Virtual Conference on Friday, October 9, 2026 from 1 pm - 5 pm. ET. The conference "View Down the Tracks: More Service or Massive Service Cuts" is taking place virtually on zoom - Friday, October 9 from 1-5:00 pm ET.

The program includes:

Art Guzzetti who serves as the Vice President of Mobility Initiatives & Policy for the American Public Transportation Association (APTA)> He will provide a critique of the House Republican BUILD America 250 Act

A spokesperson from CDOT has been invited to talk about the exciting new Mountain Rail Project which will establish year-round passenger service connecting Denver with mountain towns and rural northwestern Colorado, ultimately reaching Craig.

FRA I.D. Corridor I.D Phase Two Projects Panel Presentation. Andrew Albert, Vice Chair, RUN will moderate. Each speaker will have 20 minutes to provide an update regarding their projects:

Marian Moskowitz, the chairwoman of the Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority will talk about the project and the memorandum of understanding with Amtrak as operator of the future service from Reading, Pa to Philadelphia.

Larry Malski, Esq, President of the Penn Northeast Regional Rail Authority will talk about the Scranton to New York City Rail Project.

Andy Koziol, West-East Rail Director, MassDOT will talk about the proposed rail service from Albany, New York to Springfield and Boston, Ma.

We will also hold two other panel presentations:

The Legislative Rail Caucus Panel will be moderated by Luis Moscoso, a former Washington State Legislator who is the Government Affairs Director of All Aboard Washington. Panelists will include several state legislators from Washington State, Oregon and Montana.

Our Rail Advocacy Panel moderated by RUN's Chair will focus on effective strategies at the local, state and regional level. The panelists include Ben Hood and Anne Miller who have been involved in the Palmer Stop Project, Danny Plaugher who is the Executive Director, Virginians for High Speed Rail; Martin Wheeler, President of the Carolina Association of Rail Passengers and possibly Peter Le Cody, President, Texas Rail Advocates who has been involved in the successful effort to secure a temporary funding lifeline that keeps the Oklahoma-Texas partnered Heartland flyer operating through most of 2027.

Brian Holloway, Deputy Chief Engineer for Infrastructure at Sound Transit will talk about the exciting new Sound Transit Project called the Crosslake Connection which enables passengers in light rail vehicles to cross over Lake Washington on a floating rail bridge. This new service completes the Link 2 Line, uniting the Eastside with Seattle the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Federal Way, Lynnwood and communities in between.

Closing remarks will be given by David Peter Alan who is a Contributing Editor at **Railway Age** and is a RUN Board Member.

Who should attend? The conference is designed not only for passenger rail / rail transit advocates, but also for civic and business leaders, environmentalists, planners, real estate developers and members of the general public who are interested in knowing more about passenger rail and rail transit in America. Please note this is a free event for RUN members, but registration is required. A registration fee for nonmembers is $25, which includes RUN membership through 2027.

Be sure to register by Friday, October 2nd so that we can send along the info needed to attend RUN's Virtual Fall Conference. To register, please go to our web site to register at conference / or use the QR code below.

All people registering on-line will receive an acknowledgement from the system, but may be directed to your junk or spam folder, which we cannot control. Please check there for your registration acknowledgement

We look forward to your participation. In the meantime, be well and enjoy the coming of Fall and many thanks for all you do to support and improve passenger rail/rail transit.