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RAILROAD PASSENGERS
TRAINS: A TRAVEL CHOICE AMERICANS WANT

April 17, 2010
9:00 – 5:00 PM

Metro Board Room at Gateway Center
Los Angeles Union Station

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PROGRAM

AM

9:00 Registration and badge pickup

Coffee and pastry service

9:30 Welcome

Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles City Council Member

9:45 Opening Address

Ara Najarian, Chairman, Metro Board and Council Member, City of Glendale

10:00 High Speed Rail: The Builders

Joshua Coran, Director of Operations, Talgo Inc.

Armin Kick, Director of High Speed Rail Development, Siemens

Thomas Stone, President, DesertXpress Enterprises

11:00 High Speed Rail: How to Spend the First Billion Dollars

Mike McGinley, TRAC Board and RailPAC member

Darrell Clarke, Transportation Co-chair, Sierra Club's Los Angeles Chapter

Daniel Krause, Co-founder and Vice President, Californians for High Speed Rail

Jerard Wright, Vice President, The Transit Coalition

Paul Dyson, President, RailPAC

Questions and Comments

PM

12:00 Lunch

Box lunch in cafeteria

Platform Exhibit at Union Station

Refurbished Amtrak cars

1:00 The National System

Stephen Gardner, Vice President of Policy and Development, Amtrak

2:00 California State Rail Program

Bill Bronte, Chief, Caltrans Division of Rail

2:30 LOSSAN and Southern California Commuter Service

Art Brown, Mayor of Buena Park

Keith Millhouse, Chairman, SCRRA

Alex Clifford, Executive Officer, High Speed Rail, Metro

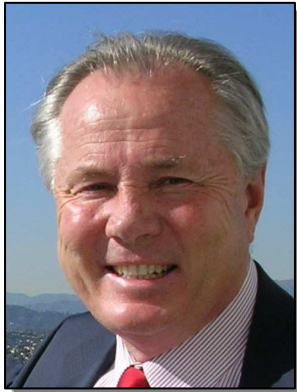
3:30 Passenger Rail Advocacy: Where do we go from here?

George Chilson, retiring NARP Chairman

4:00 Members comments and discussion

5:00 Adjourn

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Tom LaBonge

Los Angeles City Council Member

Tom LaBonge has served the 4th District since first being elected in 2001. Dubbed Mr. LA by *Los Angeles* magazine this year, Mr. LaBonge is known for his infectious civic spirit and encyclopedic knowledge of Los Angeles. Mr. LaBonge has worked for the city for more than 35 years, having served on the staffs of Mayor Richard Riordan, the late City Council President John Ferraro, Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson and the Department of Water and Power. He currently serves as Chair of the City Council's Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee; Vice Chair of its Transportation Committee and a member of its Trade, Commerce & Tourism Committee. Mr. LaBonge is also President of the Los Angeles Sister Cities, Inc., a non-profit organization that maintains connections between L.A. and its 25 sister cities around the world.



Ara Najarian

*Chairman, Metro Board
Council Member, City of Glendale*

MTA Board Chairman Najarian was elected to the Glendale City Council in April of 2005. Before being elected to the city council, he was an elected member of the Glendale Community College Board of Trustees. He served 7 years on the Glendale Transportation and Parking Commission and served two of those years as Chairman. Mr. Najarian is currently Vice Chair of the Glendale Redevelopment Agency and is the Past Chair of the Glendale Housing Authority. Mr. Najarian has been an attorney in private practice for 20 years. He attended Occidental College where he received a BA in Economics and later earned his JD from USC School of Law.



Joshua Coran

Director of Operations, Talgo Inc.

He was born and raised in the Boston, Massachusetts, area. He holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MBA from the Katz School of Management, University of Pittsburgh. He has been a Registered Professional Engineer in Illinois since 1976.

Mr. Coran has worked in the railroad and railroad supply industry exclusively since 1966. He has worked for the New York Central, Illinois Central and Alaska railroads, having been Chief Mechanical Engineer of the latter for 21 years. He was Chief Mechanical Officer of Trinity Railway Express from 2004 to 2007. He has also held positions with Westinghouse Electric's Transportation Equipment Division and the passenger division of Pullman-Standard, where he was Manager of Manufacturing Engineering.

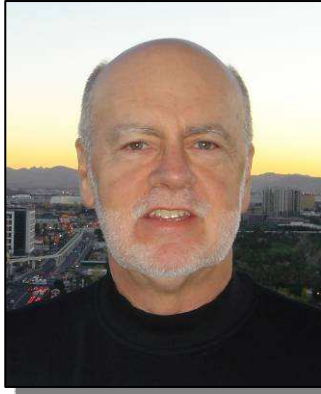
Since the beginning of 2008, Mr. Coran has been Director of Operations at Talgo, Inc., the Seattle based subsidiary of Patentes Talgo, SL, of Spain. For over ten years Talgo, Inc has maintained under contract the five Talgo train sets currently in service on the Amtrak *Cascades* in the Pacific Northwest. It also promotes US manufacturing, sales and maintenance of new passenger equipment, the core business of Patentes Talgo in Spain since 1942. In connection with that activity, Mr. Coran is heavily involved in the design of the next generation of Talgo equipment, the Series 8, which is currently being designed for the North American market.



Armin Kick

Director of High Speed Rail Development, Siemens

Armin has worked with Siemens since 2003 and currently holds the position of Director of High Speed Rail Development at Siemens. He earned a MSCE in Civil Engineering at Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich in 1996. There he specialized in transportation planning and related railway topics. In 2002 Armin earned his MBA in General Management from Union College. Armin is a member of PMI, ASCE and Beta Gamma Sigma.



Thomas Stone, PhD, PE
President, DesertXpress Enterprises

Tom Stone is President of DesertXpress Enterprises, where he is leading the development and implementation of the DesertXpress interstate high speed passenger rail project linking Southern Nevada and Southern California. Previously, Dr. Stone served as Chief Project Officer for the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Gold Line Construction Authority, where he was responsible for the design and construction of the \$730 million Gold Line light rail transit project, which was completed on-time and within-budget.

Dr. Stone's 40-year career in the transportation industry includes:

- President of the Transit Systems Division of Bombardier Inc., the world's largest supplier of complete mass transit systems.
- Senior Vice President, Transportation Division Manager and Vice Chairman of the Board of Carter & Burgess Inc., helping make it one of the fastest growing large engineering firms in the United States;
- Senior Vice President of CRSS Inc., which at the time was the largest design firm in the country, where he led the firm's transportation planning and engineering practice; and
- Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Utah, where he developed the graduate curriculum in Urban Mass Transit Systems.

Projects developed under his leadership include:

- The \$730 million LA to Pasadena Gold Line Light Rail Transit Project
- The \$1.7 billion Southeast Corridor design/build "T-REX" light rail transit and interstate freeway reconstruction program in Denver
- The \$2 billion fully automated Light Rapid Transit System 2 project in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, one of the world's most technologically advanced urban rail transit systems
- The \$1 billion Ankara Metro in Turkey

An internationally recognized expert in transit technology, design/build contracting, and innovative project financing, Tom received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Engineering from UCLA and his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado. He has been a registered professional engineer in several states, and is a frequent author and presenter at major international transportation conferences.

Michael E. McGinley, PE

TRAC Board and RailPAC member

I am a Registered Professional Engineer (Civil) engaged in railroad engineering, maintenance, and operations from 1966 to the present. My employment includes 21 years with Southern Pacific (including 3-year military leave), 5 years consulting engineering with Daniel, Mann, Johnson, & Mendenhall, 14 years with SCRRA (Metrolink), and part-time on-call consulting work for various firms since retirement from SCRRA in 2006.

My Southern California work includes starting out of college working for the Southern Pacific on their new 77-mile Palmdale to Colton project and serving as Division Engineer (and Asst. Div. Engr.) at Los Angeles, and the planning, design, construction management, maintenance, and operation of the Metrolink system. This experience brought me close to most of the rail lines and communities here. Upon retirement I have become more involved in several volunteer groups who advocate public transportation and who, like the Rancho Simi Park and Recreation Foundation, preserve railroading's historic contribution to the development, culture, and folklore of our country.

BS, Civil Engineering, University of California.

Married, one son.

Member, ASCE, AREMA, Ry. Club of Sou. Calif.



Darrell Clarke

Transportation Co-chair, Sierra Club Los Angeles Chapter

Darrell Clarke is Conservation chair and Transportation co-chair of the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter (covering Los Angeles and Orange Counties), and a member of the Angeles Chapter and Sierra Club California Executive Committees.

He's a founder and co-chair of Friends 4 Expo Transit, bringing the Expo Line light rail from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica. He also served eight years on the City of Santa Monica Planning Commission.



Daniel Krause

Co-founder and Vice-Chair, Californians For High Speed Rail

Daniel passionately believes that high speed rail is the foundation of building a sustainable society. He believes that with a core system of high speed rail in place, new transit systems will quickly develop to connect to the system, and transit-oriented development will become the standard development patterns. Therefore, he has dedicated much of his time to ensure that the high speed rail system will get developed in California.

Daniel has extensive experience in advocating for the improvement of all types of public transportation with a focus on rail transit. He has served for five years as the Managing Director of Rescue Muni, a San Francisco-based non-profit organization that focuses on public transportation. While working with Rescue Muni, Daniel's main focus has been on improving the Central Subway project in San Francisco. An urban planner by nature and training, he is also founder and president of Public Vision Research, LLC, a San Francisco-based consulting firm. Daniel is a candidate for a Master of Urban and Regional Planning at San Jose Station in Urban and Regional Planning. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies with an emphasis on Land-Use Planning from University of California, Santa Cruz.



Jerard Wright

Vice President, The Transit Coalition

Member of Metro's Westside/Central Governance Council and Citizen's Advisory Council and current Co-chair of the Green LA Transportation Work Group. Graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a BA in Architecture. Jerard currently resides in his native Los Angeles performing Design, Drafting and freelance services under his Wright Concept.



Paul Dyson

President, RailPAC

Paul Dyson has been a member of RailPAC since 1980, and President since 2006. He is an alumnus of the British Railways management training program and of City of London College. He is a career transportation professional, having worked in operations and sales with British Railways, Interstate Consolidation, Southern Pacific and GATX, and has operated his own barge company in England and a Trucking and Warehousing company in Los Angeles. He is currently working with San Francisco Bay Rail on shortline and waste by rail projects.



Stephen Gardner

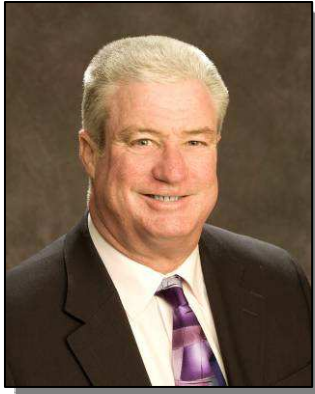
Vice President, Policy and Development, Amtrak

Mr. Gardner currently serves as Amtrak's Vice President for Policy and Development. Appointed to this role in 2009, Gardner is Amtrak's lead executive responsible for formulating the policies necessary to carry out Amtrak's mission and strategic plan. Gardner also oversees the railroad's general development and planning activities as Amtrak pursues growth and improvement through new business opportunities and partnerships.

Prior to this position, Gardner served as the Senior Democratic Professional Staff for the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation's Subcommittee on Surface Transportation & Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security. In this capacity, Gardner directed all Democratic legislative and oversight activities related to the safety, security, infrastructure and operations of railroads, motor carriers, pipelines and hazardous materials transportation, including overseeing all related Federal agencies. During his five-year tenure, he served on behalf of current Commerce Committee Chairman John (Jay) D. Rockefeller IV and former Chairmen Daniel K. Inouye and Ernest F. Hollings.

Prior to joining the Subcommittee staff in 2004, Mr. Gardner served as Legislative Assistant for Transportation for Senator Tom Carper (D-DE) and Congressman Bob Clement (D-TN) and interned with the Democratic staff of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Railroads. Before coming to work on the Hill, Mr. Gardner held various operating and managerial positions with Guilford Rail System's Maine Central Railroad in Maine and Massachusetts, Virginia's Buckingham Branch Railroad, and Amtrak in Washington, DC.

Mr. Gardner, a native of Arlington, Virginia, received his B.A. with a concentration in physics and additional thesis work in political economy and transportation from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts.



William Bronte

Chief, Caltrans Division of Rail

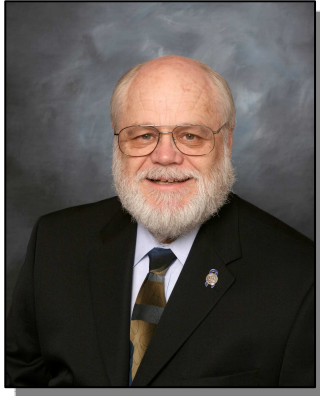
William D. (Bill) Bronte serves as chief of the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Division of Rail. In this capacity, he is responsible for the program management, administration, and marketing of two the three State-supported Amtrak services in California and providing program oversight of the third service. These state-supported services are the *Pacific Surfliner* operating between San Diego and Santa Barbara and the *San Joaquin* service operating between Bakersfield and Oakland/Sacramento. The third state supported service is the *Capitol Corridor* connecting Sacramento and San Jose which is funded by the State but managed by the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority. The *Pacific Surfliner*, *Capitol Corridor*, and the *San Joaquin* corridor services are the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th busiest intercity rail corridors in the nation.

In addition to the management and administration of the State's contracts with Amtrak, Caltrans' Division of Rail is responsible for the evaluation and development of potential intercity rail services, management of intercity rail capital projects on the BNSF and Union Pacific railroads, acquisition of new rail rolling stock, rehabilitation and re-building of the state owned rail equipment, and implementation of the Department's grade crossing safety programs.

A 2007 recipient of Amtrak's "Service and Safety--State Partner" Award, Bill is also Vice-Chair of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Official's (AASHTO) Standing Committee on Rail Transportation and Vice-Chair of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition. Recently, Bill was named as the Chair of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act "Section 305—Next Generation Corridor Equipment Committee."

A 30 year Caltrans veteran, Bill has served in a variety of other positions within the Department, most related to the programming and financing of rail capital projects and operations.

Bill holds a BA in Economics from California State University, Sacramento.

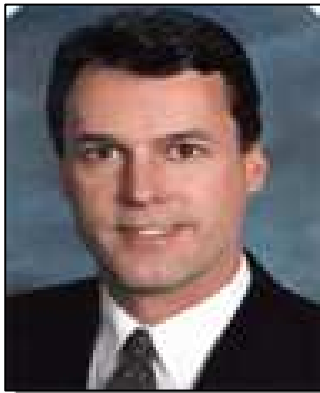


Art Brown
Mayor of Buena Park

Arthur Brown, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Buena Park, has served on the SCRRA Board since February 2002 representing Orange County. In January 2005, he was appointed as Chairman of SCRRA's Board Directors. (He previously served as a ex-officio member representing the Southern California Association of Governments since 1997.)

Art Brown has served continuously since 1990 as mayor, mayor pro tem or city council member of Buena Park. He also serves in numerous capacities for SCAG, including chairing the NAFTA Subcommittee and the Surface Transportation Committee. Other activities in his long career of public service include the Los Angeles San Diego Rail Corridor Agency, Orange County Council of Governments, West Orange County cities Association and the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

A retired Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff; Mayor Brown attended Cerritos and Cypress Colleges and is a graduate of the FBI Academy.



Keith Millhouse
Chairman, SCRRA

Keith Millhouse is the Chairman of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) Board of Directors, operator of Southern California's regional commuter rail service. Mr. Millhouse is a councilmember for the city of Moorpark, where he was first elected in 2000. Mr. Millhouse is also the past-Chair of the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) and is a member of the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Transportation Committee, in addition to other public posts. A graduate of Pepperdine University and Pepperdine School of Law, he practices law in Westlake Village specializing in environmental litigation.



Alexander D. Clifford

Executive Officer, High Speed Rail, Metro

Alex Clifford has been with the MTA since 2001, having come to the MTA from his former job as Vice President of Operations and Marketing with a small start-up company. He currently serves as the Executive Officer of High Speed Rail, overseeing Metro's interest in LOSSAN and Metrolink and facilitating the arrival of high speed trains in Los Angeles County. Prior to this position, he served for a little over five years as the General Manager for the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. The Gateway Cities Service Sector consists of two bus Divisions and a Sector administrative office. The Gateway Cities Service Sector operated about 470 buses with a Sector budget of over \$127 million, and employing over 1,100 full time and part-time contract and non-contract team members.

Mr. Clifford received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Marketing, from Cal. Poly. Pomona and his MBA from California Baptist University.

His prior transportation experience extends from eight years of service as a Riverside City Councilman. During his tenure as a City Councilman he represented the City of Riverside eight years on the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and eight years on the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA). He also represented the County of Riverside on the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA or Metrolink).

Mr. Clifford's other transportation experience includes the Intercity Rail Joint Powers Authority, the RCTC/SANBAG California High Speed Rail Subcommittee and the California/Nevada Super Speed Train Commission.

Mr. Clifford also proudly served our nation four years in the United States Marine Corps.



George Chilson

Chairman, NARP

George L. Chilson, chairman of the National Association of Railroad Passengers, was first elected as the organization's volunteer leader in 2004, when his title was president. He joined the Association's board in 1998 and became a Vice President in 2000.

He chaired the committee that wrote NARP's June, 2002, report, "Modern Passenger Trains: A National Necessity," and led the December 2003 update of that report. As president, Chilson spearheaded development of the Association's 40-year vision—released in 2007—of what U.S. intercity passenger train service should look like.

Now retired, his professional career included working for General Mills in Minneapolis as a product manager (1965-69); for MJB Company in San Francisco as Manager, New Products (1969-71); and for Plus Products, Los Angeles, as Vice President of Sales and Marketing (1971-79). From 1979 to 1998, through the Chilson-Rose Corporation, he was a business owner in the apartment and hospitality industries.

A native of Kingston, NY, Chilson holds an A.B. in economics from Princeton (1963) and an M.B.A. from Stanford (1965).



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Rail Passenger Association of California & Nevada PROPOSED INTEGRATED PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM



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