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Under Secretary Polly Trottenberg Keynotes American Public Transportation Association (APTA) High-Speed Rail Connectivity Systems Panel

At APTA Annual Meeting, Chicago Hilton, Tuesday, October 1, 2:30-5pm

San Jose, Calif., September 17, 2013 – The national high-speed rail (HSR) network will connect current and new population centers in the United States. But how will passengers access those HSR stations, especially in areas currently without effective transit? Under Secretary of Transportation Polly Trottenberg will keynote “Transit Feeder and Distribution Systems for High-Speed and Intercity Rail: Creating a Network” on Tuesday, October 1, from 2:30-5 p.m. at the Chicago Hilton. This Norman Y. Mineta Transportation Policy Summit, sponsored by the [Mineta Transportation Institute](#) (MTI), is featured at the American Public Transportation Association’s (APTA) [Annual Meeting](#). For information, go to www.apta.com/mc/annual/Pages/default.aspx

Joining Ms. Trottenberg is a “world-class” panel of HSR experts, who will identify the options and opportunities to implement a comprehensive network. Those experts include:

- Drew Galloway, chief of Northeast Corridor Planning and Performance for Amtrak;
- Jeff Morales, CEO of the California High-Speed Rail Authority;
- Judge Robert Eckels, president of the Texas Central High-Speed Railway;
- Stanley Feinsod, director of MTI’s High-Speed Rail Connectivity Center.

APTA past chair and MTI executive director Rod Diridon, Sr. will moderate. After presentations, the floor will be opened for audience questions. The session will be recorded for re-broadcast.

“High-speed rail is only as good as the systems that transport people to and from the stations,” said Mr. Diridon, who is also past chair of the APTA High-Speed and Intercity Rail Committee. “In other parts of the world, the feeder systems are transit based. Now our fine US transit systems must meet the rapidly emerging challenge of HSR in the northeast corridor, California, and across the nation.”

The ideal transit/HSR network would include optimum transit options, coordinated schedules, convenient drop-off and pick-up points, remote park-and-ride lots, access to shared-use bicycles and vehicles, in-fill development of transit villages, and other support systems. Bicycles, buses, bus ways, light rail, commuter rail, and inter-city passenger rail can provide seamless access to those living in station cities and nearby communities.

“Plan to join Under Secretary Trottenberg and this remarkable panel as they discuss how to develop this important element of our nation’s transit networks,” said Mr. Diridon.

ABOUT THE MINETA TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE (MTI):

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ABOUT THE APTA AND ITS ANNUAL MEETING

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) is a nonprofit international association of 1,500 public and private sector organizations, engaged in the areas of bus, paratransit, light rail, commuter rail, subways, waterborne services, and intercity and high-speed passenger rail. This includes: transit systems; planning, design, construction, and finance firms; product and service providers; academic institutions; transit associations and state departments of transportation. APTA is the only association in North America that represents all modes of public transportation. APTA members serve the public interest by providing safe, efficient and economical transit services and products. More than 90 percent of the people using public transportation in the United States and Canada ride APTA member systems.

The 2013 APTA Annual Meeting will be held on September 29 - October 2, 2013, at the Hilton Chicago in Chicago IL. The industry's premier event, includes general sessions and forums focused on current issues facing public transportation and features first-rate professional speakers.

Who should attend: transit personnel, policymakers, board members, government agencies, manufacturers, suppliers, and consultants.

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