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MAPPING THE ROUTE TO EQUITABLE ROAD USER CHARGES

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Event Overview



The accelerating transition to electric vehicles brings new urgency to discussions on how to replace fuel taxes with other broad-based, reliable sources of transportation revenue. From Wyoming to Delaware to California, more and more state legislatures are considering mileage fees, regions like the San Francisco Bay Area are considering expanded tolling, and New York City is within reach of adopting a congestion pricing proposal.

Overlaying these discussions is a persistent call to consider the equity of any new charges on drivers. How will the charges impact low-income drivers? Does payment require access to banking tools that are not universally available?

This event will explore proposals including fee rates that vary by driver income, vehicle characteristics, or time and place, and equity-centered policies for responding to non-payment of tolls or other fees.

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Program



Welcome

Karen Philbrick, PhD

Executive Director, Mineta Transportation Institute



Featured Speaker

Congressman Peter DeFazio

Chair, House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, 117th Congress



Keynote Address

Polly Trottenberg

Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation



Keynote Address Moderator

Jeff Morales

Managing Principal, InfraStrategies, LLC

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Panelists

Asha Weinstein Agrawal, PhD

Director, MTI National Transportation Finance Center

James Corless

Executive Director, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

Reema Griffith

Executive Director, Washington State Transportation Commission

Hasan Ikhata

Executive Director, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)



Panel Moderator

Stephanie Wiggins

Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro)

Speakers & Panelists



Asha Weinstein Agrawal, PhD

Director, MTI National Transportation Finance Center

Asha Weinstein Agrawal is Director of MTI's National Transportation Finance Center, MTI Education Director, and Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at San José State University. Her research agenda is guided by a commitment to the principles of sustainability and equity: what policy and planning tools can communities adopt to encourage environmentally-friendly travel and improve accessibility for people struggling with poverty or other disadvantages? Dr. Agrawal has researched transportation revenue policy for over 20 years, focusing on holistic evaluation of tax and fee options.



James Corless

Executive Director, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

James Corless is Executive Director of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). At SACOG he has overseen the roll out one of the nation's most successful bikeshare systems, created the region's innovative "Green Means Go" program to accelerate infill development, helped the region secure over \$1 billion in state funding for local transportation projects, and lead the development of SACOG's first ever racial equity framework. He was previously the founding director of Transportation for America, a bipartisan alliance of elected, business, and civic leaders who worked to ensure that states and the federal government invest in smart, locally-driven transportation solutions.



Congressman Peter DeFazio

Chair, House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, 117th Congress

Congressman Peter DeFazio has spent his time in Congress working for Oregonians. As the dean of the Oregon House delegation, he has developed a reputation as an independent, passionate, and effective lawmaker. As Chair of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, and previously as Ranking Member, DeFazio has taken the lead role on several multi-billion-dollar laws that have created jobs, improved transportation options, kept our ports open, ensured clean drinking water, and kept the airline industry accountable. DeFazio's priorities are always focused on his constituents, and, over the course of his career, his seniority has brought billions of dollars back to the district.



Reema Griffith

Executive Director, Washington State Transportation Commission

Reema Griffith has served as the Executive Director of the Washington State Transportation Commission since 2005. The Commission's responsibilities include serving as the State Tolling Authority and leading the state's research and pilot programs exploring the legal, fiscal, operational, and policy impacts of transitioning from fuel taxes to a road usage charge. Previously, she worked as Senior Policy and Fiscal Analyst for the State Legislature's House and Senate Transportation Committees; Executive Policy Advisor to the Director of the Department of Licensing; and the General Manager for the U.S. office of an international trading company.



Hasan Ikhata

Executive Director, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

Hasan Ikhata is the Executive Director of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). He is one of the preeminent transportation planning experts in the nation, with over 30 years of experience. Prior to joining SANDAG in 2018, he worked for the Southern California Association of Governments, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), and South Coast Air Quality Management District. He is an adjunct professor in the business school at California State University, Northridge and has received numerous awards from organizations including the American Society of Public Administration, League of California Cities, and City of Los Angeles.



Jeff Morales

*Managing Principal, InfraStrategies, LLC
Vice Chair, MTI Board of Trustees*

Jeff Morales has led some of the country's largest and most complex transportation agencies and programs, employing innovative approaches to implement programs that promote workforce diversity, community engagement and sustainability. As Director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Jeff led the nation's largest state transportation agency as it implemented the most expansive program in its history, with over \$10 billion in improvements. He served as CEO of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (2012-2017), and earlier in his career, he held positions with the Chicago Transit Authority, the U.S. Senate, and the US Department of Transportation.



Karen Philbrick, PhD

Executive Director, Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI)

Karen Philbrick serves as the executive director of the Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI) at San José State University. MTI leads two competitively selected multi-university consortia: the California State University Transportation Consortium (CSUTC), which unifies the surface transportation research and workforce development efforts of the 23-campus California State University system, and the Mineta Consortium for Transportation Mobility (MCTM). MCTM unifies and focuses the efforts of four outstanding institutions that represent and support the geographical, cultural, racial, and socioeconomic diversity that makes our nation strong: Howard University; Navajo Technical University; San José State University; and the University of North Carolina Charlotte.



Polly Trottenberg

Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)

Polly Trottenberg is Deputy Secretary at the US Department of Transportation (USDOT). As the number two official and Chief Operating Officer, she supports Secretary Buttigieg in providing leadership and strategic vision for US DOT. She has worked for over 25 years at all levels of government. Trottenberg served from 2014 to 2020 as New York City's Transportation Commissioner, where she helped implement the city's landmark Vision Zero program. Trottenberg also served in the Obama Administration as the Assistant Secretary and Under Secretary for Policy at US DOT. Her additional policy and managerial experience includes her time in the U.S. Senate, where she served Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Majority Leader Charles Schumer, and Senator Barbara Boxer.



Stephanie Wiggins

Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro)

Stephanie Wiggins was appointed as Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation (LA Metro) in April 2021. A lifelong trailblazer and champion of equity and inclusion, Wiggins is the first African-American woman to lead the agency. Earlier in her leadership career at LA Metro, she established the Women and Girls Governing Council, was the Executive Officer and Project Director of the Congestion Reduction/ExpressLanes Program, and served as the Executive Director of Vendor/Contract Management. Wiggins also served for two and a half years as CEO of Metrolink, as well as holding earlier positions with the Riverside County Transportation Commission and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority.

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