



16<sup>th</sup> Annual Mineta National Transportation Policy Summit

# BEYOND THE STADIUM: KEEPING CITIES MOVING DURING MEGA-EVENTS

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## Event Overview



The next few years will be extraordinary for major sporting events in California with the Bay Area hosting both Super Bowl 60 and the FIFA World Cup in 2026, and Los Angeles hosting the Summer Olympics and Paralympics in 2028. These events invite millions of local spectators and international visitors, with the city of Los Angeles expecting 5 million visitors alone for what the mayor hopes will be a transit-first Olympics. How can buses, trains, highways, and the people who keep them running safely facilitate the movement of these crowds while minimizing impact on the community and environment?

The 16th Annual Norman Y. Mineta National Transportation Policy Summit will feature internationally renowned experts and special guests sharing best practices and insights from previous large-scale events, including Super Bowl 50 and the Paris Olympics, and how to apply global lessons—such as traffic management and communications planning—on a regional scale. Don't miss the exciting 90-minute conversation shaping the future of California!

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# Program



## MC

**Karen Philbrick, PhD**

Executive Director, Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI)



## Featured Speaker

**Secretary Toks Omishakin**

California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)



## Keynote Speaker

**Brian Michael Jenkins**

Senior Advisor to the President, RAND Corporation



## Panel Moderator

**Lynda Tran**

MTI Trustee; CEO, Lincoln Room Strategies



## Presenters (by Order of Appearance)

**Carl Guardino**

Commissioner, California Transportation Commission

**Mayor Matt Mahan**

City of San Jose

**Mark Brule**

Chief Application Architect, Allied Telesis

**Aston Greene**

Chief of System Safety & Security Officer, Santa Clara Valley  
Transportation Authority (VTA)

## Speakers & Panelists



### ***Mark Brule***

#### ***Chief Application Architect, Allied Telesis***

As Allied Telesis Chief Application Architect, Mr. Brule is responsible for the design and definition of AI- and ML-based software products, focusing on the safety, security, and data interoperability spaces. With 40 years of experience in developing software products, he has led the development of products for public safety data exchanges, emphasizing SOA and implementing the canonical exchange pattern. He is now leveraging his background in Neural Networks and Machine Learning to help Allied Telesis continue to evolve its product offerings.

Prior to Allied Telesis, Mr. Brule co-founded a software company that populated data collection for GIS databases, and integrated handheld computing applications for field-based data collection and verification. He also led the development of distributed systems incorporating back-end GIS processing and handheld as well as mobile data computers for enhancing situational awareness. Mr. Brule holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Syracuse University in Computer Science and Mathematics.



### ***Aston Greene***

#### ***Chief of System Safety & Security Officer, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)***

As an industry leader in public transportation safety & security, Aston T. Greene has approximately 30 years of experience in law enforcement, safety, security, and emergency management.

He currently serves as Chief System Safety and Security Officer at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) in San Jose, California. He started at VTA in 2022, with a focus on prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery goals to make VTA one of the safest transit agencies in the Bay Area, using proven strategies and investments.

Mr. Greene built his career in roles at the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) and Los Angeles Metro, serving as a Police Major, Police Commander, Deputy Chief, and Executive Officer of Police and Emergency Management at those agencies.





## ***Carl Guardino***

***Commissioner, California Transportation Commission***

Carl Guardino is immediate past chair and current member of the California Transportation Commission as well as the Vice President of Government Affairs at Tarana Wireless. He previously served as Executive Vice President of Global Government Affairs and Policy for Bloom Energy, and as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

His transportation leadership includes successful management of ballot measures and major transportation initiatives across the Bay Area since 1996. His efforts helped invest billions of dollars into road and rail projects, traffic relief, and transportation safety. This includes a 2000 initiative generating \$7.5 billion for bringing BART to Santa Clara County and improving Caltrain. The San Jose Mercury News named him one of the “Five Most Powerful” people in Silicon Valley.



## ***Brian Michael Jenkins***

***Senior Advisor to the President, RAND Corporation***

Brian Michael Jenkins is a senior adviser to the president of RAND and author of numerous books, reports, and articles on terrorism-related topics, including *Will Terrorists Go Nuclear?*.

Commissioned in the infantry, Jenkins became a paratrooper and a captain in the Green Berets. A decorated combat veteran, he served in the Seventh Special Forces Group in the Dominican Republic and with the Fifth Special Forces Group in Vietnam.

In 1996, he was appointed to serve on the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security. He has also served as adviser to the National Commission on Terrorism and on the U.S. Comptroller General’s Advisory Board. He is a research associate at the Mineta Transportation Institute, where he directs continuing research on protecting surface transportation against terrorist attacks.



## ***Mayor Matt Mahan***

*City of San Jose*

Mayor Matt Mahan brings a practical, people-centered approach to leading San José. Growing up in Watsonville and commuting hours daily to school shaped his understanding of mobility challenges early on. As a City Councilmember, he co-led efforts to preserve critical bus routes in Almaden Valley and developed the Smart Growth San José plan, prioritizing housing near transit, jobs, and infrastructure rather than disrupting existing neighborhoods. As Mayor, he has championed performance-based budgeting and infrastructure investments that tie funding to outcomes, ensuring taxpayer dollars improve city services like roads and transit. He is a graduate of Harvard, a former teacher, and former CEO of the startup Causes. He aims to empower San Jose communities through effective, affordable, common sense solutions and connection.



## ***Karen Philbrick, PhD***

*Executive Director, Mineta Transportation Institute*

Karen Philbrick, PhD is the Executive Director of the Mineta Transportation Institute. Among her most notable achievements, Philbrick has been appointed four times by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation (Secretaries LaHood, Foxx, Chao, and Buttigieg) to sit on the USDOT Transit Advisory Committee for Safety. Philbrick serves the industry through elected positions on the boards of the American Public Transportation Association, the International Transportation Learning Center, NASA's Academic Mission Services Science and Technology Council, and the Women in Transportation Seminar International. Philbrick has received awards from the CUTC, the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, and the Silicon Valley Business Journal. In 2023, the WTS Bay Area Chapter awarded her the Katherine G. Johnson Trailblazer of the Year Award.



## ***Secretary Toks Omishakin***

***California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)***

Toks Omishakin was appointed the 4th Secretary of Transportation for California by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2022. As Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), he has oversight of 8 State Departments, Boards and Commissions that, combined, have more than 42,000 people and a budget that exceeds \$30 billion annually. Prior to his appointment as Secretary, he was Director of Caltrans, where he managed a \$17.5 billion budget and more than 22,000 employees. He also served in Tennessee's DOT and Nashville's Mayor's Office, championing complete streets and active transportation. Omishakin has advised AASHTO, America Walks, and the Biden-Harris transition team. His leadership excellence has been recognized with awards from COMTO NorCal and the California Transportation Foundation. He holds a Ph.D. in Engineering Management.



## ***Lynda Tran***

***MTI Trustee; CEO, Lincoln Room Strategies***

Lynda Tran is an MTI Trustee and a nationally recognized leader in transportation and infrastructure policy. She serves on the Board of Directors for STV, a leading professional services firm that plans, designs, and manages infrastructure projects across North America, and is a senior advisor to LSN Partners.

Before co-founding political consulting firm 270 Strategies, she managed high-profile communications operations across government, politics, and labor – leading teams at the federal and state levels, including the Democratic National Committee. During the Obama Administration, she was director of communications for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at the U.S. Department of Transportation. She has also served as national press secretary for Organizing for America and a CBS News Political Contributor.

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