



MTI's Executive Director Adds a Chapter to 'The New Future of Public Transportation'

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Interested in learning more about the evolution of transportation? Look no further, as the second edition of the best seller, *The New Future of Public Transportation*, published on May 1, integrates the rich knowledge and experience of industry changemakers into an invaluable inside look at the current state and future of public transportation.

This seminal book has already achieved the number one status for new best sellers in multiple genre categories. Put together by transit expert and author Paul Comfort, this edition features 30 contributed chapters from industry leaders, including <u>Dr. Karen Philbrick</u>, Executive Director of the <u>Mineta Transportation Institute</u>.

Understanding the current state of the industry and where it is headed in the future begins with a look at some of the most pressing issues transit workers and riders face. For instance, why did the COVID-19 work-from-home shift leave some transit agencies scrambling while others were able to bounce back? How can agencies invest in mental health and take intentional steps to improve safety in the workplace? How do we recruit capable, diverse candidates—and keep them? The chapter from Dr. Philbrick digs into questions such as these and provides an overview of urgent issues relating to cybersecurity, the critical workforce shortage, transit operator mental health, assault on transit, and rebuilding ridership.

The cumulative insight within this book is of immeasurable value to transportation professionals, policymakers, and all community members interested in how transit affects our everyday lives. How will transportation evolve as we adapt to a world of zero-emission initiatives, artificial intelligence, and digital threats? This book offers professional opinions and actionable steps seen nowhere else.

Published by SAE International, *The New Future of Public Transportation* is now available for purchase on Amazon.com.

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