Roundtable on Passenger Rail Oriented Development

September 11, 2018 3-5 PM



The Build America Transportation Investment Center (BATIC) Institute: an AASHTO Center for Excellence is hosting a Roundtable on Passenger Rail Oriented Development on September 11, 2018, in conjunction with the Council on Rail Transportation meeting being held in Miami, Florida. This roundtable will provide a forum for state DOTs and other stakeholders to exchange ideas and best practices, and identify common challenges and opportunities in delivering and facilitating development adjacent to transit, commuter, and passenger rail facilities. The roundtable will include participation by representatives of the Build America Bureau, who will be available to discuss federal resources available for advancing such projects.

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS (10 minutes)

Anna Bosin, BATIC Institute: An AASHTO Center for Excellence Danielle Rinsler, Deputy Director, Office of Outreach and Project Development, USDOT Build America Bureau

1 Financing Passenger Rail and Rail Oriented Development

(15 minutes introductory remarks, 15 minutes Q&A)

After touring the new Miami Brightline Passenger Rail Extension in the morning, come hear about the stages of development and the creative financing strategy behind the project.

Introductory Remarks

Rusty Roberts, VP of Corporate Development, Brightline

2 Amtrak Station Development

(15 minutes introductory remarks, 15 minutes Q&A)

A trip on one of Amtrak's trains involves more than the ride itself; every journey begins and ends at a station. As a result, stations are vital – they profoundly affect the experience our customers have in using our services and they are important economic anchors in the communities we serve. Through strategic partnerships, Amtrak is seeking to execute a number of customer improvements and economic development opportunities at its major stations in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Chicago.

Introductory Remarks

Rina Cutler, Senior Director Major Stations, Planning & Development, Amtrak

3 TOD Sketch Planning

(15 minutes introductory remarks, 15 minutes Q&A)

The Station Management Toolbox enables Caltrain staff to test the effects of certain key variables (general service levels and fares, station area development, and access facilities and services) on ridership, mode of access/egress, revenue, and equity and environmental factors at both individual stations and system-wide. The presentation will discuss tool development, inputs, outputs, and intended uses, as well as potential limitations.

Introductory Remarks

Kathrin Tellez, Principal, Fehr and Peers, Transportation Consulting

4 Available Funding and Financing Tools

(10 minutes introductory remarks, 10 minutes Q&A)

Overview of Bureau and DOT products relevant to passenger rail and transit oriented development projects.

Introductory Remarks

Danielle Rinsler, Deputy Director, Office of Outreach and Project Development, USDOT Build America Bureau