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Agenda Under Development – Last Updated 12-6

Speakers include:

- Alan Cohn, Senior Policy and Science Advisor, **New York City Department of Environmental Protection**
- Alexis Taylor, Vice President of Climate Resilience, Neighborhood Strategies, **New York City Economic Development Corporation**
- Alison Roccia, Solution Consulting Manager, **Oracle**
- Alto Dogan, Sr. Project Manager, **C.A.C. Industries, Inc**
- Amen Mukhlis, Senior Director Engineering & Construction, **MTA Construction & Development**
- Andria Schmid, Director of Strategic Growth, **Ulteig**
- Angela Wong, Senior Climate Resilience Specialist, **The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey**
- Anthony Falcone, Professional Associate, Senior Project Manager, **HDR**
- Avi Schwartz, Principal, **Deloitte**
- Brad Blevins, Executive Director, Strategy & Organizational Resiliency, **Metro-North Railroad**
- Burr Tweedy, Vice President, **NY Green Bank, A Division of NYSERDA**
- Cecilia, Kushner, Chief Strategy Officer, **New York City Economic Development Corporation**
- Chase Klingensmith, Digital Equity Program Analyst, Department of Innovation and Performance, **City of Pittsburgh**
- Craig Schulz, Director of Communications and External Affairs, **Amtrak**
- Dan Johnson, Senior Director, Sales, **Oracle**
- Desiree Patrice, Chief of Integrated Transit Programs (ITP), **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)**
- Dirk Hrobsky, Executive Managing Director, **Cushman & Wakefield**
- Eric Macfarlane, First Deputy Commissioner, **NYC Department of Design and Construction**
- Farhan Abdullah, Director Software Development, **NYC School Construction Authority (SCA)**
- Gregory Francese, Transportation Planner, **City of Hoboken**
- Gregory Kelly, CEO, **STV**
- Gwen Dawson, Senior VP of Design & Construction, **Battery Park City Authority**
- Jan Kozlowski, Director, Operating Capital Projects - New York, **Metro-North Railroad**
- Jeff Bernstein, Specialist Leader, **Deloitte**
- Jessica Goldstein, Senior Director, Corporate Strategy and External Partnerships, **Amtrak**
- Johnathan Zamora, Site Manager & Director of Community Hub, **City of Peekskill, NY**
- Jordan Smith, Sr. Manager, Lead Planner - Interborough Express, **Metropolitan Transportation Authority**
- Joseph Jarrin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Finance and Budget, **USDOT**
- Josh Kanner, Sr. Director of Product and Strategy | Analytics & AI, **Oracle**
- Josh Klemm, CIO, **New York State Thruway Authority**
- Kaan Ozbay, Professor & Director, C2SMART Center (A Tier 1 USDOT UTC), Tandon School of Engineering, **New York University**
- Kevin Koenig, Chief Revenue Officer, **Aurigo Software Technologies**
- KiSeok Jeon, VP, Digital Advisory, **STV**
- Lara Fritts, Director, Division of Economic Opportunity, **Frederick County Government, MD**
- Leo Tsang, Principal Transportation Planner and Modeler, **The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey**

- Liliana Petrova, CEO/Founder, **The Petrova Experience**
- Lisa Daglian, Executive Director, **Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA (PCAC)**
- Louis Wolfowitz, VP Real Estate & Commercial Development, **Amtrak**
- Manny Innamorato, CIO, **NYC School Construction Authority**
- Mark Blumkin, **Stellar Services**
- Mark Gander, Program Director, **Parsons**
- Michael Zeto, Chief Commercial Officer, **Boingo Wireless**
- Nicholas Johnson, Chief Evangelist, **Kahua**
- Nick Caravella, Director of Growth and Industry Strategy, **Avicado Construction Technology Services**
- Nina Haiman, Program Manager, Clean Transportation, **New York State Energy Research & Development Authority**
- Othman Chebli, Associate Director - Multimodal Project Delivery Division, Traffic Safety Administration, **District Department of Transportation**
- Patrick Thrasher, Senior Program Manager, Port Department, **Port Authority of New York & New Jersey**
- Paul Jones, Director of Portfolio Management, **Amtrak**
- Peter Borock, Shareholder, **Greenberg Traurig, LLP**
- Peter Rose, Senior Director, **Hydro-Quebec Energy Services**
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- Vincent Lee, Principal | Americas East Civil + Water Engineering Team Leader, **Arup**

6pm-8pm	<p><u>Pre-Event Reception</u></p> <p><u>3rd Floor – Westin Hotel Times Square</u></p>
7:00am	<p><u>Registration Opens – Westin Hotel Times Square</u></p> <p><u>3rd Floor</u></p>
7:50-8:00	<p><u>Opening Remarks:</u></p> <p>Presenter: Dan Johnson, Senior Director, Sales, Oracle</p>

<p>8:00-8:30</p>	<p><u>Interview: Port Authority of New York & New Jersey</u></p> <p>Rick Cotton, Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, will join New York Building Congress Chair Greg Kelly for a discussion about the Port Authority’s ambitious redevelopment agenda, including \$30 billion of investment across the region’s three airports and the replacement of the Midtown Bus Terminal. Mr. Cotton will provide insights on the status of these multi-billion projects, the unique challenges of fully operating an airport during its redevelopment, and what’s next in 2025 for the Bus Terminal project, which just received all federal and local approvals. Join us for a unique discussion centered around the future of transportation infrastructure in the region.</p> <p>Speakers: Gregory Kelly, CEO, STV Rick Cotton, Executive Director, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey</p>
<p>8:30-9:00</p>	<p><u>Panel: Revolutionizing Public Infrastructure: The Impact of AI and Machine Learning</u></p> <p>In the Northeast Corridor, AI and Machine Learning (ML) are revolutionizing public infrastructure projects to tackle the region's distinct challenges. This panel will explore how these technologies improve efficiency, sustainability, and resilience in infrastructure development. Experts will discuss the use of AI and ML in optimizing project planning for densely populated urban areas, streamlining construction across diverse environments, and enhancing maintenance strategies to address climate-related risks like severe weather and coastal flooding.</p> <p>Key topics include predictive analytics for infrastructure health monitoring, autonomous construction technologies, and AI-driven project management tools. Attendees will gain insights into the latest innovations and practical applications that are transforming the region’s infrastructure, creating smarter, safer, and more sustainable public spaces.</p> <p>Moderator: Avi Schwartz, Principal, Deloitte</p> <p>Panelists: Brad Blevins, Executive Director, Strategy & Organizational Resiliency, Metro-North Railroad Farhan Abdullah, Director Software Development, NYC School Construction Authority (SCA) Josh Klemm, CIO, New York State Thruway Authority Kaan Ozbay, Professor & Director, C2SMART Center (A Tier 1 USDOT UTC), Tandon School of Engineering, New York University</p>

<p>9:00-9:30</p>	<p><u>Panel: Empowering Connectivity: Infrastructure Innovations along the Northeast Corridor</u></p> <p>As demand for seamless connectivity grows, infrastructure in the Northeast Corridor is undergoing transformative upgrades to meet the needs of this high-density region. This panel will explore infrastructure innovation and planning required to support urban mobility and enhance the travel experience. Attendees will gain insights into the forward-thinking strategies shaping the Northeast Corridor’s digital and physical landscapes. Join us to discover the future of infrastructure technology, urban growth and mobility in one of North America’s most vital regions.</p> <p>Moderator: Michael Zeto III, Chief Commercial Officer, Boingo Wireless</p> <p>Panelists: Chase Klingensmith, Digital Equity Program Analyst, Department of Innovation and Performance, City of Pittsburgh Lisa Daglian, Executive Director, Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA (PCAC) Louis Wolfowitz, VP Real Estate & Commercial Development, Amtrak Othman Chebli, Associate Director - Multimodal Project Delivery Division, Traffic Safety Administration, District Department of Transportation Peter Borock, Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, LLP</p>
<p>9:30-10:00</p>	<p><u>Panel: Enhancing Project Delivery in Infrastructure: Efficiency, Innovation, and Collaboration</u></p> <p>This panel will explore best practices for improving project delivery in infrastructure projects across the Northeast Corridor, with a focus on enhancing efficiency, fostering innovation, and strengthening collaboration among stakeholders. Panelists will address common challenges in project delivery, such as delays, cost overruns, and resource constraints, offering strategies to overcome these barriers through better planning, advanced project management tools, and integrated approaches. They will discuss the role of emerging technologies, including digital twins and Building Information Modeling (BIM), in streamlining project execution and improving outcomes, particularly in the context of the region's dense urban environments and aging infrastructure.</p> <p>The discussion will also highlight the importance of collaboration between public and private sectors, contractors, and regulatory bodies to ensure smooth project delivery from conception to completion. Special attention will be given to the unique dynamics of infrastructure projects in the Northeast, such as navigating complex regulatory frameworks and coordinating across multiple states and agencies. Attendees will gain actionable insights into how to optimize their own project delivery processes, reduce risks, and improve timelines and budgets. The session will conclude with an audience Q&A, encouraging direct interaction with the panelists.</p> <p>Moderator:</p>

	<p>Alison Roccia, Solution Consulting Manager, Oracle</p> <p>Panelists: Gwen Dawson, Senior VP of Design & Construction, Battery Park City Authority Patrick Thrasher, Senior Program Manager, Port Department, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey Rich Jones, Chief Engineer, NYC Department of Design and Construction</p>
<p>10:00-10:30</p>	<p><u>Panel: Building the Future: Working with Amtrak on the Northeast Corridor</u></p> <p>Amtrak has embarked on its most ambitious capital plan to date. With the construction of major infrastructure projects and the restoration of vital, century-old assets throughout the Northeast Corridor well underway, it is more important than ever that stakeholders understand how to effectively collaborate with Amtrak when working on or near the railroad. This panel discussion brings together leaders from key disciplines within the growing Capital Delivery organization at Amtrak: From the Project Delivery and Commercial Strategy team, Jessica Goldstein, Senior Director, Corporate Strategy and External Partnerships; from Major Programs and Infrastructure Renewal, Paul Jones, Director of Portfolio Management; and from the Gateway Program team, Purvesh Shah, Director of Infrastructure and Operations Planning. Amtrak Director of Communications and External Affairs, Craig Schulz, will moderate this conversation that will cover topics ranging from access agreements to design reviews to workforce needs and track outage planning. Please join us for this “How to Work with Amtrak 101” session and help us build for the future.</p> <p>Moderator: Craig Schulz, Director of Communications and External Affairs, Amtrak</p> <p>Panelists: Jessica Goldstein, Senior Director, Corporate Strategy and External Partnerships, Amtrak Paul Jones, Director of Portfolio Management, Amtrak Purvesh Shah, Director of Infrastructure and Operations Planning, Amtrak</p>
<p>10:30-10:50</p>	<p><u>Presentation: Successes and Challenges Building Tech-Driven Transportation Infrastructure</u></p> <p>Connectivity has become more than a convenience; it’s an essential part of the infrastructure that powers urban transportation and city operations. Michael Zeto, Chief Commercial Officer at Boingo Wireless, will discuss why connectivity is critical for cities and transportation leaders seeking to keep pace with technology-driven demands. Drawing from real-world network deployments, he’ll offer insights into how connectivity solutions are addressing current challenges and enabling smarter, safer urban environments. This session is ideal for city and transportation leaders interested in better understanding how connectivity is paving the way for an enhanced rider experience and efficient transportation systems.</p> <p>Moderator:</p>

	Michael Zeto, Chief Commercial Officer, Boingo Wireless
10:50-11:10	<u>Morning Networking Break</u>
11:10-11:30	<p><u>Presentation: AI and Capital Program Management – present realities and future visions</u></p> <p>Billions of dollars are being invested in developing new types of Generative AI, creating models that can produce text and now 2D, 3D and even videos. Newer models can even be trained to understand plans and drawings. How can these advances in Gen AI, when combined with speech recognition, computer vision, and predictive analytics give program managers greater efficiencies and new insights into project outcomes? This keynote will highlight how AI can reduce risk by identifying problems before they occur, mitigate safety issues, and keep projects on track, saving organizations time and money.</p> <p>Presenter: Josh Kanner, Sr. Director of Product and Strategy Analytics & AI, Oracle</p>
11:30-11:50	<p><u>Presentation: Delivering Results for America Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law</u></p> <p>Since the passing of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) in November 2021, USDOT has announced over \$300 billion of funding to states, counties, and municipalities. In just three years, USDOT has delivered tremendous outcomes with the BIL funding. This includes the advancement of over 60,000 transportation construction projects, including 11,200 public transit projects. This funding has made possible improvements all over the country for over 175,000 miles of roadway, more than 10,200 bridges, 4,600 buses, 1,100 airports and 170 rail projects, including the nation’s first high-speed rail. The BIL grant programs have moved forward the Department’s strategic goals of safety, climate resiliency, equity, and economic competitiveness. With over \$300 billion remaining under the BIL, the accomplishments under the BIL will only continue.</p> <p>Presenter: Joseph Jarrin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Finance and Budget, USDOT</p>
11:50-12:20	<p><u>Panel: Adapting Infrastructure for a Changing Climate: Strategies and Innovations by Public Agencies</u></p> <p>As climate change impacts grow more severe, public agencies in the Northeast Corridor are at the forefront of efforts to ensure infrastructure resilience and sustainability. This panel will bring together experts from government, academia, and industry to discuss region-specific strategies, including climate risk assessments, green infrastructure, and adaptive designs for hazards such as coastal flooding, severe storms, and extreme heat.</p>

	<p>Panelists will share case studies showcasing successful climate resilience projects in the region, emphasizing solutions tailored to the Northeast’s unique urban and coastal challenges. Attendees will gain insights into innovative policies, funding mechanisms, and collaborative efforts driving climate-responsive infrastructure planning. Join us to learn how public agencies are building infrastructure that can withstand and adapt to the Northeast Corridor’s evolving climate challenges.</p> <p>Moderator: Vincent Lee, Principal Americas East Civil + Water Engineering Team Leader, Arup</p> <p>Panelists: Alan Cohn, Senior Policy and Science Advisor, New York City Department of Environmental Protection Alexis Taylor, Vice President of Climate Resilience, Neighborhood Strategies, New York City Economic Development Corporation Angela Wong, Senior Climate Resilience Specialist, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey Eric Macfarlane, First Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Design and Construction Stan Dahir, Chief Design & Construction Innovation Officer, NYC School Construction Authority</p>
12:20-12:50	<p><u>Panel: Advancing Light Rail Developments in the Northeast Corridor</u></p> <p>Light rail systems are key to transforming urban mobility across the Northeast Corridor, offering solutions for better connectivity, reduced congestion, and economic growth. This panel will examine the latest developments, challenges, and opportunities in light rail projects, including expanding networks, funding strategies, and integration with existing transit systems.</p> <p>Experts from transit authorities, planning departments, and the private sector will discuss innovative technologies such as smart infrastructure, electrification, and transit-oriented development (TOD). Attendees will gain insights into regulatory hurdles, planning considerations, and collaboration strategies essential for success. The session will conclude with a Q&A, encouraging engagement on the future of light rail in the region.</p> <p>Moderator: Thomas Prendergast, Executive Vice President and New York Metro Chief Executive, AECOM</p> <p>Panelists: Desiree Patrice, Chief of Integrated Transit Programs (ITP), Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Jordan Smith, Sr. Manager, Lead Planner - Interborough Express, Metropolitan Transportation Authority Seth Wainer, Program Director Innovation, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey</p>

12:50-1:15	<p><u>Panel: Overcoming the Battle of Data Ownership in Capital Projects</u></p> <p>It has been said that 2.5 quintillion bytes of data are collected daily on projects, yet oftentimes only one party holds the key to this treasure-trove of information. PMIS systems historically have been built on a siloed data architecture that left external stakeholders out of the loop and struggling to regain control.</p> <p>However, every challenge creates an opportunity. Listen in as this panel journeys through the steps they took to overcome data ownership challenges. From moving beyond the one-size-fits-all business processes of technology solutions to breaking down silos across different stakeholders’ systems, these individuals have done the work to truly collaborate on projects. Learn how you too can regain control of your data, limit disappearing information and ultimately improve decision making across your asset portfolio.</p> <p>Moderator: Nicholas Johnson, Chief Evangelist, Kahua</p> <p>Panelists: KiSeok Jeon, VP, Digital Advisory, STV Manny Innamorato, CIO, NYC School Construction Authority Mark Blumkin, Senior Advisor, Stellar Services</p>
1:00-2:00	<p><u>Lunch and Networking</u></p>
2:00-2:20	<p><u>Presentation: Resilience Design & Delivery in Train Yard and maintenance Shop</u></p> <p>In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy in 2012, which caused widespread destruction across the Northeast, New York City agencies faced the dual challenge of rapidly restoring transit services, and essential services while planning for future storm resilience with sustainable practices at heart. The city’s subway system, a critical component of the region’s economy and daily life, suffered over \$5 billion in damage due to storm surge, and subsequent damage from salt water. This infrastructure, essential for commuting, visiting loved ones, and recreational travel, required comprehensive efforts to rebuild and fortify.</p> <p>These efforts included extensive research, meticulous planning, and both new construction and retrofits aimed at enhancing the system’s ability to withstand severe weather events. Specific measures were designed to protect against Category 2 storm surges, as well as projected sea-level rise, wind, and wave impacts over the next 50 years. This presentation explores the innovative resiliency strategies adopted by MTA Construction and Development, with a focus on the design and delivery of a resilient Train Yard and associated Overhaul and Maintenance Shop, the case study explores the collaboration between various city agencies and the MTA, innovative design approach, and the delivery approach.</p> <p>Presenters:</p>

	<p>Alto Dogan, Sr. Project Manager, C.A.C. Industries, Inc Amen Mukhlis, Senior Director Engineering & Construction, MTA Construction & Development Anthony Falcone, Professional Associate, Senior Project Manager, HDR</p>
<p>2:20-2:40</p>	<p><u>Fireside Chat: Insights on Elevating the Penn Station & Northeast Corridor Customer Experience</u></p> <p>Amtrak is at an exciting moment in its 53-year history. An infusion of federal investment is enabling Amtrak to modernize its fleet, stations, and century-old rail infrastructure. At the same time, ridership along the Northeast Corridor has surged above pre-pandemic levels, setting new records, and the organization has set a goal of doubling national ridership by 2040. To do so, Amtrak is focused on redefining its customer experience for the modern era. With expertise in designing passenger experience of the future, The Petrova Experience brings on-the-ground stories and a valuable perspective on elevating customer experience for riders of today and tomorrow.</p> <p>Join a discussion between representatives from Amtrak and The Petrova Experience on leveraging data, technology, and regional infrastructure projects to improve the customer experience at New York Penn Station and beyond. Explore strategies for creating award-winning customer experience at travel hubs and approaches to honing customer experience focus.</p> <p>Presenters: Liliana Petrova, CEO/Founder, The Petrova Experience Sara Appleton, Assistant Director, Gateway Program, Capital Project Delivery, Amtrak</p>
<p>2:40-3:10</p>	<p><u>Fireside Chat: Accelerating the Energy Transition in the Northeast Corridor</u></p> <p>The energy transition is essential for reducing carbon emissions, enhancing energy resilience, and driving economic growth across the Northeast Corridor. This panel will examine the latest developments, challenges, and opportunities in the shift to cleaner energy, including renewable energy integration, grid modernization, and innovative funding strategies.</p> <p>Experts from utilities, government agencies, and the private sector will discuss key technologies such as solar, wind, battery storage, and smart grid solutions. Attendees will gain insights into policy frameworks, infrastructure planning, and collaboration models that are critical to advancing the energy transition. The session will conclude with a Q&A, encouraging dialogue on the future of clean energy and sustainability in the region.</p> <p>Moderator: Rob Spillar, Senior Vice President, National Smart Cities Director, STV Andria Schmid, Director of Strategic Growth, Ulteig</p>

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<p>3:10-3:40</p>	<p><u>Panel: Shaping the Future of Urban Transformation in the Northeast Corridor</u></p> <p>Urban transformation is vital for creating vibrant, resilient, and sustainable cities across the Northeast Corridor. This panel will explore how innovative planning, design, and development practices are reshaping urban landscapes to address the needs of growing populations, changing economies, and evolving environmental challenges.</p> <p>Experts from urban planning, architecture, real estate, and community organizations will discuss key trends such as mixed-use developments, smart city technologies, and green infrastructure. Attendees will learn about best practices for revitalizing urban centers, enhancing public spaces, and fostering community engagement. The panel will also cover strategies for addressing issues like affordable housing, transit access, and climate resilience, ensuring that urban transformation benefits all residents. The session will conclude with a Q&A, encouraging discussion on the future of cities and how diverse stakeholders can collaborate to build more livable, inclusive, and sustainable urban environments.</p> <p>Moderator: Nick Caravella, Director of Growth and Industry Strategy, Avicado Construction Technology Services</p> <p>Panelists: Johnathan Zamora, Site Manager & Director of Community Hub, City of Peekskill, NY Lara Fritts, Director, Division of Economic Opportunity, Frederick County Government, MD Leo Tsang, Principal Transportation Planner and Modeler, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey Stacey Matlen, Senior Vice President of Innovation, Partnership for NYC Stephen Sigmund, Chief of Public Outreach/Chief Spokesperson, Gateway Development Commission (GDC)</p>
<p>3:50-4:10</p>	<p><u>Afternoon Break</u></p>
<p>4:10-4:30</p>	<p><u>Presentation: The Harbor of the Future</u></p> <p>Mayor Adams’ vision for a “Harbor of the Future," launched in early 2024, harnesses our maritime history and puts forward a bold plan for reactivation of our harbor for future-focused industries. Public and private investments in green economy, life sciences, logistics, and tech hubs along waterfronts in all five boroughs will create jobs, generate billions in economic impact, and make New York City more sustainable and climate resilient for the future.</p>

	<p>Presenter: Cecilia, Kushner, Chief Strategy Officer, New York City Economic Development Corporation</p>
<p>4:30-5:00</p>	<p><u>Panel: Modernizing Capital Planning Programs and Enhancing Right of Way Programs</u></p> <p>In today's rapidly evolving infrastructure landscape, effective capital planning and streamlined right-of-way programs are critical to delivering projects on time and within budget. With advances in technology, increasing project complexity, and heightened community expectations, the modernization of these programs is essential to meet future demands. This panel will explore innovative strategies, best practices, and tools to transform how capital planning and right-of-way programs are managed.</p> <p>Moderator: Kevin Koenig, Chief Revenue Officer, Aurigo Software Technologies</p> <p>Panelists: Gregory Francese, Transportation Planner, City of Hoboken Jan Kozlowski, Director, Operating Capital Projects - New York, Metro-North Railroad Shefalee Patel, Director, Front End Planning, Infrastructure, New York City Department of Design and Construction</p>
<p>5:00-5:20</p>	<p><u>Presentation: Delivering renewable energy to NYC on the Champlain Hudson Power Express</u></p> <p>New York City's energy transition will be foundationally supported by the delivery of hydropower from Quebec via the Champlain Hudson Power Express- the longest buried transmission line project in the United States currently under construction and slated to be in-service in May of 2026. The 339-mile transmission line terminating in Astoria Queens will provide 20% of NYC's annual energy needs, displace climate emissions equivalent to removing 44% of cars from the City's roads and significantly help to reduce local air pollution prevalent in environmental justice communities located in proximity to fossil fuel power generation. Over the course of its construction, CHPE will create 1,400 union jobs. In addition, the project's \$40 million Green Economy Fund will support workforce training to individuals living in disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>Presenter: Peter Rose, Senior Director, Hydro-Quebec Energy Services</p>
<p>5:20-5:50</p>	<p><u>Panel: Advancing Transit-Oriented Development in the Northeast Corridor</u></p> <p>Transit-oriented development (TOD) is key to creating vibrant, connected communities that reduce congestion, support sustainable growth, and enhance</p>

	<p>quality of life across the Northeast Corridor. This panel will explore the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in TOD, including mixed-use development, innovative financing, and seamless integration with transit systems.</p> <p>Experts from urban planning, real estate development, and public transit authorities will discuss best practices for designing walkable, transit-accessible neighborhoods, and the role of TOD in revitalizing urban centers. Attendees will gain insights into policy initiatives, zoning strategies, and public-private partnerships that drive successful TOD projects. The session will conclude with a Q&A, inviting discussion on the future of sustainable urban development in the region.</p> <p>Moderator: Mark Gander, Program Director, Parsons</p> <p>Panelists: Dirk Hrobsky, Executive Managing Director, Cushman & Wakefield Russell Singer, Transit Planner II, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission</p>
5:50	<u>Event Close</u>