

Southern High-Speed Rail Commission 2008 Intercity Passenger Rail Summit

For State Officials, Transportation Leaders, and Advocates

Union Station, 1901 Front Street, Meridian Mississippi

Thursday, October 9 – 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Hospitality Room, Hilton Garden Inn

Friday, October 10, 2008

8:00 am	Registration - Continental Breakfast served
8:30 am	Welcome/ Conference Host Mayor John Robert Smith Chairman, Southern High-Speed Rail Commission and former Chairman, Amtrak
8:45 am	Conference Keynote: Frank Busalacchi Chair, Passenger Rail Working Group, US Congress' National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission; Chair, States for Passenger Rail; Secretary, Wisconsin DOT
9:15 am	Taking the National Temperature of Passenger Rail Moderator: Elizabeth Sanders, Executive Director, Downtown Mobile Alliance & AL SHSRC Comm. Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Alex Kummant, Amtrak President & CEO ▶ Mark Yachmetz, FRA Deputy Administrator Q&A: 10 min
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	SHSRC: Getting to High Speed Rail in AL, LA, and MS Moderator: Colonel Tom Atkinson, Deputy Asst. Secretary, LA DOTD & LA SHSRC Commissioner Panelists: Transit Oriented Development and the Rebirth of Town Centers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Shelley Poticha, President and CEO, Reconnecting America The Myths and Benefits of Transit Oriented Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Tim Baldwin, Vice-President, URS Corporation Q&A: 10 min
11: 50 am	Break - lunch served
1:00 pm	Former Presidential Candidate Michael S. Dukakis Introduction By: Mayor John Robert Smith
1:30 pm	Partners for the Future Moderator: Kay Kell, City Manager, City of Pascagoula & MS SHSRC Commissioner Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Mike Haverty, Chairman & CEO, Kansas City Southern Railway ▶ Gil Carmichael, Senior Chairman, Intermodal Transportation Institute, University of Denver Q&A: 10 min
2:30 pm	Assessing the Potential for Intercity Passenger Rail Moderator: Karen Parsons, Executive Director SHSRC Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Secretary William Ankner, Ph.D., Louisiana DOTD ▶ Steven Edwards, P.E., Director, Office of Intermodal Planning, Mississippi DOT ▶ Bob Jilla, P.E., Bureau Chief, Transportation Planning & Modal Programs, Alabama DOT Q&A: 10 min
3:30 pm	Break

3:45 pm	Regional Passenger Rail: How It's Done ▶ Bill Bronte, Chief, Rail Division, California Department of Transportation (<i>Caltrans</i>)
4:15 pm	Conference Wrap-Up: Hon. John Robert Smith
4:30-5:00 pm	Transit to Hotel
5:00-6:00 pm	Free Time
6:00-6:30 pm	Transit from Hotel to MS Riley Center
6:30-7:30 pm	Dinner at MS Riley Center/Rm 2B
8:00 pm	Theater Performance, Grand Opera House in the Riley Center
10:00 pm	Transit to Hotel

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