



# MPTA 2020 VIRTUAL STATE CONFERENCE

September • 9-10 • 2020

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

**Missouri Transit Virtual Conference and Expo DAY 1**

**8:00 AM - 8:55 AM General Session I:**

MPTA President Mark Mehmert, *Hats Off to MO Transit*, FTA -Mokhtee Ahmad, Regional Administrator Region VII; Patrick McKenna, MoDOT Director, *State of the State on Transit Funding*; Scott Bogren, Executive Director of CTAA,

**Elections, State of Funding - Where are We today on Capitol Hill?**

**8:55 AM - 9:00 AM Break**

**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM General Session 2:**

*To Charge or Not to Charge, the Transit Fare Question of 2020*

Panel includes Dorothy Yeager, Executive Director of OATS;

Taulby Roach, CEO & President of Bi-State Development, and Robbie Makinen, CEO Of KCATA

**10:00 AM - 10:15 AM Break**

**10:15 AM - 11:30 AM**

*Dealing with a Pandemic: Transit's Response*

Panel Discussion - Taulby Roach, CEO & President of Bi-State Development; Jameson Auten, Deputy CEO/COO of KCATA; Scott Bogren, Executive Director, CTAA

**11:30 AM - 11:45 AM Break**

**11:45 AM - 12:45 PM**

*Transit & Leadership Building: De-Stressing the Workplace*

Meg Krejci, Masterpeace Studios

**12:45 PM - 1:00 PM Break**

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

*Transit's on Track to Impact Climate Change Panel Discussion*

John Hickey, Former Sierra Club Missouri Chapter Director;

Dr. Christine Ekenga, Washington University; Dr. Ray Slavin, St. Louis Asthma Clinic Coordinator

**2:00 PM - 2:15 PM Break**

**2:15 PM - 3:15 PM**

*Partnerships for Placemaking: Maplewood MetroBus Transformation Project*

Sheila Holm, Community Outreach Director, AARP St. Louis;

Laura Miller, Community Development Director, City of Maplewood,

Kim Cella, Executive Director of Citizens for Modern Transit

**3:15 PM - 3:30 PM Break**

**3:30 PM - 4:45 PM**

*MPTA Vendor Members' Showcase - "Speed" Dating to discuss products to help meet Missouri's Mobility Needs*



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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**  
**Missouri Transit Virtual Conference and Expo DAY 2**

**8:00 AM - 8:30 AM MPTA 2020 Annual Meeting - Recap, Awards & Elections**

**8:30 AM - 9:30 AM**

*A Community Addresses Transit Safety and Security:*

Marcie Meystrik, Corridor Planning Coordinator, East-West Gateway Council of Governments;  
Lurae Stewart, Assistant Vice President, Safety and Security Lead, Transit and Rail, WSP;  
Kevin Scott, General Manager of Field Security, Bi-State Development

**9:30 AM - 9:45 AM Break**

**9:45 AM - 10:45 AM**

*Electrifying the Fleet: Opportunities and Challenges*

Panel includes: Dale Schaefer, Director Of Product Development, Metro Transit;  
Matt Crawford, Transit Director at City Utilities of Springfield

**10:45 AM - 11:00AM Break**

**11:00 AM - 12:15 PM**

*Can we Share a Ride to Fill the Service Gaps? Transit Opportunities*

Lisa Womack, Director of Mobility Services, KCATA;  
Ken Sharkey, Managing Director, SCCTD;  
Cheryl O'Connor, Commute Sales Manager, Commute with Enterprise;  
Robert Wilson, Director of Transportation, ATS

**12:15 PM - 12:30 PM Break**

**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**

*CARES Act and Long Term Recovery from COVID-19*  
with the FTA - FTA Region VII Staff

**1:30 PM - 1:45 PM Break**

**1:45 PM - 4:45 PM**

*Substance Abuse Training: VOLPE*

**4:45 PM Conference Adjourns**