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& Friday, October 26th
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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8:30-9:00
Breakfast Reception with Exhibitors
 Breakfast sponsored by [Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee](#)

9:00-9:15
Opening Remarks
Mayor Ken Moore, *Middle Tennessee Mayors Caucus*

9:15-10:00
National & State Transportation Initiatives
John Schroer, *Tennessee Department of Transportation*
Beth Osborne, *United States Department of Transportation*

10:00-11:45
National Partners' Perspectives on Transportation Policy

Transportation policies and programs define more than just our highway system; they help shape community and economic development, create opportunities for personal prosperity, and affect public health outcomes. This session brings together national policy experts to discuss these important relationships, and to define transit's role in making communities more livable.

MODERATOR: Geoff Anderson, *Smart Growth America*

Arthur Guzzetti, *American Public Transportation Assoc.*
Mitchell Silver, *American Planning Association*
Ken Rose, *The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention*

11:45-1:00
Keynote Luncheon: Bill Purcell
Transit as a Driver for Livable Communities

Bill Purcell served as the fifth Mayor of Metropolitan Nashville from 1999-2007. In 2008, he was named Director of Harvard University's Institute of Politics (IOP) at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He recently served as Co-Chair for the Institute of Medicine Committee on Accelerating Progress in Obesity Prevention and has returned to his former law practice at Jones, Hawkins and Farmer, PLC in Nashville.

Introduction by Ralph Schulz, *President & CEO*
Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce

1:00-1:55
Advancing Regional Transit Initiatives: Advice from an Experienced Peer
 The Salt Lake City region boasts an impressive mass transit program that includes light rail, bus rapid transit, and commuter rail as part of a comprehensive strategy that emphasizes complete streets designed to support community values. This session features an update on Middle Tennessee's efforts, and advice from the Wasatch Front on implementing regional transit plans.

Mayor Karl Dean, *Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County*
Matthew Sibul, *Utah Transit Authority*

1:55-3:25
Overcoming Funding Challenges in a Fiscally-Constrained Environment

While public demand for transit surges, government funding for transit projects seems to be moving in the opposite direction. This session provides an overview of available grant programs and financing strategies, and offers insight into metropolitan area ballot initiatives aimed at raising non-federal funds for transportation improvement projects.

MODERATOR: Ed Cole, *Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee*

Nick Donahue, *Transportation for America*
Allison Leach, *Center for Transportation Excellence*
Dave Williams, *Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce*
Thomas R. ShROUT, Jr., *The Greater St. Louis Transit Alliance*

3:25-3:40
Afternoon Coffee Break

Coffee break sponsored by [Transportation for America](#)

3:40-4:30
Implementing the Federal Surface Transportation Act: MAP-21

On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century* authorizing federal surface transportation programs for the next two years. Join representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, TDOT, Nashville Area MPO, and area transit agencies in a moderated discussion about how Tennessee intends to carry out new federal programs.

8:30-9:00
Breakfast Reception with Exhibitors
 Breakfast sponsored by [Lose & Associates, Inc.](#)

9:00-9:15
Opening Remarks: Moving Tennessee Forward

A preview of day two, and an overview of *Moving Tennessee Forward*, a publication by the Nashville Civic Design Center and the Nashville Area MPO, dedicated to promoting good urban design as part of the region's vision for expanded transit options.

Mayor Ken Moore, *Middle Tennessee Mayors Caucus*
Gary Gaston, *Nashville Civic Design Center*

9:15-10:05
Transformative Bus Rapid Transit

The Nashville MTA is in the midst of project development for the East-West Connector – the region's first dedicated-lane, fixed guideway bus rapid transit line that will connect East Nashville with the West End. This session will provide an update on the Connector project, and offer a close look at BRT along Cleveland's Euclid Corridor, which has served as an early model for Nashville.

Jim McAteer, *Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority*
Joe Calebrese, *Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority*

10:05-11:45
Developing Real Estate around Transit

The secret is out! Mass transit is no longer just about moving people; it's a proven winner for spurring economic development. This session features land developers from Atlanta, Cleveland, and Minneapolis to discuss how their real-estate investments have benefited from modern transit infrastructure, and the importance of being proactive in ensuring the inclusion of affordable housing options around transit-rich corridors.

MODERATOR: Jimmy Granbery, *HG Hill Realty*

Brian Leary, *Galileo Development (Atlanta)*
Kate S. Little, *BeltLine Affordable Housing Advisory Board*
Richard Pace, *Cumberland Development LLC (Cleveland)*
Russell Lamb, *Allegro Realty Advisors Ltd (Cleveland)*
Michael Lander, *Lander Group (Minneapolis)*

11:45-1:45
Incorporating Transit into Local Policy, Comprehensive Plans, & Ordinances
 Lunch sponsored by [Cambridge Systematics, Inc.](#)

Successful transit implementation requires that local communities provide a regulatory framework that enables opportunities for transit-supportive development. This session offers a look at how other communities have aligned local planning, zoning, and development review with their vision for transit.

MODERATOR: Tim Roach, *Greater Nashville Regional Council*

Arthur Wendel, *The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention*
Robin Hutcheson, *Salt Lake City Corporation*
Jennifer Hillhouse, *City & County of Denver Public Works*
Sean Vroom, *New Jersey Institute of Technology*
Bridget Jones, *Cumberland Region Tomorrow*



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