

Agenda Item Number 12.e.

NORTHWEST CORRIDOR RAIL SUMMIT



Objective: To begin a conversation and develop an understanding of the mechanisms needed to allow the Pacific Northwest to work together to implement higher speed rail. Join us March 9, 2010, for the Northwest Corridor Rail Summit and hear from elected officials, industry reps, experts and others:

Key Note Speaker: Rod Diridon Sr. of the Mineta Institute

U.S. Congressman Peter DeFazio (tentative)
Gail Achterman, Chair, Oregon Transportation Commission
Kitty Piercy, Mayor, Eugene
State Representative Nancy Nathanson
Kelly Taylor, Administrator, ODOT Rail Division
Annette Price, Port of Portland
Brock Nelson, Union Pacific Railroad
Dave Mansen, Vice President, Parsons
William Phillips, Manager Construction Services, Parsons
Denis Doute, California HSR BD Manager
National Policy Consensus Center

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Agenda: As of February 11, 2010- subject to change/augmentation

8:30 – 9:00 Registration / Sign In

9:00 – 9:10 Welcome and Introductory Remarks

9:10 – 10:00 Session 1 - High Speed Rail: A Priority for the US and the Northwest

Corridor The U.S. Administration and Congress are quickly moving in a new direction to fund the high speed rail. Learn about the plans for implementing HSR in the US and the Pacific Northwest,

10:00 – 11:30 Session 2 - High Speed Rail in the Northwest Corridor

With the recent announcement of ARRA funding coming to the Northwest Corridor, hear about the plans for that funding and how Oregon and Washington will move forward.

11:30 – 12:45 Lunch – Key Note Speaker - Ron Diridon Sr., Executive Director, Mineta Transport Institute.

Rod Diridon Sr. was a 20-year member of Silicon Valley's Santa Clara County (Calif.) Board of Supervisors, where he chaired the transit board as well as regional, national and international transit programs, including the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). He is chair emeritus and member of the California HSR Authority Board and executive director of the congressionally created Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University in California.

12:45 – 1:30 Presentation – “Vision to Reality” - Parsons

FRA Process - A timeline (Planning - PE, NEPA, ROD) - Dave Mansen, Vice President, Parsons; Delivery Process - William Phillips, Manager Construction Services, Parsons; Operations - Denis Doute, California HSR BD Manager, SNCF

1:30 – 1:45 BREAK

1:45 – 2:45 Session 3 – Some of the Issues and Challenges for High Speed Rail in the Northwest Corridor

2:45 – 3:30 Session 4 - TBA.

3:30 – 5:00 Group Discussion

5:00 Adjourn

Sponsorships are available for continental breakfast and breaks. Please contact Brenda Wilson at (541) 971-2208 if interested.

EARLY REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED - TO REGISTER:

<http://www.lanecc.edu/cml/upcoming.htm>