

Capital Area Streetcar Summit

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Matt Altier began at California State University, Sacramento in 2001. He currently holds dual roles as Vice President for Planning and Resource Development, and Executive Director of University Enterprises.

As Vice President, Matt is responsible for the University's Master Plan, including project initiatives and development both on and off campus. Major capital projects include state and non-state projects and those where University Enterprises plays a major role in funding.

As Executive Director of University Enterprises, Matt is responsible for the operation, management and oversight of the \$100 million dollar auxiliary corporation that provides university research, contracts and grants operations, dining and restaurant services, bookstore and all retail operations, copy center operations, property development and management operations, vending services, and student, faculty and staff housing development projects.

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Cameron Beach came to Regional Transit in 1983 as Light Rail Manager, and has held the position of Chief Operating Officer (COO) since 1991. As the COO, Beach is responsible for all bus and rail operations, maintenance and security. He oversees more than 900 employees and contractors involved in the day-to-day operations of Regional Transit and an \$83 million annual budget.

Beach has worked in a variety of positions in public and private sector transportation including Class A 1 railroad, airline, charter bus operations, and line-haul and urban transit.

Beach is a native San Franciscan and attended San Francisco's Golden Gate University. He serves as Vice Chairman of the Bay Area Electric Railroad Association and is a board member of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee and the Market Street Railway.

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Bob has been collecting and studying rail transit for over 50 years, with the focus on route/corridor development and ridership. During this period he has amassed a large library of books, photos/slides, system maps and timetables, and has cataloged all items. During the last 15 years, Bob has written transit history articles for several regional and national publications, as well as for the Sacramento Bee.

During Bob's 32 years in transit he has been involved in marketing, planning, and scheduling. He was part of the light rail development team of the early 1980's. Bob also drove a transit bus part time while attending Indiana University's Mass Transit Management Program. Currently Bob runs the day-to-day operation of RT's Customer Service Department.

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Jeffrey F. Boothe represents public transit authorities and metropolitan areas through the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") approval process for new start projects, and on matters relating to federal transportation policy and legislative and regulatory affairs.

Mr. Boothe chairs the New Starts Working Group, a coalition of transit properties, cities and private sector companies, that advocate before Congress and the FTA in support of mass transit rail projects. He serves as Executive Director of the Community Streetcar Coalition, an organization of cities, transit authorities and architectural and engineering firms established to affect federal legislative and regulatory issues that impact the funding and advancement of streetcar projects nationwide. He is on the boards of Reconnecting America, which promotes the integration of public investments in Amtrak, transit and airports, and the Center for Transportation Excellence, which provide resources to local areas to respond to transit critics and conduct successful elections for transit ballot initiatives.

Mr. Boothe earned a B.A. from Stanford University in 1977 and is a 1987 graduate from George Mason University Law School.

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Described by the Sacramento Bee as "one of the most intelligent, talented and hard-working elected officials in the region," Christopher Cabaldon is a recognized local, regional, and statewide leader in educational opportunity and reform, environmental protection and enhancement, neighborhood quality of life, civil rights, and transportation and technology.

First elected to the West Sacramento City Council in 1996, Christopher Cabaldon is serving his fifth term as Mayor. He is the first Mayor elected directly by the people.

Mayor Cabaldon is a board member and chair of the Yolo County Transportation District, where he worked to win approval of Yolobus transit service to the Sacramento Airport and expansion of bus

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service to seniors and transit-dependent residents. As a member of the Capitol Corridor Rail Service Board, he has fought to expand rail service along the I-80 corridor.

As chair of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, the metropolitan planning organization, Cabaldon led the region's historic Blueprint for the Future project, charting land use strategies and smart growth for future generations. Under his leadership, the Blueprint won prestigious awards from the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Governor, and a diverse array of national, state, and regional civic, business, and environmental organizations. Cabaldon also chaired the region's Transportation Roundtable, a groundbreaking panel of 55 regional leaders that developed the innovative Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2025 through collaboration among environmental, business, neighborhood, government, and education groups.

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Ed Crawford is the Government Affairs Officer for the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART). Prior to HART he served as the executive director of Alliance for Modern Transit & Livable Communities, Inc., a non-profit organization advocating for better transportation and land-use planning.

He was a three time chairman of the Hillsborough County MPO Citizens Advisory Committee, and was selected in 2000 to travel to Europe as a fellow of the German Marshall Fund. He has given over 200 presentations on transit, urban design, traffic calming, smart growth, and community visioning.

Ed is a native of Tampa, and a graduate of the University of South Florida with a B.A. in Political Science, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

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The 1st District is represented by Supervisor Roger Dickinson. First elected to the Board in 1994, Supervisor Dickinson has a close connection to the community. He is active in numerous civic, environmental and transportation organizations, and honored often for his leadership

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Dain was born in Sacramento, California on January 11, 1946 and has resided in the city for most of his life. He obtained a B.A. in History at Northwestern University in 1969. From 1972 until 1975 Dain worked for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency in Public Housing Management. Dain operated as sole proprietor of a restoration business in Sacramento and brokered investments from 1975 until 1980 when a partnership was formed with George Separovich to develop and manage commercial real estate as Separovich/Domich.

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An important career/business accomplishment has been the development of the Farmers Market Complex for the State of California and the development of Granite Regional Park with the City of Sacramento. Both projects demonstrate Dain's commitment to public transportation as they are situated at Light Rail Stations. Additionally, Dain and his partners are currently developing 140 residential lofts at the 65th and Folsom Light Rail Station. Separovich/Domich has consistently won awards for quality development from architectural, business, construction and community service organizations,

Dain is the current President of Friends of Light Rail, and past founding/chair of the Power Inn Business and Transportation Association, the 1999 Regional Citizen of the Year from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and 1998 Clean Air Award from the America Lung Association.

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Mark Dorn is a Senior Project Manager with URS and has 18 years of transit planning and engineering experience. Mark was the lead track engineer for the first phase of the Portland Streetcar system and has been the Design Manager for the 3 subsequent extensions: Portland State University (which opened concurrent with Phase 1 in 2001); the Riverplace Extension (opened in March, 2005); Gibbs Extension (due to open in 2006). Mark is also helping the City of Portland plan for two additional extensions. Mark is also busy coordinating the design effort for the South Lake Union Streetcar in Seattle (construction due to begin in Fall, 2006) and is overseeing the design efforts for the Center City Streetcar System in Charlotte, North Carolina (construction due to begin in early 2007).

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Mayor Heather Fargo was born in Oakland, CA and grew up in the Central Valley. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Planning and Management from the University of California, Davis in 1975.

First elected to the City Council in 1989, representing District One, she was re-elected to a second term in 1994, and a third term in 1998. She was elected to a four-year term as Mayor in November 2000. She became the City's first full-time Mayor in May of 2003 after passage of a Charter amendment. Mayor Fargo was re-elected in March 2004 to a second four-year term, which began in November 2004.

Mayor Fargo currently serves on:

- Crocker Art Museum Board
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)
- Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) Board of Directors
- Sacramento Area Commerce Trade Organization
- Sacramento/Yolo Port District Commission
- Sacramento Regional County Sanitation
- Downtown Revitalization Corporation
- Downtown Sacramento Partnership Board
- UC Davis Foundation Board of Directors
- League of California Cities
- U.S. Conference of Mayors

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- Civil Engineering graduate of Drexel University in Philadelphia
- Registered Professional Engineer in California, Oregon and several other states
- 34-year career in transportation
- 10 years with LTK involved in numerous light, heavy, commuter and intercity rail projects
- 2 years with NYCT on the General Manager's staff of the Bus Division
- 10 years at the MBTA as Deputy Director of Operations and Deputy Director of Materials, with the Rail Vehicle Engineering Department was one of his charges throughout his entire tenure there
- 6 years with Bechtel as Chief Systemwide Engineer on the Athens Metro responsible for rolling stock and systems on the new subway line that served as the transportation backbone for last year's Summer Olympics.
- Back with LTK since 1998 where he served 5 years as Vice President of their Northwest Region headquartered in Portland, Oregon, overseeing the firm's work on streetcar projects in Portland and Tacoma and light rail assignments in Portland, Salt Lake City, Seattle and Spokane.
- He now serves as Vice President of the company's Southeast Region out of Atlanta overseeing the firm's joint venture contract with MARTA for rail vehicle engineering services; streetcar projects for Atlanta, Charlotte, Miami and Washington, D.C.; LRVs for Charlotte, Dallas and Houston, and other assignments.
- Tom also serves on the firm's Board of Directors.

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Ted Gaines began his service in government on the City of Roseville's Planning Commission from 1997 to 1999. Ted Gaines was elected as Placer County Board of Supervisor, District 4 in January 2001. He was reelected to his 2nd, 4-year term in March 2004. Committees that Ted serves on include: Placer County Air Pollution Control, Golden Sierra Job Training Partnership, Chair of Placer County Transportation Authority (PCTPA), Chair of Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), SACOG Housing and Land Use Committee and Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization (SACTO). His primary areas of policy interest include public safety, transportation, parks, land use and government efficiency.

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Mr. Gustafson is Vice President of Shiels Oblatz Johnsen, which is a project management firm with offices in Portland and Seattle. Mr. Gustafson holds a Bachelors Degree in Economics from Yale University and a Masters Degree in Urban Economics from Wayne State University. Mr. Gustafson was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1975 and served on the Ways and Means Committee for two terms. In 1978, he served as Metro's first elected Executive Officer, a post he held until 1986. Mr. Gustafson joined Shiels Oblatz Johnsen in 1987 and serves as a principal in the company.

Mr. Gustafson served as Executive Director of The Oregon Garden from 1998 to 2004 and now serves on the Board of Directors. Mr. Gustafson oversaw the opening of the Garden to the public in 2001 and managed operations. In 2000, he initiated a proposal to move the Gordon House, the only Frank Lloyd Wright designed house in Oregon, to The Oregon Garden. Shiels Oblatz Johnsen managed the project for moving and reassembly which had to be accomplished in less than 10 weeks from the commitment of the project. The Gordon House has been a very successful addition to The Oregon Garden with over 30,000 visitors since it opened in March 2002.

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William Hudson has over 40 years experience in public transportation and has held the president/general manager's position in Memphis since 1993. During his transit career at the Memphis Area Transit Authority, he has worked extensively in operations, planning and customer service.

Hudson's major accomplishments include completion of several projects totaling over \$500 million. The partial list includes: Renovation of the historic Central Station, Riverfront Loop Rail Extension, Three Transit Centers, Madison Avenue Rail Extension, 100 new buses.

Hudson is a 1999 Leadership Memphis graduate, past president of the Tennessee Public Transit Association, APTA and numerous other boards and committees.

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Keith is the Executive Director and General Manager of the Central Arkansas Transit Authority. He has been with the Transit Authority since 1987, and has directed the agency since 1990. He has managed \$35 million in capital improvements over the past few years, including a 2.5 mile New Start vintage streetcar line.

Prior to working at the Transit Authority, he was head of Statewide Planning for the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, He also worked for Public Technology, Inc., in Washington DC and for the MPOs in St. Louis and Central Arkansas.

Keith is president of the Southwest Transit Association, and is on the board of the Arkansas Transit Association. He is the 2004 recipient of University of Arkansas's Public Administrator of the (continued...)

Year, and is the Community Transportation Manager of the Year for 2005, awarded by the Community Transportation Association of America.

Keith is a graduate of North Little Rock High and has a civil engineering degree from Washington University in St. Louis

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William Sturgiss Lind, Director of the Center for Cultural Conservatism at the Free Congress Foundation, is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, born July 9, 1947. He graduated magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College in 1969 and received a Master's Degree in History from Princeton University in 1971. He worked as a legislative aide for armed services for Senator Robert Taft, Jr., of Ohio from 1973 through 1976 and held a similar position with Senator Gary Hart of Colorado from 1977 through 1986. He joined Free Congress Foundation in 1987.

Mr. Lind has written extensively for both popular media, including The Washington Post, The New York Times, and Harper's, and professional military journals, including The Marine Corps Gazette, U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings and Military Review.

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Tom Matoff has more than 30 years of experience with bus and rail transit systems, focusing on planning at the conceptual, operations, service and strategic levels, and including line responsibility for operations and general management. He has been instrumental in defining the transit service goals and resulting system networks and service patterns for San Francisco (MUNI), Portland (TriMet) and Sacramento (Regional Transit). His experience has involved systems as small as a two-bus, student-operated service (first manager of Unitrans, Davis, California), and included assignments as broad as the transit components of a regional plan for a major urban area (Greater Vancouver Regional District). His graduate degree from the University of California is in City Planning.

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Mike McKeever, AICP, was appointed Executive Director of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Board of Directors on December 17, 2004. Previously, Mr. McKeever, 49, was project manager of the Blueprint Project at SACOG.

Over his 25-year career he has owned and managed two private businesses that specialized in working with local governments on innovative multi-jurisdictional projects. He has been instrumental in developing cutting-edge planning techniques to integrate land use and transportation planning.

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Over the last decade Mr. McKeever was the principal creator of PLACE3S planning method and software, designed to help professional and citizen planners to understand the connections between land use, transportation, and air quality issues. He has authored several manuals and guidebooks on various aspects of local government collaboration, and teaches Stretching Community Dollars seminars throughout California for the City, County, Schools Partnership to help these units of government find creative ways to work together.

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Dr. Sander was elected to the Rancho Cordova City Council in November 2002 when Rancho Cordova voted to incorporate. Dr. Sander has been the Vice President of the Cordova Community Council since 2001. He has served on the Regional Transit Board since January 2004.

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John Schumann holds a BA in Business Administration and an MS in Civil Engineering. His experience, exceeding three decades, includes a variety of transit technologies and applications.

From 1979 until 1984, John led planning, design, and construction of Regional Transit's 18-mile LRT "starter line" project. Prior to that, and since, he has been an LTK consultant for clients in more than 30 cities worldwide, planning, designing or building rail transit. John serves on the light rail committees of TRB and APTA.

An advocate for classical music, John is treasurer of the foundation operating Portland's only classical music public radio station.

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Dr. Beverly A. Scott, General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) is a nationally recognized transportation executive. She joined RT in October 2002. Prior to being named to the RT post, Dr. Scott served as General Manager at Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA), which is Rhode Island's statewide public transit system. Dr. Scott has also served as Deputy General Manager for Administration of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Prior to joining WMATA, Dr. Scott served as Executive Director, National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA), a non-profit association of more than 3,000 members. Before joining NFBPA, she served as the Assistant Executive Director, Administration at New Jersey Transit Corporation (10,000 employees; fourth largest transit system in the United States).

From 1985 to 1990, Dr. Scott served in a number of progressively responsible senior/executive management positions within the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority agencies. Prior to

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joining the New York City Transit Authority, Dr. Scott served as Executive Director, Association of Minority Contractors in Harris County, Texas.

Dr. Scott began her public transportation career in 1977 in the State of Texas as one of four national recipients of a Carnegie Foundation Fellowship.

Dr. Scott began her professional career as an Assistant Professor of Government: & Public Affairs at Tennessee State University, and has also taught graduate courses at Howard University (Washington, DC) and Texas Southern University (Houston, Texas).

Dr. Scott has received numerous national and local awards, including citations for outstanding accomplishment from the U.S. Department of Transportation, American Public Transportation Association, National Business League, Women's Transportation Seminar, Rhode Island Professional Engineers Society, Sierra Club, Conference of Minority Transit Officials, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, the Urban League, and City Year.

She holds a doctorate in Political Science (Ford Foundation fellowship) with a specialization in public administration from Howard University (1977) and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa) from Fisk University (1972). Dr. Scott also attended Carleton College.

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Joe Silien's career in the transportation industry spans more than thirty-five years, and encompasses many aspects of the business.

After graduating from Columbia University with bachelors and masters degrees in urban planning, he joined the Federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration (now FTA) where he served as the first Director of the Office of Rail Technology. He was responsible for the development of the urban rail test facilities at the Transportation Test center in Pueblo, CO.

Mr. Silien is credited with being among the few transportation professionals who envisioned and sponsored the "rediscovery" of light rail in the U.S.

In 1976, he became Executive Director of the transportation authority serving Metropolitan Rochester, NY.

In 1989, he joined ABB Traction, where as Vice President of Business Development, he was responsible for the nationwide tour of the Swedish X2000 High Speed Train. This project introduced reliable AC propulsion, active car body tilting, and radial steering for high speed operation on existing rights-of-way. The train was permitted by FRA to operate at 135 mph in Northeast Corridor service, the fastest ever scheduled up to that time in the U.S.

Mr. Silien joined Parsons Brinckerhoff in 1996. He serves as Senior Vice President in PB's center of excellence for systems work, PB Transit & Rail Systems, Inc. He is Regional Manager for PBT&RS's Atlantic/Southeast Region, and heads PB's internal Streetcar Working Group.

Joe is active in the American Public Transportation Association, where he served as the first Chairman of APTA's Light Rail Transit Committee. He currently chairs the APTA Intercity Corridor Development Committee.

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David is an active member of the American Public Transportation Association, the American Planning Association, the Congress for the New Urbanism, the Urban Land Institute, and the National Council on Public Private Partnerships.