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## Mexico's Rail Association

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**Commuter Rail Coalition**

*An association of passenger rail agencies and private businesses that support the industry*

*Formed in April 2019*

*24 member organizations*

*Based near Washington, DC*

## Commuter/ Regional Rail in the US

- Approximately 30 passenger railroads (not including Amtrak)
- 500 million passenger trips per year
- Largest: Long Island Railroad (from the suburbs of Long Island west into New York City). 89.8 million passengers in 2018
- Smallest: Tri-Met, in Portland, Oregon, which operates Westside Express Service, a 14.7 mile route that served roughly 85,000 passengers in 2018.

# Pre-Pandemic Challenges

Positive Train Control (PTC)— a federal mandate to install technology to monitor and control train movement in case of human error. Final deadline: December 31, 2020.

- A US\$4 billion unfunded mandate that required public agencies to de-prioritize other essential safety improvements and passenger amenities.
- The requirement was issued in 2008, before proven technology was available on the market.
- Passenger railroads competed with well financed freight railroads for qualified personnel and consultants to successfully deliver projects on time.

## Pre-Pandemic Challenges, cont.

Liability Insurance Coverage

Public Funding

Federal Advocacy

Access to corridors for expansion

# Pandemic Impacts

*Ridership*

*Fare Revenue*

*Tax Revenue*

# Post-Pandemic Challenges

## Ridership:

- *Pandemic migration to the suburbs: an expanding ridership base?*
- *Will major employment centers open at full capacity, or will employers reduce their real estate footprints and encourage continued work-from-home for traditional riders?*

## Revenues:

- *Fares*
- *Public subsidies (usually supported by local tax base)*



## New Administration: Biden & Buttigieg





# New Congress: US House of Representatives & Senate



# Podcast Series

Produced and distributed by *Railway Age*, these conversations can be accessed on the Railway Age website or through the News/Events section of the CRC website.



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**Increasing Passenger and Freight Capacity Along the Nation's Second Busiest Corridor**

**Matt Tucker** and **DJ Mitchell** join us to discuss the NCTD/BNSF partnership that will bring infrastructure improvements to the LOSSAN Corridor.

# Webinar Series

“Adapt. Evolve. Innovate. Operating Commuter Railroads During a Pandemic” is a series that highlights the innovations commuter railroads have rolled out in response to the impacts of COVID-19.

Recordings and presentations can be found under the News/Events section of the CRC website.



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**Adapt. Evolve. Innovate.**  
Operating Commuter Railroads in a Pandemic  
#3 of a Series: Caltrain, NICTD, and SEPTA

Join the Commuter Rail Coalition at **2pm** (eastern) on **Wednesday, August 26** to learn how 3 railroads have anticipated and responded to their riders' needs and set the stage for service that will play a role in their regions' economic recovery.

# Commuter Rail Conversations

Commuter Rail Conversations is a podcast series presented by the Commuter Rail Coalition, where we interview industry innovators, thought leaders and influencers



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*Commuter Rail Conversations*

Thoughts on the appointment of Mayor **Pete Buttigieg** as Secretary of Transportation from CRC Vice Chair, **Mike Noland**



**Mike Noland, GM/CEO of NICTD** and the South Shore Line Commuter Railroad shares his personal perspective and experience working with Mayor Pete Buttigieg to solve transportation challenges for South Bend, Indiana and neighboring communities.



Special Joint Interview by:



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Discussion

Questions?



# Thank you

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