

## **AMF**

Mexico's Rail Association

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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.



#### 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.



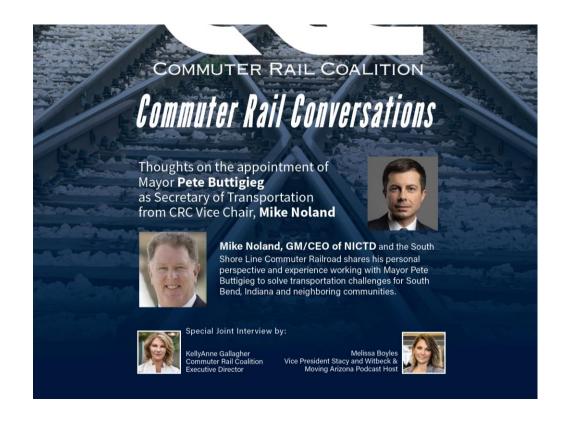


Adapt. Evolve. Innovate.
Operating Commuter Railroads in a Pandemic
#3 of a Series: Caltrain, NICTD, and SEPTA

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



### Discussion

**Questions?** 



## Thank you

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