



Second Conference on

TRANSIT STATE OF GOOD REPAIR - SOUTH

July 23-24, 2025

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BACKGROUND

Transit state of good repair (SGR) and transit asset management (TAM) have been in the spotlight in the past few years. The Federal Government, through Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), has authorized USD18.35 billion to be invested over five years in SGR, including USD1.5 billion for the Rail Vehicle Replacement Program, and has provided an additional USD4.75 billion in advance appropriations. Transit agencies have submitted updated TAM plans, aligned agency safety plans and TAM plans, deployed new technologies, leveraged data for effective asset management, developed organizational capacity, and undertaken lifecycle analysis. The objective has been to manage risks, minimize costs, and maximize the performance of assets as well as to operate transit systems safely, efficiently, reliably and sustainably.

To further strengthen SGR and asset management, the discussion is expected to focus on replacing rail rolling stock, SGR of zero-emission buses and infrastructure, using performance-based planning and programming for TAM, deploying decision support tools and new technologies, resolving challenges related to data integrity, developing sustainable and resilient infrastructure, prioritizing equity, accessibility and inclusivity, workforce development, and so on.

After receiving a tremendous response to the 12th annual conference on 'Transit State of Good Repair' in Washington, D.C. in March 2024 and the conference on 'Transit State of Good Repair - South' in July 2024, Global Mass Transit is pleased to announce its **second annual conference on 'Transit State of Good Repair - South', which will be held on July 23-24 in Dallas Marriott Suites Medical/Market Center, Texas.**

MISSION

The mission of the conference is to evaluate transit SGR needs and requirements in Southern states, highlight the funding available, and discuss best practices, effective strategies and case studies. The conference will also cover topics such as condition-based, performance-based, and predictive maintenance, lifecycle management, data capture and analysis, emerging technologies in asset management, organizational capacity development, workforce training, and the crucial role of data and analytics in enhancing asset performance and decision-making.

Why Attend the 2025 Conference?

- Collaborate with leaders: Engage with top transit agencies, policymakers, and innovators from across the nation.
- Explore game-changing solutions: Discover the latest tools, technologies, and strategies driving sustainable and resilient transit systems.
- Shape the future: As the new administration comes in, join to contribute to critical discussions on funding requirements, maximizing the impact of this funding and achieving long-term infrastructure goals.
- Network and learn: Exchange ideas with professionals who, like you, are committed to making transit systems safer, more reliable, and future-ready.

Key topics to be explored

- Experience so far, case studies, and SGR best practices
- Latest standards and guidance available for TAM and SGR
- Recent successes and challenges related to TAM
- TAMP updates
- Updates to National Transit Database
- Impact of integration of new technologies on TAM practices
- Risk integration into TAM plans for risk informed decision making
- Utilizing asset management and equity to guide investments
- Role of data and new technologies
- Integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into asset management
- Project management strategies and systems engineering for SGR
- Challenges of data integrity
- Technologies and techniques for data and analytics
- Lifecycle analysis, whole lifecycle costs and strategies
- Balancing SGR needs, expansion needs and upgradation needs
- Fleet replacement, funding available, challenges
- Preventive and predictive maintenance
- Capital planning and investment prioritization
- Assessing maintenance requirements of future assets, understanding life cycles of upcoming asset
- Value-based decision making
- Measuring performance towards SGR
- Supply chain impacts on SGR
- Organizational capacity development, workforce training

Day 1: July 23, 2025 (8:30 AM – 04:15 PM CST) (Final agenda as on July 22, 2025)

Time (CST)	Session	Topic	Speaker
8:30–9:30	Registration, Tea/Coffee and Networking		
9:30–9:40	Welcome Remarks	• Welcome remarks & mission of the conference	• Global Mass Transit
9:40–10:15	Session 1: Opening Address on Emerging Trends in Transit Infrastructure Modernization and Asset Management	• Key upcoming trends and recent initiatives in transit state of good repair in DART • Prioritizing transit asset management and maintenance • Funding needs, requirements and gaps • Leveraging data and deploying new technologies for SGR • Best practices and recommendations for talent management	<i>Opening keynote address by:</i> • Darryl E. Spencer, Vice President, Engineering & Technical Services, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) • Moderator: Inez Evans, SVP Deputy Transit and Rail Market Lead, WSP in the US
		Discussion and Q/A with the delegates	
10:15–11:00	Session 2: Keynote Panel on Transit Agency SGR Perspective: Best Practices, Strategies and New Technologies	• Experience so far, reducing SGR backlog, lessons learned and best practices • Role and impact of new technologies • Agency’s approach to ridership impacts during SGR projects and shutdowns • Best practices in stakeholder management and partnerships to successfully deliver SGR project • Organizational readiness for technological change	<i>Panel discussion amongst:</i> • Richard Cowart, Senior Director of Mobility Services and Contractual Services, Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) • Anthony R. DeKeyzer, Director of Mass Transit, Sun Metro, City of El Paso • RJ Garza, Transit Director – City of Laredo, El Metro – Laredo Transit Management, Inc. • Moderator: Inez Evans, SVP Deputy Transit and Rail Market Lead, WSP in the US
		Discussion and Q/A with the delegates	
11:00–11:30	Tea/Coffee and Networking Break		
11:30–12:15	Session 3: Keynote Session on TAM Plan Successes and Strategies	• Transitioning an existing transit system from outsourced maintenance to in-house maintenance; asset management and longevity; resource management; and data capturing now and future by East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) • Building a Transit Asset Management Strategy that moves with the people; zero fare, smarter strategy; and innovation with intent: technology, data & equity by SporTran (Shreveport Transit Management, INC.)	<i>Presentations by and Q&A with:</i> • Vince Huerta, Director of Transportation, East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) • Dinero Washington, CEO, SporTran (Shreveport Transit Management, INC.) • Moderator: Chris Senesi, Transportation Asset Management Lead, HDR
		Discussion and Q/A with the delegates	
12:15–12:45	Session 4: Smart Solutions: Enhancing Efficiency and Cutting Costs	• Digital Transformation of Rail Asset Management using IBM MAS 9 by Zpro Solutions	<i>Presentation by and Q&A with:</i> • Zeeshan Tariq, CEO, Zpro Solutions • Moderator: Robert L. Peskin, Senior Consulting Manager, Strategic Planning Services, Planning, Americas Transportation, AECOM
		Discussion and Q/A with the delegates	

12:45–13:15	Session 5: Integrating Expansion with State of Good Repair: Lessons from Valley Metro’s Transit Improvement Program	- Strategic Alignment: How Valley Metro successfully coordinated expansion projects with SGR priorities to maximize long-term performance and reliability - Funding and Phasing: Lessons on preparing documentation to seek approval, and support for a SGR project in addition to an ongoing project. - Operational Integration: Best practices in planning, project delivery, and stakeholder collaboration that ensured seamless integration of new services without compromising existing service quality.	<i>Presentation by and Q&A with:</i> - Andrew M. Ditter, Construction Manager, Hill International Inc. Moderator: Bruce Bloomster, Sales Director, Bohr Electronics
Discussion and Q/A with the delegates			
13:15–14:15	Lunch and Networking		
14:15–14:45	Session 6: Delivering State of Good Repair Projects: Lessons from the field	- Shifting the approach to SOGR using On-Call: Overview of how DART and Stacy Witbeck are evolving on-call contracting to support state-of-good-repair (SOGR) projects with speed, flexibility, and collaboration. - Overcoming On-Call Challenges: Strategies to address tight timelines, incomplete site data, and scope gaps through joint scoping, real-time coordination, and integrated planning. - Collaboration in Action: Case studies and best practices showcasing how early engagement, open-book pricing, and agile delivery improve outcomes and build long-term transit reliability.	<i>Presentations by and Q&A with:</i> - Felipe Flores, Construction Manager, Stacy Witbeck - Alisha Adaway, Project Manager, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Moderator: Chris Senesi, Transportation Asset Management Lead, HDR
Discussion and Q/A with the delegates			
14:45–15:30	Session 7: SGR for Railway Systems	- Maximizing communications and signals systems Mean time between failure; minimizing system downtime in the event of a failure; minimizing Mean time to repair for the signal system; signal design decisions for future-proofing the signal system by HNTB - Reimaging asset optimization in transit: Smarter monitoring, strategic renewals, responsible investment: a modern approach to sustaining transit infrastructures SGR; current approach to asset renewal; introducing a performance based approach to asset replacement; and detail methodologies to achieve this whilst upholding fiscal boundaries by US Rail Systems	<i>Presentations by and Q&A with:</i> - Jason Chuff, Senior Project Engineer, HNTB - William Smith, Vice President of Electrification, US Rail Systems Moderator: Robert L. Peskin, Senior Consulting Manager, Strategic Planning Services, Planning, Americas Transportation, AECOM
Discussion and Q/A with the delegates			
15:30–16:15	Session 8: Spotlight on Data and Analytics	- Maintenance budgeting framework using asset strategy optimization; incremental benefit cost trade-off analyses; relationship between spending and performance for a set of assets through efficient frontier curves; and methods for developing; maintenance funding distributed across asset classes using these curves to achieve an optimal level of system performance by Mott MacDonald - Overview of asset management within the Office of program management oversight at MTA; AM workshop implementation to help disband silo culture; improve existing asset and lifecycle management data; newly adopted AM methods used for better project analysis and planning by Maryland Transit Administration	<i>Presentations by and Q&A with:</i> - Trevor Campbell, Specialist IV Data Scientist, Mott MacDonald - Shelbrea McCleese, Manager, Asset Inventory and Lifecycle Management, Maryland Transit Administration Moderator: Robert L. Peskin, Senior Consulting Manager, Strategic Planning Services, Planning, Americas Transportation, AECOM

		<i>Discussion and Q/A with the delegates</i>
End of Day 1		

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8:30–9:15	Tea/Coffee and Networking		
9:15–09:30	Session 9: Nevada’s ITS Journey: Connecting Infrastructure and Innovation	• The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDoT) oversees the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of more than 5,400 miles of highway and over 1,000 bridges across the state. • NDoT is guided by the core principle of “safety first”; committed to improving road safety by providing drivers with real-time information on road, traffic, and weather conditions. • NDoT’s Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) network supports this mission by enabling seamless integration and management of a growing array of IoT devices, traffic sensors, and cameras. • The department operates under the tagline “Safe and Connected.” • NDoT’s Traffic Operations Division focuses on optimizing both safety and connectivity across Nevada’s transportation infrastructure.	<i>Presentation by and Q&A with:</i> • Lisa Simpson, Senior VP of the Americas, Alcatel-Lucent Enterprise
		Discussion and Q/A with the delegates	
9:30–10:00	Session 10: Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan for Texas	• Vision for Transit in Texas • Key Challenges and Issues • Strategies and Recommendations	<i>Presentation by and Q&A with:</i> • Caroline Mays, Director of Planning and Modal Programs, Texas Department of Transportation (DOT) • Moderator: Inez Evans, SVP Deputy Transit and Rail Market Lead, WSP in the US
		Discussion and Q/A with the delegates	
10:00–11:00	Session 11: Best Practices and Case Studies	• Transitioning the paratransit fleet to electric vehicles; key points are: funding/grant, vehicle procurement, infrastructure, software, synchronization, and implementation by City of El Paso • Bridging communities through transit and transformation by City of Grand Prairie • Importance of thorough planning and stakeholder engagement for drafting effective RFPs and contracts in capital projects; cross-department collaboration with legal, purchasing, and grants to ensure compliance & smooth execution; hands-on project management, including proposal evaluation & in-plant inspections to drive accountability and quality outcomes by NCTCOG	<i>Presentations by and Q&A with:</i> • Anthony R. DeKeyzer, Director of Mass Transit Sun Metro, City of El Paso • Anthony (Tony) Flowers, Transit Analyst, City of Grand Prairie • Bobby Gomez, Senior Transportation Planner, Fiscal Management and Project Support, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) • Moderator: Chris Senesi, Transportation Asset Management Lead, HDR
		Discussion and Q/A with the delegates	
11:00–11:30	Tea/Coffee and Networking Break		
11:30–12:00	Session 12: Transit 2.0: The Future of Transit in DFW?	• Transit at crossroads in DFW • Integrating better land use and transit networks • Thinking through new/modified direction for transit governance and funding	<i>Presentation by and Q&A with:</i> • Brendon Wheeler, Senior Program Manager, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) • Moderator: Chris Senesi, Transportation Asset Management Lead, HDR
		Discussion and Q/A with the delegates	

12:00–12:45	Session 13: Rolling Stock Asset Management - Bus and Rail	• Proper maintenance and repair extending the life of vehicle operating systems beyond their designed life expectancy while repairing rather than replacing equipment; various maintenance options exist to meet quality and cost needs including repair, remanufacturing, and reverse engineering of obsolete parts; third party service companies filling the gap left with the aging transit agency talent pool by Bohr Electronics • SGR for buses and infrastructure; defining SGR in the context of bus infrastructure; key metrics: condition, reliability, lifecycle cost; shift toward ZEBs; electric and hydrogen buses and impact on SGR planning and facility upgrades; fleet transition case studies and use of innovation in project delivery; the role of SGR in safety, equity, and sustainability; and what agencies can start doing today by WSP	<i>Presentations by and Q&A with:</i> • Bruce Bloomster, Sales Director, Bohr Electronics • Inez Evans, SVP Deputy Transit and Rail Market Lead, WSP in the US • Moderator: Robert L. Peskin, Senior Consulting Manager, Strategic Planning Services, Planning, Americas Transportation, AECOM
Discussion and Q/A with the delegates			
12:45–13:15	Session 14: Bridging Coasts: Lessons from the West	• Application of Asset Management Decision Support Tool for SFMTA Central Subway Project: • As part of developing a financial plan for SFMTA's \$1.5 billion Central Subway Project in 2009–2010, credible projections of infrastructure renewal costs were required • The MBTA SGR database applied as a platform to analyze the SFMTA asset inventory • The resulting financial plan supported SFMTA in securing a Letter of No Prejudice from FTA, allowing SFMTA to proceed with acquiring a tunnel boring machine and initiating utility relocation in advance of securing a Full Funding Grant Agreement • The project was completed and opened for revenue service in November 2022	<i>Presentation by and Q&A with:</i> • Robert L. Peskin, Senior Consulting Manager, Strategic Planning Services, Planning, Americas Transportation, AECOM • Moderator: Sheldrea McCleese, Manager, Asset Inventory and Lifecycle Management, Maryland Transit Administration
Discussion and Q/A with the delegates			
13:15–14:15	Lunch and End of the Conference		

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The event is expected to draw participation from top executives, managers and decision-makers from:

- Transit agencies
- Transit operators
- Federal/state/local governments
- DOTs
- Technology and service providers
- Equipment manufacturing companies
- Data management software providers
- Contractors
- Industry consultants, design companies, engineering companies
- Financiers
- Research and development organizations
- Technical institutes
- Transport associations

The conference is expected to see participation from:

- CEOs/CIOs/CTOs/CFOs
- Chief planning officers
- Directors/ managers - rolling stock, signalling, track, asset management
- Heads of asset management
- Asset managers, asset risk managers
- Infrastructure maintenance directors
- Project directors
- Heads of infrastructure
- Heads of innovation
- Vice-presidents / Senior-vice presidents
- Directors/ executive directors
- Directors of operations
- Regional managers/ senior managers
- Information and technology officers / IT engineers
- Senior engineers / engineers
- Chief track engineers
- Chief signalling engineers
- Innovation officers
- Data scientists/ ML experts
- IoT specialists
- Chief estimators
- Budget and grant managers
- Bidding directors
- Capital planning and programming managers
- IT managers
- Sales professionals
- Finance executives
- Performance management professionals
- Maintenance professionals
- Operations control center managers
- Supply chain managers
- Operations controllers
- Enterprise software product managers
- Fleet managers
- Automatic fare collection managers
- Procurement managers
- Maintenance engineers
- Maintenance schedulers
- Safety managers
- Chief bus engineers
- Heads of mobility services
- Quality assurance professionals
- Etc.

KEY BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS

- Learn about the new funding for SGR under Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Obtain the latest information on funding initiatives and ways to access the new funding
- Explore the emerging opportunities in the SGR space
- Understand the initiatives transit agencies are taking for achieving SGR and reducing backlog
- Gain insights into the role data and new technologies will play in SGR
- Stay up-to date with FTA deadlines and resources
- Gain insights into TAM plans, experience so far and best practices
- Hear from leading transit agencies and solution providers and learn from their experiences
- Share successful preventive and corrective maintenance practices for ageing rolling stock and safety-critical assets
- Develop a comprehensive understanding of transit workforce requirements for meeting SGR needs
- Engage in stimulating discussions and deepen your knowledge with targeted questions
- Share and learn from industry peers and influence industry leaders
- Benefit from networking opportunities and interact with potential customers and partners
- Gain insights into TAM plans, experience so far and best practices

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Here is a sample list of participants who attended the 2024 South edition of the conference on Transit State of Good Repair:

- Transit-Rail Growth & Strategy, AECOM
- Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, Alexandria DASH
- Commercial Director - Transit Systems, Amsted Rail
- Intelligence Product Sales Director, Arcadis
- Area Manager, Balfour Beatty
- Senior Project Manager II, Bartlett & West
- CEO/General manager, Broward County Transportation Department
- Director of Maintenance, Citibus
- Asset Management Program Manager, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI), City and County of Denver
- Transit Program Administrator, City of McKinney
- Transit Administrator, Collin County Transit - City of McKinney
- Transit Director, City of McAllen
- Global Industry Lead, Transportation, Copperleaf
- Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer (AICP), Dallas Area Rapid Transit
- Executive VP Business Development, Diversified Product Development
- Business Development Manager, Etherwan
- Director of Transportation, GoBus Transit
- Transportation Asset Management Lead, HDR
- Vice President, Huitt-Zollars, Inc.
- Vice President, Cloud Services & Support, Interloc Solutions
- North America Transit Operations Lead, Jacobs
- Asset Manager, Kansas City Area Transportation Authority
- Senior Manager, New Product Development, Loram
- Director, Placemaking + Resilience, LJA
- Asset Management Engineer and Program Manager, Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Transit Administration
- Asset Management Planning Director, Minnesota DOT
- Estimator, Modern Railway Systems
- Asset Management Engineer, Mott MacDonald
- President, Net Consulting Group
- Manager of Support Services, North County Transit District
- Quality Specialist, NSI Engineering
- Maintenance Manager, Ozark Regional Transit
- Engineer VII - Senior Project Manager, RailPros
- Sales Director - Transit, Railway Software
- Director of Sales, Railworks Track Services
- Government Affairs Director, Rio Grande Pacific Corporation
- CEO, Rolling Stock Solutions
- Regional Sales Manager, Transportation, Roxtec Inc
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- Maintenance Planner, Sound Transit
- Chief Executive Officer, SporTran
- Project Manager, Stacy Witbeck
- Director of Planning and Modal Programs, Texas DOT
- Executive Director, Texas Transit Association
- Director of Transportation, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- Chief Operating Officer, Transdev Rail Inc, Transdev North America
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- Executive Vice President of Strategy, Planning, and Development, Trinity Metro
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- SVP Director National Bus Practice Leader, WSP
- Regional Transportation Manager, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments
- Etc.

ORGANIZERS

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Global Mass Transit also organises conferences on topical and crucial issues with focused sessions and discussions featuring speakers with vast experience and expertise in North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Africa.

Some of our other conferences include Transit State of Good Repair in the US, Mobility-as-a-Service in the US, Autonomous Vehicles and Public Transport in the US, Mobility-on-Demand in Transit in the US, Transit Ticketing & Fare Collection APAC, Transit Ticketing & Fare Collection MENA, Rail Asset Management Europe and Rail Asset Management APAC. These conferences received a strong response from speakers and delegates alike.

DELEGATE FEE

Delegates	Price before May 30, 2025	Price before June 27, 2025	Standard Fee
One Delegate	USD 1,050	USD 1,275	USD 1,500
Two Delegates	USD 1,680	USD 2,040	USD 2,400
Three Delegates	USD 2,310	USD 2,805	USD 3,300
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