

American Public Transportation Association Rail Safety Committee and
The Transportation Research Board (TRB) Rail Operational Safety Committee
(AR070)

Modern Approach to Safety and Safety Culture



Hyatt Regency Denver
650 15th Street, Denver, CO 80202
Saturday, June 9, 2018
9:00AM – 3:00PM



AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:15 am Overview of Agenda & Introductions
[AR070 Representative] & Walter Heinrich, APTA Rail Safety Committee & K&J Safety
- 9:15 – 9:45 am Welcome Address
Introduction: *Paul Skoutelas, President & CEO, APTA (tentative)*
- 9:45 – 11:15 am Panel 1: Safety Culture: An Industry Perspective
Moderator: *Walter Heinrich*
Audi Stout, BNSF Railway
Sheldon Shaw, Utah Transit Authority
Tim Tyran, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Timothy Tenne, Maryland Transit Authority, Maryland Department of Transportation

Panelists will discuss

- Safety Culture within the transit and rail industries
- Best Practices for implementing a robust safety culture
- How agencies are working to improve and promote safety culture

11:15 – 11:30 am Morning Break

- 11:30 am – 1 pm Panel 2: Safety Culture: Research and Institutional Perspectives
Moderator: *[AR070 Representative]*
Kent Hollinger, The MITRE Corporation
Dr. Patrick Sherry, University of Denver
James Grant, Behavior-based Technology
Tom Murta, Executive Director, Short Line Safety Institute

Panelists will discuss

- Safety Culture from a Research and Institutional perspective
- Employee Safety Reporting as a component of a Positive Safety Culture
- Promotion of Safety Culture from the Regulatory perspective

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Boxed Lunch (provided)

Keynote: Federal Perspectives on Safety Culture

Paulina Orchard, SMS Lead, Office of Safety and Oversight, FTA

Amanda Emo, Federal Railroad Administration (tentative)

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Roundtable Discussion on Safety Culture

Facilitators: Walter Heinrich and [AR070 Representative]

(Some) Questions to Discuss During Roundtable:

1. How to Balance Discipline and a Positive Safety Culture? (i.e. Human Error)
2. Barriers to Implementation
3. Establishing Accountability in a Non-Punitive Environment
4. How to Create and Implement an Effective Employee Safety Reporting System
5. Additional Research Needs that Need to be Addressed
6. How do we measure effectiveness of safety culture?

3:00 pm

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