

5101 Monument Ave., Richmond, VA 23230



# Virginia Light Rail Symposium



*Highlighting the five Virginia localities with light rail and circulator streetcar projects in the study, planning or implementation stages: Norfolk, Arlington/Fairfax, Richmond, Roanoke, and Charlottesville*

**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**Science Museum of Virginia**  
**2500 W. Broad Street**  
**Richmond, Virginia**

**Richmond Friends of Rail**  
**Breakfast & keynote speaker**  
**7:30 AM-8:30 AM**

**Main symposium**  
**9:00 AM-3:30 PM**

Accompanying displays to be on exhibit at the Science Museum through November 26.

**Principal coordinators**  
The Virginia Association of  
Railway Patrons

Restore the Core Committee  
of the Virginia Sierra Club

Richmond Friends of Rail

## Virginia Light Rail Symposium Purposes Statement

"Dedicated to educating Virginians of light rail transit's role in shaping livable and economically vibrant communities"

### Purposes

Provide a forum for networking among Virginia communities undertaking or considering light rail transit, and for those interested in promoting such a system.

Provide a vehicle to learn from the experiences in other communities; locally, nationally, (and internationally)

Gain an understanding of the full range of benefits as well as the obstacles of creating a light rail transit system integrated with effective transit-oriented development.

Provide a background in effective implementation strategies and funding mechanisms.

Learn about the implications of local, state, and federal policies, the potential as well as limitations of federal and state support for transit and its implications for land use, particularly in light of the priority being given to transportation initiatives in the legislature.

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## Symposium agenda:

7:30-8:30—Richmond Friends  
of Rail Breakfast

Welcome by local dignitaries

Keynote speaker, Shirley DeLiberio, Houston  
(tentatively confirmed)

Topic: "If Houston can build light rail, any-  
one can."

9:00-10:30—First session

Light Rail 101—What, Why, Who?

- Best practices applications for light rail  
vs. rubber tire transit
- Linking transit to land-use planning/  
economic development
- Funding:
  - Federal-state-local/private;
  - State-local/private;
  - Local/private

Rick Gustafson, COO, Portland Streetcar  
Jeff Boothe, Federal Transit Administration's  
New Starts Working Group

10:30-10:45—Break

10:45-12:15—Second Session

Using the "tool" of light rail to spur eco-  
nomic development and promote livable/  
walkable communities

Case studies: Portland, Charlotte

John Carroll, Carroll Investments, Portland, OR  
John Muth, Charlotte Light Rail

12:30-1:45 Luncheon—Keynote speaker:  
Dr. Peter Newman, Director, Institute for  
Sustainability and Technology Policy, Mur-  
doch University, Perth, Australia  
Topic: "The Global Rail Revival"



2:00-3:30—Closing Session  
Virginia's Emerging Light Rail/Streetcar pro-  
jects—overviews of each, and Q&A with panel-  
ists, relating these projects with the morning's  
presentations:

- Arlington-Fairfax, Hon. Chris Zimmerman, Arlington
- Norfolk—Ray Amoruso, USR Consultants
- Richmond—Greater Richmond Transit Company
- Charlottesville—Todd Gordon, Okerlund Associ-  
ates (tentative)
- Roanoke—Hon. Beverly Fitzpatrick, Roanoke City  
Council

Adjourn

### Directions

From outside Richmond, take I-95 or I-64 to Rich-  
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161). Drive 1.0 miles. Turn LEFT onto West  
BROAD ST. (US-250/US-33). Drive 0.2 miles, and  
look for the Museum entrance on the left. Sci-  
ence Museum parking is free.

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