



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 17th, 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.

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The Virginia Association of
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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.

Symposium agenda:

7:30-8:30—Richmond Friends of Rail Breakfast
Welcome by local dignitaries
Keynote speaker, Shirley DeLibero, Houston (tentatively confirmed)
Topic: "If Houston can build light rail, anyone 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 economic 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, Murdoch University, Perth, Australia
Topic: "The Global Rail Revival"



2:00-3:30—Closing Session

Virginia's Emerging Light Rail/Streetcar projects—overviews of each, and Q&A with panelists, relating these projects with the morning's presentations:

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

Adjourn

Directions

From outside Richmond, take I-95 or I-64 to Richmond. Take EXIT 78 toward BOULEVARD. Drive 0.2 miles. Turn RIGHT onto BOULEVARD (VA-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. Science Museum parking is free.

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Yes! Please register me for the Virginia Light Rail Symposium.

Your response is requested by November 14, 2006. Please submit one registration form per attendee.

Clip and mail this form to Virginians for High Speed Rail, 5101 Monument Ave., Richmond, VA 23230

Enclosed is my check made payable to "VHSR-Light Rail Symposium" for:

Richmond Friends of Rail breakfast only, \$15 (Includes continental breakfast buffet)
or
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