

To: AC Transit Board of Directors

From: Anthony C. Silva

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Re: Attendance at the 2025 APTA TRANSform Conference

Dear Members of the Board,

Here is a short summary of the sessions I've attended:

Bus Manufacturing Task Force: Develop and commit to a set of Bus Procurement Best Practices, with standardization where possible (less customization). Standardization reduces complexity, cost, lead time.

Legislative Committee: Remarks from FTA leadership (Marcus J. Molinaro, FTA Administrator) were included. The committee used this to understand agency priorities and how transit agencies can align with FTA's agenda

Transit Board Member Committee: Key takeaways: Board members must act as advocates for transit at all levels (federal, state, local). The legislative update likely stressed how board members can engage with legislators, how to use APTA's advocacy tools, and how to support reauthorization efforts.

Next Generation AI for transit: From Strategy to Implementation. Preparing agencies for AI adoption to improve efficiency, service quality, and safety with careful planning for risks, data, and costs.

Federal Transit Administration Megaprojects.

Sharing the success: Joint responsibilities of transit agencies and OEM's in bus electrifications.

Breakthroughs in Hydrogen and Fuel cell tech for transit.