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KEYNOTE SPEAKER Gil Carmichael
 Senior Chairman, Intermodal Transportation Institute, University of Denver:
THE CASE FOR INTERSTATE II: INTERSTATES OF STEEL

Gil Carmichael was head of the Federal Railway Administration (1989-1993) under Bush I; he was also chair of the Amtrak Reform Council. As recently as 1987 he promoted a 1000-mile highway expansion in his native Mississippi. In 2005, he is promoting Interstate II, a federal investment in America's rail infrastructure equivalent to the 1950's mandate that built the asphalt system. He came to believe in rail as our transportation future because, he says, "... there are no alternatives. . . conventional solutions built around individual modes simply cannot cope with the growth . . ." Mr. Carmichael makes the case for putting the needed investment into a national system of newly modern railway routes capable of handling 21st Century transportation needs--both freight and passenger. He compares the opportunity with the massive constraints facing highway and airport expansion.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Linda Culp (invited), SANDAG Rep. on LOSSAN Corridor
30 YEARS OF GROWTH ON CALIFORNIA'S MAINLINE

Linda will expand and update her presentation to our board in San Diego, speaking about the entire southern coastal rail corridor including: Surfliners, Coasters, Metrolink, interaction with freight service and future corridor plans.

Gerald Francis, GM of Rail Operations, LAC-MTA
CALIFORNIA'S BIGGEST FLEET GROWS SOME MORE

Gerald will speak to us about the new light-rail cars capable of operating on all three LA light rail lines and what it took to create these cars; he will update us on the signaling upgrades on the Gold Line; and of course he'll fill us in about planned upgrades and expansions in rail service throughout LA County.

Pat Montague, Board of Directors, NARP Region 12
BUILDING A DYNAMIC RAIL PASSENGER MOVEMENT

Pat will give us an overview of the year's contentious fight over Amtrak funding and how it raised awareness of the importance of a national rail passenger network; he will then update us on the current status of this year's progress; he will also speak on the importance of the relationships between NARP and its state affiliate organizations, and specifically with TRAC.

Wayne S. Williams, Principal,
W. S. Williams & Associates, Rail Transportation Consultants
DESIGNING MODERN RAIL FOR THE NEW MILLENIUM

Wayne will illustrate and expand upon his article on how America came to be saddled with the current FRA regulations (see page 6) and show us some examples of the modern rail technologies including DMUs and integrated modular sets possible outside current, artificial FRA constraints.

FEATURED PANEL

PUBLIC NEEDS VERSUS CROWDED TRACKS

Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson,
former State Assembly Member
SANDAG/NCTD Representative
(invited)

Lea Simpson, Capital Projects North,
Caltrans Division of Rail
Metrolink representative(invited)

Moderator, TRAC President Richard Tolmach

This panel will examine California's regional needs for more intercity and commuter rail service and various ways rail operators can squeeze more capacity out of tracks and existing sets of rail equipment.

Hannah-Beth is active in COAST, a Santa Barbara-based group advocating commuter rail alternatives to Route 101 widening. Linda has led the planned expansion of track capacity in San Diego County for SANDAG. Lea is Caltrans' new capital projects manager for the San Joaquin. Richard was author of the piece in July's Rail News advocating a set of hourly headway services for Southern California.

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