



PacTrans presents **Robert Skinner**

PacTrans Leadership
Development
Seminar Featuring
Robert Skinner

Webinar Link

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About PacTrans

PacTrans is the USDOT designated University Transportation Center for Federal Region 10. Our focus is developing data-driven solutions to the diverse mobility challenges in the Pacific Northwest.

Incorporating seven universities in Region 10, we strive to be the region's research engine, technology transfer showcase, education leader, workforce development base, and collaboration platform.

All events are free and open to the public. Reception to follow and all are welcome

University of Washington Seminar

Takeaways from a Career in Transportation

Wednesday March 4th | 3:40 p.m. | Maple Great Room

Robert Skinner's long career in transportation included time spent as a travel demand modeler, transportation planner, researcher, policy analyst, and executive director of the Transportation Research Board. Reflecting back, Mr. Skinner will discuss some of the lessons—the takeaways—from this career that he wished someone told him at the outset. They include task-specific items related to topics such as mathematical modeling/forecasting, approaches to policy analysis, the nature of the transportation enterprise, and research policy in transportation. Also included are more broadly applicable lessons related to such topics as communication skills, within-field career choices, involvement in professional organizations, and leadership.

Robert Skinner was Executive Director of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine from 1994 to 2015. Prior to becoming Executive Director, Mr. Skinner directed TRB's policy study activities and managed two of the first policy studies assigned to TRB by the Congress. Before joining TRB in 1983, Mr. Skinner was a Vice President of Alan M. Voorhees and Associates, a transportation consulting firm where he managed transportation studies for local, state and federal clients.

Mr. Skinner earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Virginia and received a master's degree in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A registered professional engineer, Mr. Skinner has received the Director's Research Champion Award from the Texas Transportation Institute, the James Laurie Prize from the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the P.D. McLean Memorial Award from the Road Gang in 2001. He was the 2015 recipient of the Frank Turner Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Transportation, and in 2016 he received the George S. Bartlett Award for Outstanding Contribution to Highway Progress.

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