

PacTrans Presents

Igniting the Spark and Creating Change: Communication and Leadership Lessons for the Transport Sector

With Dr. Karen Philbrick



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Abstract

Across the nation, the transportation workforce shortage is reaching a critical breaking point. Data from the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) shows that 96% of transit agencies are struggling to find enough workers, and 84% say this impacts their ability to keep services running. Fortunately, as an industry we are increasingly recognizing the importance of investing in our people to invest in our future. Robust workforce development programs are building up the talent pipeline to resolve this crisis and drive our nation's transportation systems toward a more sustainable, efficient, and innovative future.

Join Dr. Karen Philbrick to learn how the Mineta Transportation Institute develops career pathways into transportation fields for K-12, enhances opportunities for graduate education in transportation, and expands professional development training, which is crucial to succession planning. To that end, she will discuss how effective leadership includes both subject matter expertise and soft skills, which can be learned, developed and sharpened over time. The power of open, transparent communication will be emphasized and ten lessons for personal and professional success will be shared.

Meet the Speaker

Dr. Karen Philbrick is the executive director of the Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI) at San José State University where she leads four competitively selected multi-university consortia focused on improving the mobility of people and goods.

She has been appointed four times by the Secretary of Transportation to sit on the USDOT Transit Advisory Committee for Safety. Dr. Philbrick also has the privilege of holding several other appointments including President of the Research and Education Division of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, board member for APTA, ITLC, WTSI, and more in addition to being a member of two TRB Committees "Transit Safety and Security" and "Passenger Rail Transportation".

A frequently invited keynote speaker, she has delivered federal congressional briefings and invited testimony to the California Senate and Assembly Transportation Committees.



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