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**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

### 1:00 pm - 4:45 pm

**HALF-DAY MEETING**

**State Public Transit Association Leaders Roundtable**

The session focuses on a variety of areas of interest to state association leaders, state association executive directors, managers, and others interested in the role of states in support of public transportation. The roundtable topics focus on state association program and management best practices, strategic planning, advocacy and outreach efforts and other topics of interest. The session is open to all conference registrants.

### 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

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- Alexandra Galanti, Office of Budget and Policy

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**SPOTLIGHT: INTERCITY BUS AND COST SAVINGS BEST PRACTICES**

This session will discuss the intercity bus consultation process, best practices and aligning the consultation process with certification waiver. The session will also cover efficiency improvements that lead to savings for rural transit agencies.
- Robin Phillips, National Rural Transit Assistance Program (NRTAP)
- Don Chartock, Washington Department of Transportation
- Jack Dokken, South Dakota Department of Transportation

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**Procurement Update (repeated Thursday 10:15am):** This session will focus on the latest modifications to the Best Practices Manual and FTA’s Circular on Third Party Contracting Guidance 4220.1(G).

- Kirk Benson, Office of Administration
- James Harper

### Capitol II

**Building Better TrAMS Grant Applications (repeated Thursday 10:15am):** This session will cover the basic application development process through a live demonstration through the transmit phase. The session will discuss observations on how State DOTs and other designated recipients have crafted applications (to support sub-recipient program of projects).

- Marci Malaster, Office of Program Management

### 11:45 am - 12:30 pm
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**PLENARY SESSION**

**Wrap Up/Closing Remarks:** Bruce Robinson, Acting Associate Administrator of the Office of Program Management, FTA

### 12:30 pm

**CONFERENCE CONCLUDES**