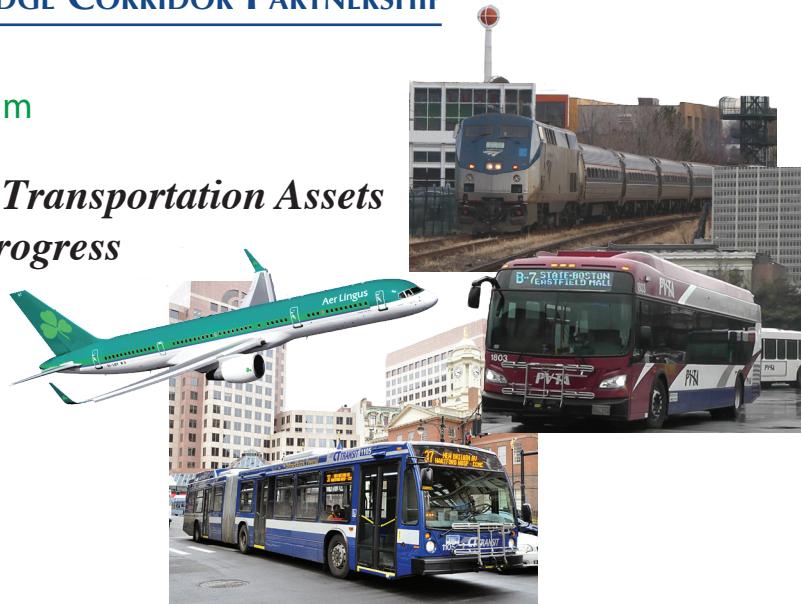


2017 "State of the Region" Conference Program

Leveraging the Knowledge Corridor's Transportation Assets and Investments to Drive Economic Progress

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Springfield's Renovated Union Station
55 Frank B. Murray Street
Springfield, Massachusetts



AGENDA

7:45 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Networking along with University of Massachusetts and University of Connecticut Transportation Research Displays/Posters

9:00 a.m. Welcome to Springfield, the City's new Union Station and the 2017 "State of the Region" Conference Mayor Domenic Sarno, Springfield

9:10 a.m. Spotlighting the Results of the 2017 New England Knowledge Corridor Business Survey – Peter Gioia, Vice President & Economist, Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA)

9:30 a.m. Keynote Presentation: The State of America's Transportation Infrastructure – Understanding the Big Picture and Why it Matters

- Robert Puentes, President and CEO, Eno Center for Transportation, Washington D.C.

10:00 a.m. Congressional Panel Discussion: The Federal Outlook in an Era of Disinvestment and Disruption

- Congressman Richard Neal, 1st District of MA
- Congressman John Larson, 1st District of CT
- Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, 3rd District of CT
- Congressman James McGovern, 2nd District of MA
- Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty, 5th District of CT

10:45 a.m. Taking Stock of the Key Transportation Investments Fueling the Knowledge Corridor's Economic Progress:

- Springfield's Union Station Redux, Kevin Kennedy, City of Springfield
- Bradley International Airport, Kevin Dillon, Connecticut Airport Authority
- New Haven – Hartford – Springfield Commuter Rail Program, Representative Christopher Perone, Connecticut General Assembly
- Boston – Springfield – Hartford – New Haven Rail Link, Senator Eric Lesser, Massachusetts State Senate

11:25 a.m. Final Thoughts on the High Stakes of a Connected and Mobile Interstate, Economic Region

- Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, Massachusetts Department of Transportation
- James Redeker, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Transportation

11:55 a.m. Closing Comments – Conference Ends