



GREATER NORTHWEST PASSENGER RAIL SUMMIT

[Winter Passenger Rail Gathering](#)

Saturday, December 9, 2023, 10:00 am - 3:45 pm PT

Centralia, Washington Depot

Also available on Zoom

[Register to attend at the All Aboard Washington website](#)

<https://www.aawa.us/events/2023-winter-gathering/>

Register now! Early bird rates expire November 17.

Why High-Tech Driving Doesn't Solve Traffic, and Why a Robust Rail Network is a Better Alternative

Keynote Speakers

[Peter Norton Ph. D.](#) is the author of [Fighting Traffic: The Dawn of the Motor Age in the American City](#) (MIT Press), and of [Autonorama: The Illusory Promise of High-Tech Driving](#) (Island Press, 2021). He is associate professor of history in the Department of Engineering and Society at the University of Virginia, where he teaches history of technology, social dimensions of engineering, research, and professional ethics.

[Meredith Richards](#) is President of the [Virginia Rail Policy Institute](#), [Board Chair of the Rail Passengers Association](#), and former President of [Virginians for High Speed Rail](#). She has a long history in rail advocacy and community involvement, including serving on the Charlottesville City Council and over 30 years involvement in public boards and commissions relating to transportation planning, municipal government, economic development and land use.

Additional Sessions

- Next-Generation Passenger Rail Equipment and Schedule
- More Trains and Funding: FRA Grant Opportunities, Long-Distance Study, Rail Projects
- 2024 State Legislative Agendas
- Transportation Equity and Accessibility
- Dreams Into Reality: Building Coalitions, Creating Effective Community Outreach

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