

America 2050



National Leadership Meeting

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AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Breakfast and sign-in

8:45 a.m. Welcome

Armando Carbonell, *Co-Chair, America 2050 and Chair, Department of Planning and Urban Form, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy*

9:00 a.m. Toward a National Infrastructure Plan

Robert Yaro, *Co-Chair, America 2050 and President, Regional Plan Association*

9:30 a.m. Report on Rebuilding & Renewing America Campaign: Megaregion Forums

Petra Todorovich, *Director, America 2050*

10:00 a.m. Megaregion Breakouts

Moderator: **Mark Pisano**, *Co-Chair and West Coast Director, America 2050*

- Key infrastructure priorities in the megaregion
- Most promising areas for megaregion collaboration
- Next steps in each megaregion
- Reports out

11:15 a.m. The Components of a National Infrastructure Plan

The Trans-American Network: High-Speed Rail and Passenger Movement

Moderator: **The Honorable John Robert Smith**, *President and CEO, Reconnecting America*
Karen Rae, *Deputy Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration*
Yoav Hagler, *Associate Planner, America 2050, Regional Plan Association*

**12:30 p.m. A Better Tomorrow: Visualizing America in 2050
Luncheon Program**

Moderator: **David Crossley**, *Executive Director, Houston Tomorrow*

Jeff Ferzoco, *Creative and Technology Director, Regional Plan Association*

Pat McCrory, *Mayor, Charlotte, North Carolina*

Ethan Seltzer, *Director and Associate Professor, Portland State University Urban Studies & Planning*

1:30 p.m. Green Infrastructure Part I: A Systems Approach to Water Resources

Moderator: **Robert Pirani**, *Director of Environmental Programs, Regional Plan Association*
Rebecca Wodder, *President, American Rivers*
Timothy Brick, *Chairman of the Board, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California*

2:30 p.m. Green Infrastructure Part II: A Landscapes Approach to Conservation

Moderator: **The Honorable Bruce Babbitt**, *Former Secretary of the Interior*
Will Shafroth, *Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Department of Interior*
Robert Bendick, *Director of U.S. Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy*
Mark Shaffer, *Program Officer for the Environment, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation*
Fritz Steiner, *Dean, University of Texas, School of Architecture*

3:30 p.m. Putting People and Places to Work: A National Strategy for Job Recovery and Revitalizing Underperforming Communities and Regions

Moderator: **Robert Yaro**, *Co-Chair, America 2050*
David Jones, *President and CEO, Community Service Society*
David Warm, *Executive Director, Mid-America Regional Council*
Matt Chase, *Executive Director, National Association of Development Organizations*

4:30 p.m. Wrap-up, Thank You, and Next Steps

5:00 p.m. Putting it All Together: Infrastructure, Livable Communities, and Rebuilding America's Economy

Moderator: **Armando Carbonell**, *Co-Chair, America 2050*
The Honorable Earl Blumenauer, *Oregon 3rd District*
The Honorable Tom Perriello, *Virginia 5th District*

6:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Adjourn

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