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TRANSIT + COMMUNITY Conference

Founded in 1995 as Rail~Volution

Toronto, Ontario 2026

**Monday, September 14 –
Thursday, September 17**



**The leading North American
conference on building Transit-
Oriented Communities**

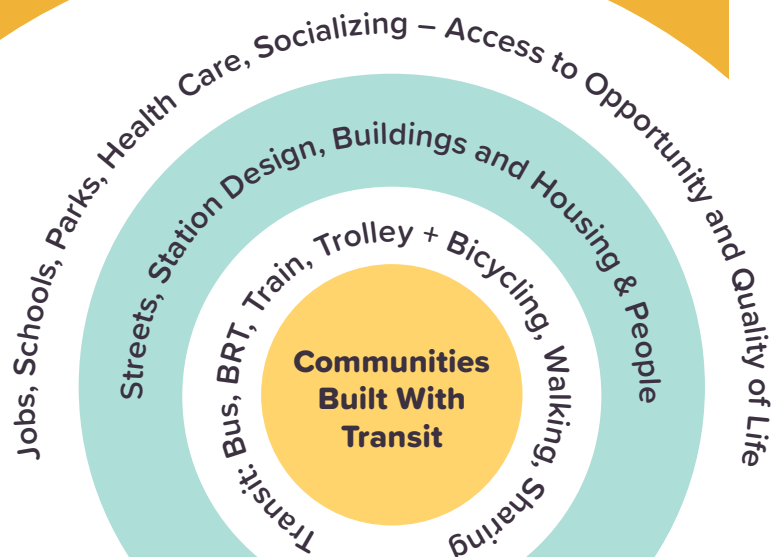
Call for Speakers January - February 2026
Conference Registration Opens Late May

For information, visit
[www.mpactmobility.org/
conference](http://www.mpactmobility.org/conference)



Shaping the conversation about transit-oriented communities – and how work gets done!

The M Pact Transit + Community conference focuses on the potential for **transit and connecting mobility options, supportive land use and development** — taken together — to create better lives and brighter futures. Founded in Portland, Ore., in 1995 as Rail~Volution, the conference continues to grow and evolve, bringing new ideas and approaches to the ever-changing mobility, technology and development landscape.



60+ conference sessions with new approaches, best practices and real-world examples of

Integrated & connected mobility – all forms of transit, from bus and rail to demand-responsive transit, as well as tech-driven mobility, bicycling, walking and other ways to move

Station, street & corridor design – making places more livable and accessible

Land use and development – transit-oriented development, housing, small business and economic development, community benefits, zoning and parking

Funding, community engagement – collaborative ways to advance transit-oriented communities

Plus

- 3 plenaries with influential speakers discussing major topics
- 25+ Mobile Workshops across the region
- Opportunities to build your network

American Planning Association Certification Maintenance credits are available for conference plenaries, sessions and mobile workshops. Members of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute may be eligible to claim participation in this event as learning units under the Institute's Continuous Professional Learning Program. For information, consult the OPPI's CPL Program Guide.



Are You:

A city-builder with a passion for transit?

Intentional, visionary, practical, open-minded, vibrant, energetic?

Able to bring real-world experience to share?

Committed to listening to and learning from people with different backgrounds?

Ready to roll up your sleeves, say hello, get outside, laugh and maybe even dance?

Make plans to be in Toronto, September 2026!

Update
your **toolkit**
and take home
actionable **ideas!**

Who attends Mpact Transit + Community?

- Transit agency leadership and staff
- Planners, urban designers, architects, and engineers
- Transit-oriented development managers
- New mobility and technology innovators
- City, county, regional, state/provincial and federal government staff & leadership
- Policy makers, elected officials
- Stakeholders involved with any aspect of building transit-oriented communities
- Developers, community and economic development leads
- Housing and transportation advocates
- Community-based organizations
- Business, nonprofit and community leaders
- Funders and financing experts
- Communications and community engagement professionals
- Academic researchers and students
- Foundation officers
- ... and You!

97% of attendees surveyed said the 2025 Mpact Transit + Community conference was **excellent or good**.

What makes this conference unique:

“

I get recharged each year by the enthusiasm of the conference attendees and in-depth panel sessions. I will be using best practices as part of my job in the new year.

“

Truly a diverse range of attendees representing many different types of organizations/affiliations.

“

The interdisciplinary nature of sessions—I like that the conference offers topics on transit, development, planning, real estate, and lately, design.



Core Topics

- Complex station design, integration of multiple modes (BRT to microtransit), first-last mile and street design, incentives for mode shift
- Creative and practical funding solutions, for transit and transit-oriented development
- Aligning development with community needs, including zoning reform, inclusive design, community-driven planning, anti-displacement measures
- Building transit-oriented communities for all: youth, families, seniors, people with different abilities
- Multi-agency collaboration: transit + housing, developers, community organizations
- Designing for extreme weather and planning for big events
- Using technology, data, communications and storytelling for impact

Be part of a dynamic network

The Mpack Transit + Community conference draws more than 1,000 practitioners, leaders and advocates from across the US and Canada and beyond. Speakers, sponsors, exhibitors and attendees – *and you!*



The **Mpack National Steering Committee (NSC)** is a cross-sector group of 50+ individuals who work at **Mpack Partner** organizations: transit and government agencies, nonprofits and private firms. They bring vast experience and collaborative energy to curating 60+ conference sessions, drawing on the 200+ proposals submitted in our Call for Speakers.



The **Local Host Committee** tells the local story, sharing their knowledge of people, projects and great places. They plan mobile workshops, pre-conference events, the Welcome Reception and regional learning opportunities as well as helping with fundraising and coordinating volunteers.

The **Mpack Innovators**, a national group formed to welcome the next generation of leaders and thinkers, brings fresh ideas throughout the conference, organizing Walking Tours, Idea Exchanges, the Mpack PK Slam and more.

Conference at a Glance



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What do you get?

Four days of learning and networking! 60+ Sessions, 3 Plenaries, Numerous networking options, plus (for additional fees) Mobile Workshops and Pre-Conference Events

What do you take home?

A bigger network. Energy. Models to point to. Cross-disciplinary viewpoints. The ability to share with your colleagues and reinvigorate your approach.

Sunday, Sept 13

5:00 pm Arrive Sunday to explore the region on your own. Get ready to take part in a full day on Monday.

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

8:00 pm

9:00 pm

**Mpact Innovators
Sunday Night Welcome
7:00 – 9:00 pm**

Monday, September 14

Conference Registration Open 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

7:00 am

8:00 am

9:00 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

12:00 pm

1:00 pm

2:00 pm

3:00 pm

4:00 pm

5:00 pm

8:00 pm

9:00 pm

**Monday
Afternoon
Session**

Exhibits Open

Pre-Conference Events & Mobile Workshops

**Welcome Reception
5:00 – 7:00 pm**



Welcome Reception

DATE: Monday, Sept 14

TIME: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 15

Conference at a Glance

Conference Registration Open

7:00 am – 6:30 pm

7:00 am	Public Square Open All Day Breaks, Exhibits, Local Information	Continental Breakfast Public Square 7:30 – 8:30 am	Mobile Workshops Separate fees required.	Exhibits Open 7:30 am – 6:30 pm	
8:00 am		Opening Plenary 8:30 – 10:00 am			
9:00 am					
10:00 am		Morning Sessions 10:30 – Noon			Join the exhibitors at their booths to learn and connect.
11:00 am					
12:00 pm		Downtime Lunch on your own Noon – 2:00 pm			
1:00 pm		Mpact Innovators Walking Tours			
2:00 pm		Early Afternoon Sessions 2:00 – 3:30 pm			
3:00 pm					
4:00 pm		Afternoon One-Hour Sessions 4:00 – 5:00 pm			
5:00 pm	Wind-Down Reception & Exhibitor Showcase 5:00 – 6:30 pm • Public Square • This reception is not hosted.				
6:00 pm					



Wind-Down Reception & Exhibitor Showcase

Gather in the Public Square to share stories from the first full day.

DATE: Tues, Sept. 15
TIME: 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 16

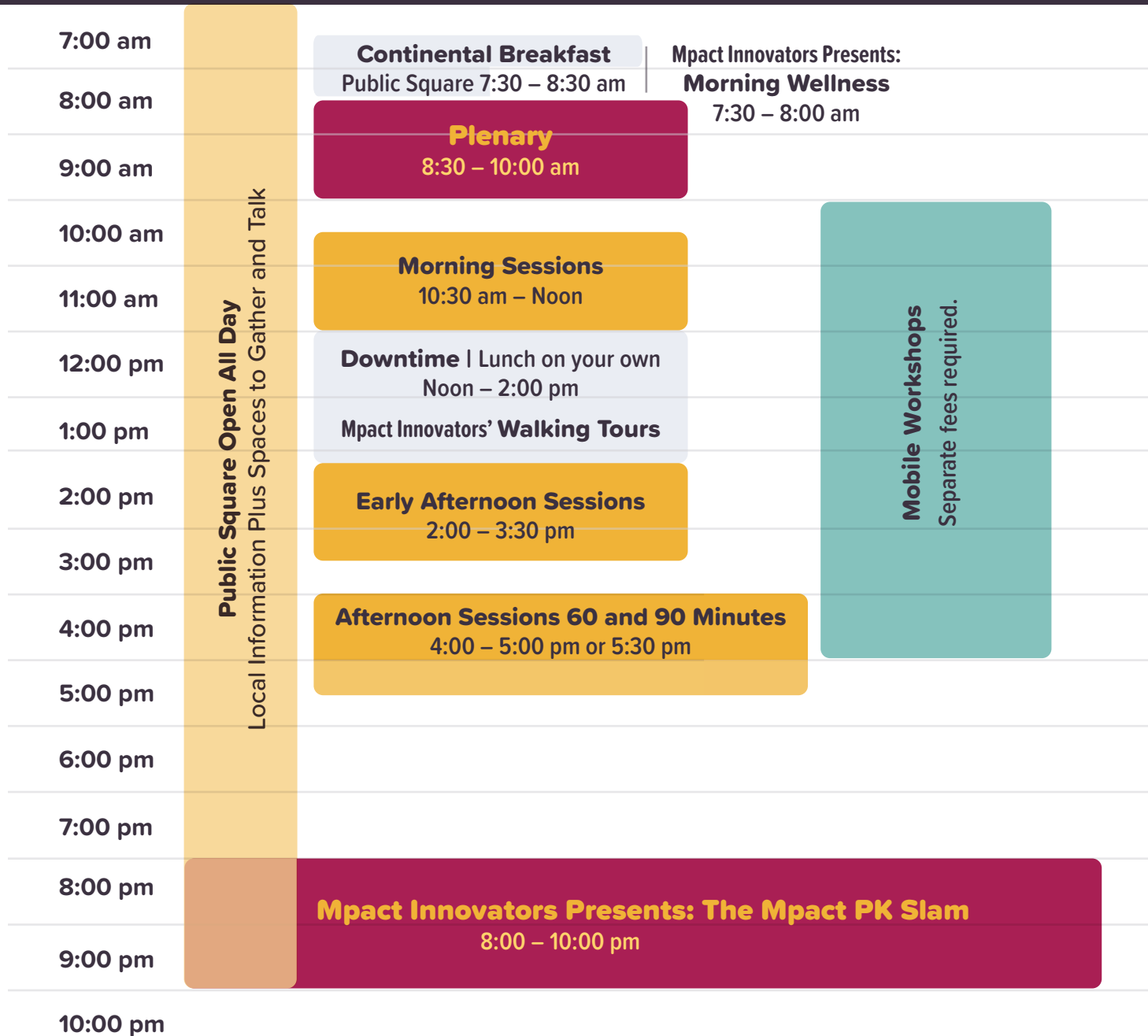
Conference at a Glance

Conference Registration Open

7:00 am – 6:00 pm



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Mpact Innovators Presents: **The Mpact PK Slam**

The PK Slam features stand-up presentations in the style of PechaKucha™.

“Amazing! Super informative, nerdy (in the best way) and entertaining.”

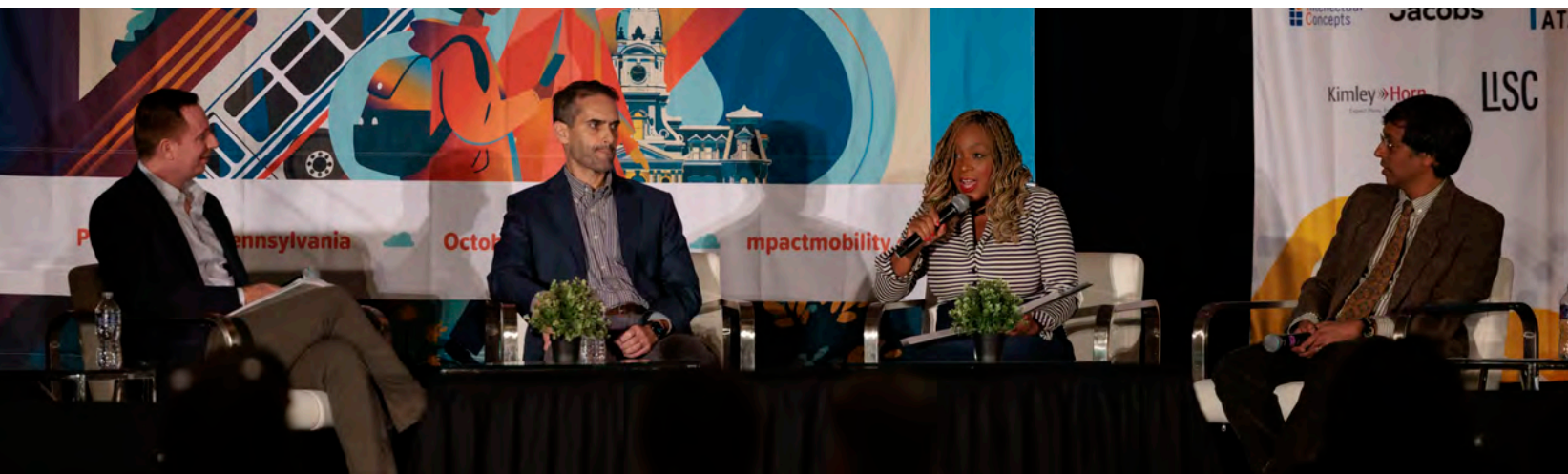
Thursday, September 17

Conference at a Glance

Conference Registration Open

7:00 am – Noon

7:00 am	Public Square Open until Noon Local information plus spaces to gather and talk		Mpact Innovators Presents: Morning Group Run	Mobile Workshops Separate fees required.
8:00 am		Continental Breakfast Public Square 7:30 – 8:30 am		
9:00 am		Morning Sessions I 8:30 – 10:00 am		
10:00 am				
11:00 am		Morning Sessions II 10:30 – 11:30 am		
12:00 pm		Closing Plenary Lunch 11:30 am – 1:30 pm		
1:00 pm				



Registration Information Toronto 2026

This is preliminary information for planning purposes only and subject to change.

For registration questions,
please contact:

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Monday through Friday
8:00 am – 4:00 pm CST

Conference Hotel

Sheraton Centre Toronto

123 Queen St W, Toronto, ON M5H 2M9,
Canada

Room rate:

CAD\$412 (approx. US\$300)

per night plus local taxes and fees

Rates*

Early Bird

After August 24

General Attendee/ Private Firms	US\$845 CAD\$1160	US\$945 CAD\$1300
Public Agency / Nonprofit /Government	US\$645 CAD\$880	US\$745 CAD\$1025
Student <i>Valid student ID required</i>	US\$225 CAD\$300	US\$225 CAD\$300
One Day Attendee <i>(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday)</i>	US\$445 CAD\$600	US\$445 CAD\$600

*Exchange rates are approximate and based on December 2025 conversion.
Fees, if applicable, not included.

What does conference registration cover? Activities on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, and Thursday, including the Welcome Reception, 3 plenaries, 60 + sessions, the Tuesday Wind-Down and Exhibitor Showcase Reception, the Wednesday night Mpact PK Slam and other networking activities.

Do Mobile Workshops and Pre-Conference Events require separate fees? Yes, Mobile Workshops and Pre-Conference events have limited capacity and require separate fees, first come, first served. Registered attendees are limited to 2 Mobile Workshops until after the Early Bird deadline.

What meals are provided with conference registration? Continental breakfast on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as well as the Closing Plenary lunch on Thursday. No other meals are provided.

Sponsor and Exhibitor Opportunities

Contact Andrea Ostergaard

Director of Partnerships and Events

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Mpact: Mobility, Community, Possibility


Mpact was founded in 1995 in Portland, Ore., when the first national Rail+Volution conference brought stakeholders together to focus on building a transportation system that serves a livable community and is built with citizen involvement. Attendees were encouraged to embrace the interrelationships between transportation decisions and land use, growth, air quality and more. They saw that mobility choices could contribute to quality of life—or to its deterioration.

Moving to a different city each year, the conference now is:

The place for change makers not afraid to challenge the status quo but practical, grounded in what it takes to get projects done

The place to confront challenges and find new approaches to redirecting infrastructure investments to unlock economic growth, especially in areas that have been bypassed

The place to showcase the multi-level benefits of transit-oriented communities



Over 30+ years, the conference has forged a powerful network dedicated to leveraging the potential for transit, connected mobility options, supportive land use and development — taken together — to create better lives and brighter futures. **Join us!**



MOBILITY COMMUNITY POSSIBILITY

M is for mobility, movement and momentum;

pact is for the agreement with community about the vision transit and development projects are meant to achieve.



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The conference is the place to recharge, to share challenges and innovative, practical approaches to every aspect of building transit-oriented communities.



LAB

Brings the conference magic to communities large and small through place-based capacity building and leadership development.



VOICES

Ways to connect year-round, with learning and fresh ideas from our network.

CONFERENCE HOST CITIES

Rail~Volution

- 1995 Portland
 - 1996 Washington, DC
 - 1997 St Louis, MO
 - 1998 Portland
 - 1999 Dallas
 - 2000 Denver
 - 2001 San Francisco
 - 2002 Washington, DC
 - 2003 Atlanta
 - 2004 Los Angeles
 - 2005 Salt Lake City
 - 2006 Chicago
 - 2007 Miami
 - 2008 San Francisco
 - 2009 Boston
 - 2010 Portland
 - 2011 Washington, DC
 - 2012 Los Angeles
 - 2013 Seattle
 - 2014 Minneapolis
 - 2015 Dallas
 - 2016 San Francisco
 - 2017 Denver
 - 2018 Pittsburgh
 - 2019 Vancouver
 - 2020 & 2021 Virtual
 - 2022 Miami
- ### Mpact Transit + Community
- 2023 Phoenix
 - 2024 Philadelphia
 - 2025 Portland
 - 2026 Toronto

Find out more about Mpact at
mpactmobility.org and on social @mpactmobility



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Founded as Rail~Volution

Thank you M: PACT Partners!

M: PACT Partners are the heart of our network. Leaders in their fields, they share our commitment to working with communities to shape transit, mobility and development investments to make great places to live – *for everyone.*

Interested in
Partnership?

Contact M: PACT

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American Public
Transportation
Association

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Austin Transit
Partnership

Bay Area
Rapid Transit

Boothe Transit
Consulting, LLC

Capital Metro

City and County
of Honolulu

City of Charlotte,
North Carolina

City of Portland,
Oregon

Connecticut
Department
of Transportation

Dallas Area Rapid
Transit (DART)

David Evans and
Associates, Inc.

Dialog

evolve environment::
architecture

Gannett Fleming
TranSystems

Greystone Real
Estate Advisory
Group

HDR

Hennepin County,
Minnesota

HNTB

InfraStrategies

Intellectual Concepts

Jacobs

Kansas City
Area Transportation
Authority (KCATA)

Kimley-Horn

LISC

Los Angeles
County Metropolitan
Transportation
Authority (METRO)

Metropolitan
Atlanta Rapid Transit
Authority (MARTA)

Metropolitan
Council, MN

Metropolitan Transpor-
tation Commission, CA

Mobilify SWPA

Mott MacDonald

Nelson\Nygaard

Oregon Metro

Parametrix

Perkins&Will

Pittsburgh
Regional
Transit (PRT)

Pottstown
Area Health
& Wellness
Foundation

Rebel

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Transportation
District (RTD),
Denver

Santa Clara Valley
Transportation
Authority (VTA)

SEPTA

Sound Transit

STV

SvN

TriMet

Utah Transit
Authority

Valley Metro

WSP

