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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 Mpact 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.



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COMMUNITY

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!



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:

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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.

“

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

“

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



Destination
Toronto

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 Mpact 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 **Mpact National Steering Committee (NSC)** is a cross-sector group of 50+ individuals who work at **Mpact 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 **Mpact 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 Mpact 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

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

7:00 pm

8:00 pm

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

Monday
Afternoon
Session

Exhibits Open

Pre-Conference Events & Mobile Workshops



Welcome Reception

DATE: Monday, Sept 14

TIME: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Welcome Reception
5:00 – 7:00 pm

8:00 pm

9:00 pm



Tuesday, September 15

Conference Registration Open

7:00 am – 6:30 pm

7:00 am	Continental Breakfast Public Square 7:30 – 8:30 am	Exhibits Open 7:30 am – 6:30 pm
8:00 am	Opening Plenary 8:30 – 10:00 am	<i>Join the exhibitors at their booths to learn and connect.</i>
9:00 am	Morning Sessions 10:30 – Noon	
10:00 am	Downtime Lunch on your own Noon – 2:00 pm	
11:00 am	Mpact Innovators Walking Tours	
12:00 pm	Early Afternoon Sessions 2:00 – 3:30 pm	
1:00 pm		
2:00 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		

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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

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Conference Registration Open

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

7:00 am	<p>Public Square Open All Day Local Information Plus Spaces to Gather and Talk</p>	<p>Continental Breakfast Public Square 7:30 – 8:30 am</p>	<p>Mpact Innovators Presents: Morning Wellness 7:30 – 8:00 am</p>
8:00 am			
9:00 am		<p>Plenary 8:30 – 10:00 am</p>	
10:00 am			
11:00 am		<p>Morning Sessions 10:30 am – Noon</p>	
12:00 pm		<p>Downtime Lunch on your own Noon – 2:00 pm</p>	
1:00 pm		<p>Mpact Innovators' Walking Tours</p>	
2:00 pm		<p>Early Afternoon Sessions 2:00 – 3:30 pm</p>	
3:00 pm			
4:00 pm		<p>Afternoon Sessions 60 and 90 Minutes 4:00 – 5:00 pm or 5:30 pm</p>	
5:00 pm			
6:00 pm			
7:00 pm			
8:00 pm		<p>Mpact Innovators Presents: The Mpact PK Slam 8:00 – 10:00 pm</p>	
9:00 pm			
10:00 pm			



**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	Continental Breakfast Public Square 7:30 – 8:30 am	Mpact Innovators Presents: Morning Group Run	Mobile Workshops Separate fees required.
8:00 am				
9:00 am		Morning Sessions I 8:30 – 10:00 am		
10:00 am		Morning Sessions II 10:30 – 11:30 am		
11:00 am				
12:00 pm		Closing Plenary Lunch 11:30 am – 1:30 pm		
1:00 pm				





Registration Information Toronto 2026

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.

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

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

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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

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AECOM	Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA)	Nelson\Nygaard	Regional Transportation District (RTD), Denver	SvN
American Public Transportation Association	David Evans and Associates, Inc.	Kimley-Horn	Oregon Metro	Parametrix	TriMet
Arcadis	Dialog	LISC	Perkins&Will	Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT)	Utah Transit Authority
Austin Transit Partnership	evolve environment:: architecture	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO)	Perkins&Will	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)	Valley Metro
Bay Area Rapid Transit	Gannett Fleming TranSystems	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)	Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT)	SEPTA	WSP
Bothe Transit Consulting, LLC	Greystone Real Estate Advisory Group	Metropolitan Council, MN	Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation	Sound Transit	
Capital Metro	HDR	Hennepin County, Minnesota	Rebel	STV	
City and County of Honolulu	HNTB	Metropolitan Transportation Commission, CA			
City of Charlotte, North Carolina	InfraStrategies	Mobilify SWPA			
City of Portland, Oregon	Intellectual Concepts	Mott MacDonald			
Connecticut Department of Transportation	Jacobs				

Thank you Mpact Partners!

Mpact 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 Mpact

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