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## **The transit system of the future begins at SmartRail USA Congress & Expo**

SmartRail USA Congress & Expo will bring together an array of speakers, exhibitors, seminar content and attendees from the transit industry on October 29-30 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The show provides a unique platform for industry professionals to uncover the latest technology innovations and learn best practice from each other. Taking place at the Charlotte Convention Centre, there is a core aim to discuss and develop the integrated transit networks of the future.

With the industry vastly changing, departments overlapping and technology evolving, a show is needed to bring the various aspects of **IT, Telecoms, Operations, Fare Collection, Passenger Engagement** and more into one show. More and more people are needing to commute to places and get to places quicker, it is no wonder there is a high demand for the fast development of transit systems in order to maintain growth. Shows like SmartRail USA enable this to happen and SmartRail World's Editor, Luke Upton sums the event up in a 500 word preview:

“Day One opens with a host of industry leaders from **CATS, SFMTA, MARTA, NYCT** and more giving us a preview of what the future of US transit looks like followed by **Arup** offering the numbers in an exclusive market forecast to back up the insights of our leaders. After a networking break we look at how this is going to be paid for – with presentations from transits and railroads including **Union Pearson Express** and **WMATA** offering their own personal experiences and advice in this area. Following a tasty networking lunch is our Afternoon Keynote from Michael DePallo, CEO of **Metrolink** who has journeyed from California to address the delegation. After Mr. DePallo, our afternoon takes a look at engineering of future transit networks and upgrading operational technology with contributions from **Virginia Railway Express, DART** and the sure to be fascinating **SkyTran** – the “transit system of the future.”

For more information about the show, please visit [www.SmartRailExpo-USA.com](http://www.SmartRailExpo-USA.com) or contact [angelica.lecart@globaltransportforum.com](mailto:angelica.lecart@globaltransportforum.com).

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