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California-Hawaii Transportation Symposium

Sharing Best Practices in the Pacific Southwest Region.

WHAT WAS THE NEED?

METRANS is a joint-partnership of the University of Southern California (USC) and California State University, Long Beach. The mission of METRANS is to solve transportation problems of large metropolitan areas through interdisciplinary research, education and outreach.

METRANS hosted the California-Hawaii Symposium in March 2022 as part of the Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center (PSR) Annual Congress. Under this Task Order, METRANS planned and executed the symposium.

The symposium took place on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, in Honolulu, Hawaii immediately following the 2022 PSR Congress (March 21-22). The Symposium was a hybrid in-person/online event. Participants from the PSR Congress and Hawaii state agencies attended in-person, while Caltrans personnel attended virtually.

WHAT WAS OUR GOAL?

The symposium provided an opportunity for attendees to exchange best practices related to transportation and infrastructure relevant to California and Hawaii.

WHAT DID WE DO?

We formed a planning committee, including determining event details and agenda, planned for remote attendance, created platform for virtual attendees, and invited speakers. Secondly, we conducted the event, including set up, checking in attendees and speakers (in-person and virtual), managed sessions and general management of the event.



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WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME?

419 transportation professionals, mostly from California and Hawaii, attended the Symposium on March 23, 2022. DRISI Division Chief Dara Wheeler opened the Symposium, followed by Ed Sniffen, Deputy Director of Hawaii Department of Transportation, who presented on Hawaii's Transportation system. Attendees selected between four sessions with the following themes: 1) freight partnerships, 2) sustainable tourism, 3) transit and technology, and 4) climate change and emergency preparedness. Deputy Director for Planning and Modal Programs, Jeanie Ward-Waller, closed the symposium by leading a Q&A session with members of Caltrans and CalSTA executive management. The event featured a lot of information, but most importantly, presented a different perspective on emerging issues and established new contacts across state lines.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT?

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Attached are the recordings and other information.

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