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CMAA Announces Program for Transportation Summit

High level discussions of Public Private Partnerships, project risk management, all-electronic tolling, commuter rail trends, and other key topics will highlight the Best Practices Summit on Transportation Infrastructure, presented by the Construction Management Association of America in Los Angeles on July 20-21.

The Summit will explore the challenges presented by America's multi-trillion-dollar need to repair, improve and expand infrastructure for all modes of transportation: Highways and bridges; rail and transit; air, and harbors/ports/waterways. The program will open with a panel discussion on Sunday afternoon, July 20, featuring economic futurist Cliff Brewis, senior director of editorial operations at McGraw-Hill Construction, joined by subject area experts in the four transportation areas.

The next day will be devoted to two tracks of breakout sessions, covering "Emerging Trends," and "Best Practices." Invited keynote speakers for breakfast and lunch are U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The "Emerging Trends" track will include sessions on all-electronic tolling, trends in heavy rail and commuter rail transportation, Public Private Partnerships, and trends in ports and waterways.

Among the "Best Practices" explored in the second track will be renewable energy, BIM modeling for John Wayne Airport, project risk management on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, and web-based Program Management.

The Summit will conclude with a "town hall session," featuring Angelina Galiteva, chair of the World Council for Renewable Energy. California Department of Transportation Director Walt Kempton has also been invited to participate.

CMAA's three California chapters are co-presenting the Summit with the national organization, and three other leading organizations have joined in supporting it: The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) and the Women's Transportation Seminar.

Registration for the summit is \$275 for members of the participating associations and \$350 for others, up until Friday, July 11, with on-site registration available at higher rates.

Additional information, including hotel accommodations, is available at www.cmaanet.org/TransSummit08.php.

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