

**2016 SOUTHEASTERN  
RAIL-HIGHWAY SAFETY CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 2, 2016  
SHERATON ATLANTA HOTEL, GEORGIA**

**AGENDA**

**Monday, October 31**

- 10:00 – 5:00 p.m.    **Registration Desk Open**
- 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.    **Exhibitor Setup Time**
- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.    **Exhibit Area Open**
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.    **Regional States Meeting** – For the participating State’s Departments of Transportation – Rails Sections, only – to discuss grade crossing project issues; i.e., what is working well, problem areas, improving project handling, and funding
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.    **Welcome Reception (in Hotel Courtyard for All Participants) \*I\*\* (Hors D ‘Oeuvres)**  
*Jan Phelps, Assistant State Utilities Administrator, GDOT*

**Tuesday, November 1**

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.    **Breakfast Buffet \***
- 7:00 – 4:30 p.m.    **Conference Registration Desk Open**  
**Exhibit Area Open**
- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.    **Welcome to Georgia**  
*Michael D. Nash, GDOT Railroad Program Manager*  
*John Hibbard, P.E., GDOT Director of Operations*
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.    **Changes FAST Act makes to Rails**  
*Thomas Drake, Crossing/Trespasser Regional Manager, FRA*
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.    **“Preemption - The Rest of the Story”**  
*Jason Field, P.E., Moffatt & Nichol*
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.    **Break \***
- 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.    **Passive Warning Device Improvements at Georgia Crossings**  
*Dave Bearse, Moreland Altobelli*
- 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.    **GDOT’s New Inventory Program: G.RAILS**  
*Brann Greager, P.E., Jacobs Engineering Group*
- 11:45 – 1:00 p.m.    **Lunch \***
- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.    **National Transportation Safety Board**  
*Dr. Robert Beaton, PhD, National Transportation Safety Board, Division Chief of Human Performance and Survival Factors*

## Tuesday, November 1 (Continued)

- 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Quiet Zone Update**  
*Elizabeth Hudd, FRA*
- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Southeast High Speed Rail Update**  
*Stenley Mack, P.E., Railroad Program Manager, GDOT*
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Break \***
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Benefit-Cost Ratio of Crossing Signal Installation**  
*Dave Bearse, Moreland Altobelli*
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Crossing Surfaces: “Rocking Crossings and DOT Blues”**  
*Crew Heimer – Mott MacDonald Group*
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Banquet \*/\*\* (Business Casual)**  
**GDOT Welcome**  
*Meg Pirkle, P.E., Chief Engineer, GDOT*  
**Key Note Speaker**  
*Amit Bose, Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration*  
**Acknowledgments**  
*Michael D. Nash, GDOT Railroad Program Manager*

## Wednesday, November 2

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast \***
- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **NCDOT: Benefit Cost Analysis for Rail Corridor Level Project Prioritization**  
*Ric Cruz and Ali Rezvani, PhD, Tavla Solutions*
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Preemption of Highway Traffic Signals near Highway-Rail Grade Crossings**  
*Rick Campbell, CTC, Inc.*
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Long-Term Performances of At-Grade Crossings**  
*Jerry Rose, University of Kentucky*
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. **Closing Remarks**  
*Patrick Allen, P.E., State Utilities Administrator, GDOT*
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **States Only Meeting:** States will meet to discuss 2018 Conference.

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\* PROVIDED WITH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

\*\* GUEST TICKETS APPLICABLE



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