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**Commuting Solutions Convenes Government Leaders and Industry Experts to
Discuss Passenger Rail Expansion for Colorado at the 8th Sustainable
Transportation Summit**

*U.S. House Assistant Minority Leader Joe Neguse (D-CO), Colorado Governor Jared Polis,
CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew, and RTD General Manager & CEO Debra Johnson
Among Distinguished List of Speakers at Summit*

Louisville, CO (August 7, 2024) – The expansion of passenger rail continues to be a high priority for the Polis Administration to deliver economic vitality and sustainable travel options to Coloradans. Converging factors, including the passage of state and federal legislation and federal funding opportunities, offer an unprecedented opportunity for a collaborative effort that could move passenger rail forward on multiple levels for Coloradans.

On Tuesday, August 27, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Commuting Solutions will host the [8th Sustainable Transportation Summit – Laying Down Tracks](#) at the Longmont Museum and Cultural Center in Longmont. The Summit will convene local, state, and national thought leaders and stakeholders to provide a detailed overview of the background, progress, and next steps in advancing passenger rail for our region and beyond. An expert panel will focus on Colorado's FRPR development from the state, service/technical, and local government perspective.

The Summit will feature a short session with Governor Jared Polis and Colorado Department of Transportation Executive Director, Shoshana Lew. They will discuss the 2024 legislative session and the state's foremost transportation priorities. Additionally, Katie Drewel of Sound Transit will provide insights based on the successful development and continued expansion of inter-regional commuter rail in the Seattle metropolitan area.

Speakers include:

- Joe Neguse (D-CO), House Assistant Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
- Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado
- Shoshana Lew, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Transportation
- Joan Peck, Mayor, City of Longmont
- Nancy McNally, Mayor, City of Westminster
- Audrey DeBarros, Executive Director, Commuting Solutions
- Kimberlee McKee, Executive Director, Longmont Downtown Development Authority
- Katie Drewel, Government & Community Relations Acting Director for South King County, Sound Transit
- Dennis Newman, Executive Vice President of Strategy & Planning, Amtrak
- Debra Johnson, General Manager & CEO, RTD
- Chris Nevitt, Board Chair, Front Range Passenger Rail
- Andy Karsian, General Manager, Front Range Passenger Rail

The Sustainable Transportation Summit is open to anyone – our members, partners, transportation experts and enthusiasts!

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