CONFERENCE AGENDA

7:30 am  Coffee and Sign-in

8:00 am  Welcome  The Honorable Shirley Franklin, Mayor, City of Atlanta, Georgia

8:20 am  Opening Remarks  Dr. Catherine Ross, Harry West Chair and Director, Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development (CQGRD)

8:45 am  Morning Keynote—“The National Context for Infrastructure Investment”
Introduction: Charles “Chick” Krautler, Executive Director, Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)
Speaker: Mortimer “Mort” Downey, Chairman of the Board, Parsons Brinckerhoff Consult

9:15 am  America 2050  Robert Yaro, President, Regional Plan Association (RPA)

9:30 am  Plenary Panel—“The Case for a National Infrastructure Policy”
Moderator: Petra Todorovic, Director, America 2050
Panelists: The Honorable Earl Blumenauer, Member of Congress, Oregon
John Horsley, Executive Director, American Association for State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
William “Bill” Millar, President, American Public Transportation Association (APTA)

10:45 am  Break

11:00 am  Breakout Roundtable—“Transportation—Connecting PAM through Ground, Air, and Water”
Moderator: Robert Hunter, President, American Planning Association (APA)
Panelists: Jim Balloun, former Chairman, Jasper Ocean Terminal Joint Project Office
The Honorable Sam Olens, Chairman, Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and Cobb County, Georgia
Beverly Scott, Chair of APTA and President & CEO, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)
Rob Nemchik, General Manager, Porsche Logistics Services

Breakout Roundtable—“Energy, Environment, and Water”
Moderator: Bruce Stiftel, Professor and Director, City and Regional Planning Program, Georgia Tech
Panelists: Rebecca Woddar, President, American Rivers
Ed Macie, Project Leader, Cooperative Forestry, Southern Region, US Forest Service
Brigadier General Joseph Schroeder, South Atlantic Division, US Army Corp of Engineers
Greg Koch, Director of Global Water Stewardship, The Coca-Cola Company

12:30 pm  Luncheon Keynote—“PAM’s Position in the Global Economy”
Introduction: Sam Williams, President, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce (MACOC)
Speaker: Raymond “Ray” Christman, Former President & CEO, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta

1:20 pm  Break

1:30 pm  Roundtable Reports
Moderator: Robert Yaro, President, Regional Plan Association
Transportation Roundtable Moderator: Robert Hunter, President, American Planning Association (RPA)
Environment Roundtable Moderator: Bruce Stiftel, Professor and Director, City and Regional Planning Program, Georgia Tech

2:15 pm  Afternoon Keynote—“Next Steps...Where do we go from here?”
Introduction: Harry West, Professor of Practice, Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development (CQGRD)
Speaker: Pat McCrory, Mayor, City of Charlotte, North Carolina

2:45 pm  Participants Roundtable Discussion and Feedback
Moderator: Michael Meyer, Professor and Director, Georgia Transportation Institute, Georgia Tech

4:00 pm  Adjourn