



United States Maglev Coalition

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U. S. Maglev Coalition Concludes Successful Annual Meeting

Washington, DC – The United States Maglev Coalition, meeting in Washington, D.C. during the Transportation Research Board’s 90th Annual Meeting, successfully concluded its own annual meeting which included the election of officers and presentations by several American high-speed ground transportation (HSGT) and maglev projects.

The Coalition re-elected 2010 Chairman Phyllis Wilkins (Maglev Maryland) and incumbent Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth Waugh (IMPACT) for an additional year’s term. In addition, returning member Gary Baise, Esq., (Olsson Frank Weeda) was named Coalition Counsel.

Ms. Wilkins said, “It is my honor to have been re-elected by my colleagues to serve as the Chairman of the Coalition in the coming year. 2011 will be a critical year for high-speed ground transportation in general and maglev in particular, as federal and state government leaders grapple with declining transportation revenues, even as study after study demonstrates the tremendous economic stimulus effect of sustained transportation spending.”

She continued, saying, “It will be our task to demonstrate the value of maglev transportation technology in the national debate and the fact that maglev has lower operating and maintenance costs and a safe operations design unattainable by other modes.”

Each annual meeting of the Coalition provides a unique forum for the sharing of information and ideas from the best and most promising high-speed maglev projects in the industry. Meetings usually begin with a general session, at which members and invited guests make presentations,



prompting wide-ranging discussions. This year, attendees heard presentations from the Atlanta-Chattanooga-Nashville HSGT/Maglev project; the Baltimore-Washington Maglev Project; the Las Vegas-Anaheim Maglev Project; and the Florida High-Speed Rail Project. Also, U.S.-Japan Maglev presented background information on the Central Japan Railway Company's Superconducting Magnetic Levitation System and ThyssenKrupp Transrapid presented a status update on the German/Chinese Transrapid maglev.

Following these presentations, attendees discussed prospects for reauthorization of surface transportation legislation this year, and considerations for maglev; information that President Obama intended to include further funding for high-speed rail in the upcoming State of the Union address; and recent Congressional actions that will affect spending levels for transportation in the future. Among the Coalition's membership are a number of seasoned professionals whose analysis of the political situation is invaluable.

For further information, or to download the meeting presentations, please see the Coalition's website at www.usmaglevcoalition.com.

About the U.S. Maglev Coalition

The U.S. Maglev Coalition (USMC), founded in 2002, is the only nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the development of super-speed magnetic levitation (maglev) transportation technology in the United States. USMC members believe deploying maglev technology in the U.S. will provide a tremendous economic stimulus by creating new jobs and fostering new technologies. USMC promotes and strengthens its members through learning, advocacy and networking initiatives.

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