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Portland, OR | October 26-29

**Call for Speakers**

**Submissions will be accepted until Friday, March 21, 2025, 11:59 PM PDT**

**Submission Limit: 2 submissions per person**

**Use this worksheet to prepare your submission/proposal. The worksheet has the same questions as the online form. When you are ready to submit, follow the link: Submit Your Proposal at** [**mpactmobility.org/speakers**](http://mpactmobility.org/speakers)**.**

The 2025 Mpact Transit + Community conference will take place October 26 - 29 in Portland, Oregon, the birthplace of our mission to create livable communities centered around transit, multimodal investments, supportive land use and development. Since our inception as Rail~Volution in 1995 through the rebranding as Mpact in 2022, our commitment has remained strong: regardless of whether the focus is on transit, mobility or development, it’s crucial that we deliver these projects thoughtfully, ensuring they truly benefit and provide a return on investment to the communities we serve. The conference continues to grow and evolve, bringing new ideas and approaches to an ever-changing mobility, technology and development landscape.

The Call for Speakers asks for your best thinking and real-world examples about how you are meeting challenges and working to deliver the best outcomes for the whole community.

**Submit a proposal to be a speaker at Mpact Transit + Community 2025 in Portland, Oregon, October 26-29, 2025**

1. Make sure to submit your proposal by midnight Pacific time, Friday, March 21.
2. For instructions and guidance on submissions, review the [Call for Speakers Information Packet](https://www.mpactmobility.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-Mpact-Call-for-Speakers-Information_FINAL.pdf). Use this worksheet to prepare your proposal.
3. After gathering the information needed, submit your proposal by hitting the link, “Submit Your Proposal” at [www.mpactmobility.org/speakers](http://www.mpactmobility.org/speakers). Expect to spend 30+ minutes to complete the submission form. Alert! If you leave the form without submitting at the end, the form will time out and you will need to re-enter your information from the start.
4. Once you hit Submit, a confirmation will be emailed to you. Keep this! For a group proposal, the confirmation will go ONLY to the primary submitter. Check your junk/spam folder if you do not receive the confirmation. Incomplete proposals will not be considered. All proposals are due by Friday, March 21 at 11:59pm PDT (Pacific Daylight Time).
5. Once you hit submit, you CAN log back in and make edits to your proposal until the submission deadline of March 21. To edit your submission, find your original confirmation email and click the "View My Portal" button at the bottom of the email to log back in. Click on the session you'd like to edit and select "View Submission" under the title to make updates. Make sure you click "Complete" at the end to save your changes! No updates will be allowed after the Call for Speakers closes at midnight Pacific time, Friday, March 21.

Things to Know:

* Each proposer is limited to two (2) submissions.
* Your proposal is an indication that you are willing and able to be in person in Portland October 26-29, 2025, for the conference. If your proposal is selected, expect to be part of at least two planning calls with Mpact National Steering Committee (NSC) members: the first in July to organize and develop the session, and the second to finalize and meet before the conference in October.
* Speakers can attend the day they are speaking for free (the session schedule will be available in August) or can pay the full rate to attend the entire conference. There is no speaker discount. Hotel rates at the Hilton Portland Downtown are $195 plus tax per night until October 6 or until the block is full. Please plan accordingly.

Thank you for taking the time to share your experience and expertise. We look forward to reviewing your proposal!

Questions about the online submissions should be directed to Maureen Savage at msavage@managedbyamr.com or at (734) 239-8017.

Other questions? Contact Andrea Ostergaard, Director of Events at andreao@mpactmobility.org or at (612) 486-5616.

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**All questions with asterisk (\*) are required.**

**SECTION 1**

**About the Session Proposal**

*Provide your session topic and ideas. Tip: Be sure to include the "so what" of why your project matters and any lessons learned.*

**Proposal Title\***

*Tip: Include key trending topics from our* [*Call for Speakers Information Packet*](https://www.mpactmobility.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-Mpact-Call-for-Speakers-Information_FINAL.pdf) *in the title if applicable.*

**Proposal Description\* What story do you want to tell and how does it relate to Mpact? What will people learn and why does it matter? What innovations might you share by speaking on this topic? (Note: aim for around 800 words maximum)**

*Tip: Refer to Call for Speakers Information for topic areas we are seeking!*

**Has this been presented before at another conference?\***

Yes

No

If Yes, which conference and when?

**What audience(s) are you targeting? Who do you hope will attend this session?\***

**What track does your proposal address?\***

*Choose only one and use your best judgement.*

* Track 1: How are you solving for funding gaps?
* Track 2: How are you solving for quality-of-life issues?
* Track 3: How are you solving for access and mobility?
* Track 4: How are you building a knowledge and action base?
* Track 5: How are you using transit-oriented development (TOD) to build complete communities?
* Track 6: Do you have a hot take or impactful story for the Mpact PK Slam (powered by PechaKucha™)?

**Section 2**

**Tell us about you**

TO ADD ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS: Click the "Add+" tab below, next to Person 1 (add up to 3 additional speakers). *Note: we will communicate directly only with the lead proposer.*

Note: The Secondary Contacts option at the bottom of the page allows you to add a support person. For example, if you are submitting yourself as a speaker, you could add your assistant there. “Secondary Contacts” is NOT for adding additional speakers.

First Name

Last Name

Email:

Mobile Phone:

Job Title:

Company/Organization:

City:

State:

Country:

**Tell us about yourself/this speaker. What is your/their professional biography and expertise?\***

Please share anything regarding background and qualifications for speaking.

**What unique perspective can you/this person bring to a session or speaking opportunity?\***

Mpact is interested in understanding each person's story and unique perspective on their project and world.

**What is the suggested role for this session participant?**

* Open to any role
* Speaker
* Moderator
* Facilitator
* Session Support
* Tour Leader
* Emcee

**If selected, is this speaker committed to participate in person?**

* Yes
* No
* Unsure

**Would this person be willing to participate on another session if this proposal is not selected?**

* Yes
* No
* Unsure

**Please indicate the speaker’s primary industry affiliation**

* Academic/Professor
* Advocate/Citizen Activist/Grassroots
* Banking/Investment
* Business/Corporate
* Consultant- Planner/Architect/Engineer
* Government: City/County/Regional
* Government: State/Province
* Government/Federal
* Communications/Engagement
* Philanthropic Foundation
* Nonprofit/Community-based Organization
* Public Health
* Real Estate/Property Development
* Transit Agency
* Other

If other industry affiliation, please describe:

**What is the primary focus of their work?**

* Advocacy
* Communications
* Community Engagement
* Design
* Education
* Engineering
* Finance
* Housing
* Planning
* Policy
* Service Delivery
* TOD
* Other:

**How many years has this speaker been in their current industry?   *(Number of years)***

**What is the preferred session format requested? \***

If interested in speaking in the Mpact PK Slam, please be sure to select PechaKucha™ format.

* Any Format
* Panel Discussion
* Small Group Discussion
* Mpact PK Slam – Pecha Kucha TM
* Case Study
* Debate
* Roundtable
* Talk Show/Fireside Chat
* Idea Exchange
* Toolbox/Demonstration

**Video Submission (Optional):**

**Provide a link to a 30-second selfie video from social media, or from a video that you upload to Google Drive, YouTube or any video hosting website. Or, feel free to add a link to a video of you speaking at another event. We’re always looking for new ways for people to provide their story. Don’t worry, it doesn’t need to be perfect!**

*Instructions:*

1. *Use your phone to capture a 30-second selfie video. Describe your proposal, share why you're passionate about your work, or let us know why your work matters! Upload your video to a video streaming or file hosting site, e.g., YouTube (as unlisted video), Vimeo, Streamable, Google Drive, Sharepoint, etc. Be sure the link is publicly viewable. Copy and paste it into the form.*
2. *Make an Instagram Reel then copy and paste the link into the form. Describe your proposal, share why you're passionate about your work, or let us know why your work matters. Optional: Tag @mpactmobility in your post.*

**Add Secondary Contact**

NOTE: THIS AREA IS FOR AN ASSISTANT OR SOMEONE WHO WOULD ALSO BE NOTIFIED FOR FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS, IF YOUR PROPOSAL IS SELECTED. *DO NOT* ADD ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS HERE.

TO ADD ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS TO YOUR PROPOSAL: If you’d like to add additional speakers, navigate to the top of the form and select “ADD +”. You may add up to 3 additional speakers for consideration.

Copy and paste the “Tell us about you” section for each additional speaker to gather their information on this worksheet.

Submit your final information via the link our website at [www.mpactmobility.org/speakers](http://www.mpactmobility.org/speakers) by 11:59pm PST on March 21, 2025.