



## Travel Information Services Program Track Committee

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*April 26, 2016 Meeting  
ICM-BRT Session - Speaker Bios*

(Mary to introduce)

### **Robert Sheehan, United States Department of Transportation**

Topics:

1. Overview & How BRT relates to long distance travel
2. CV Transit Research Update
3. Wrap up and Questions

#### **Bio:**

Robert Sheehan is the Multimodal ITS Research and Deployment Program Manager for the U.S. DOT ITS-Joint Program Office. Bob directs the Connected Vehicle - Vehicle to Infrastructure efforts, and Multimodal ITS Research. He joined FHWA in August 2008 and managed the USDOT's Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Initiative and Active Transportation and Demand Management program until 2013 when he moved to the ITS-JPO. Prior to joining the FHWA, he spent 8 years at the Virginia Department of Transportation. He received his Professional Engineer license in 2004 and his Professional Traffic Operations Engineer certification in 2008. He holds a Master's Degree in Transportation Systems from Virginia Tech and a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from West Virginia University.

### **Brian Pessaro, National Bus Rapid Transit Institute**

Topic: BRT vs. BRT Lite, ITS Infrastructure & Vehicle Requirements

#### **Bio:**

Brian Pessaro is a Senior Research Associate for the National Bus Rapid Transit Institute at the University of South Florida. He earned his Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Florida and has been a transportation planner for 18 years.

Prior to joining NBRTI, Brian worked for the Florida Department of Transportation in various capacities at the district and headquarters level and also at the San Diego Association of Governments. Besides BRT, his other areas of research include the use of automated vehicle technology in transit, the performance of transit in tolled managed lanes, and bus collision safety.



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### **Maureen Lawrence, Connecticut Department of Transportation**

Topic: CTfastrak Overview - focusing on regional travel

#### **Bio:**

Maureen Lawrence is a Transportation Supervising Planner with the Connecticut Department of Transportation with over 23 years of experience. She is currently working in the Bureau of Public Transportation, Office of Transit and Ridesharing. She has worked on the CTfastrak project since it was in the Environmental Impact Assessment phase in the late 1990's and been heavily involved through-out design, construction and start up.