

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Stephen Van Beek
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Dr. Van Beek brings tremendous knowledge and leadership skills from more than 15 years of experience in federal policy development relating to aviation, airports, and the national transportation system.

Between 2001 and 2006, Dr. Van Beek was Executive Vice President, Policy, with Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) in Washington, D.C., where he managed aviation and airport policy development on behalf of commercial service airports in the United States and Canada. Prior to joining ACI-NA, Dr. Van Beek served as Associate Deputy Secretary and Director of the Office of Intermodalism at the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). He was responsible for promoting and coordinating the development of intermodal passenger and freight transportation systems, improving connections among transportation modes, and enhancing services for passengers and shippers. Dr. Van Beek also served as the Deputy Administrator of USDOT's Research and Special Programs Administration. Working with the Administrator, he was responsible for the regulation of interstate oil and gas pipelines and the movement of hazardous materials, university research, emergency transportation and response, and the Volpe Transportation Systems Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dr. Van Beek was a professor of political science at San Jose State University, and was appointed a Research Associate with the Mineta Transportation Institute. He has also taught at Washington and Lee University, and served as a legislative assistant to former U.S. Representative Tony Coelho of California. He currently serves on the Board of Directors and teaches for the University of Denver's Intermodal Transportation Institute, and is an occasional advisor and participant in programs of the Eno Foundation.