

Discussion outline

Environment Analyst Leadership Network Roundtable **Developing Future-Ready Cities: Embedding Resilience in Regional & State Planning & Infrastructure Development**

October 22 from 10-11:30am ET, Online

The roundtable will be moderated by Environment Analyst and held under Chatham House Rule.

The bullet points below provide a guide to the planned conversation.

Feel free to get in touch with the session's moderator, jon@environment-analyst.com, if you wish to discuss any points ahead of the meeting.

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Breaking Down Silos: Moving from Fragmented, Sector-Specific Planning to Integrated, Cross-Sector Delivery

- Understanding system interdependencies across critical infrastructure (*transportation, utilities, and public assets*) and managing the impact of split delivery (*private utilities, state and federal agencies, and local & regional authorities*) alongside climate pressures and social vulnerabilities
- Engaging local communities as active participants in resilience planning rather than passive users of infrastructure
- Collaborating with public and private partners to unlock economies of scale, reduce risk, and secure investment to accelerate climate-action delivery

Leveraging Digital Tools & Data Management to Enable Strategic Planning & Actionable Delivery

- Discussing the practical steps needed to scale digital innovation city-wide to achieve outcomes such as improved infrastructure management, more efficient transit systems, and better-informed planning decisions

- turning increasing volumes of climate, infrastructure, and social data into actionable resilience strategies
- implementing effective data-sharing practices to map cross-sector vulnerabilities
- harnessing tools like digital twins and exploring how they can be effectively embedded into planning and project delivery.
- balancing long-term adaptation and future-ready design with the need to maintain continuity of service today.

Confirmed attendees

Current attendees are listed below

First name	Last name	Job title	Company
Alex	Scott	Vice President of Energy Transition	APTIM
Rand	Ghayad	SVP & Chief Economist	Association of American Railroads
Kate	Evasic	Program Lead, Climate Resilience	Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Bridget	Gilmore	Senior Associate	Cityfi
Jeny	Mathews-Thusoo	Program Lead, Resilience & Futures	City of Calgary
Zoe	Grams	Executive Director	Climate Caucus
Neha	Soni	Senior Planner	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH)
Matthew	Dalbey	Founder & Principal	Cornershop Strategies
Shati	Khan	Program Manager II for Sustainability, Resource Efficiency and Impact Management	Gateway Development Commission
Jeslin	Varghese	Senior Director of Resource Efficiency & Impact Management (REIM)	Gateway Development Commission
Bob	Kloepfer	Distinguished Fellow	GISI Consulting Group
Chandace	Richardson	Vice President, Sales Performance Environment, Americas and Market Growth Director, U.S. East & Canada	Jacobs
Zein	Mocke	Global Director - Environmental Planning	Jacobs

Wendy	Sperduto	Assistant Commissioner, Engineering and Planning	NYC Department of Environmental Protection
Rusty	Bell	CEO	Energy Capital Economic Development, and Director Office of Economic Transformation at Gillette College Foundation
Walker	Wells	Principle	Raimi + Associates (an Alta Company)
Melinda	Truskowski	Director of Strategy Americas	Ramboll
Anjuliee	Mittelman	Environmental Engineer	US Department of Transportation's Volpe Center
Dane	Pehrman	Senior Director, Major Projects & Programs, Environmental Compliance	Worley
Aryeh	Lemberger	SVP, Advisory and Planning Cities Practice Lead	WSP
Itza	Acosta	Vice President of Marketing, U.S.	WSP
Nicole	Pace	Senior Marketing Lead	WSP