

Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority: Introduction and Update (1PDH)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2026 at noon via Zoom



The Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority (SRPRA) Introduction and Update presentation is intended to provide both general knowledge about the planning and design of passenger rail projects and specific information regarding the SRPRA project. Attendees will be able to:

- Summarize the history and organization of SRPRA, the project sponsor;
- Recognize and identify fundamental elements of railroad track and signal systems;
- Visualize and explain the passenger rail project process embodied in the FRA CIDP;
- Compare physical and operational characteristics of route alternatives;
- Describe the concept of a railroad clearance envelope and apply relevant dimensional requirements;
- Classify different types of passenger train propulsion modes and relate them to different operating environments;
- Differentiate between the levels of environmental documentation potentially required under NEPA; and,
- Identify and plan the essential elements of a passenger rail development project.

Thomas E. Frawley, P.E., Esq. is the executive director of the SRPRA. He has forty-five years of experience in transportation projects, primarily focused on passenger rail but including all rail modes as well as Bus Rapid Transit, highways and airports. Mr. Frawley has served as Executive Director of the Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority since September 2022, in addition to continuing to lead his consulting practice, Thomas E. Frawley Consulting, LLC, which he founded in 2009. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania and California and is admitted to the BAR in Pennsylvania.

This event will be delivered via zoom and accompanied by a PDH certificate.
(PIE approval pending)

Where: Zoom

When: **Thursday, October 15th, 2026**

12 noon - 1 PM (Arrival to zoom link starting at 11:45am)

Cost: **Free**

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