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## “Metra – Looking Ahead to 2017 and Beyond”

**Thursday Jan. 19, 2017 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm**

**Brown Bag Luncheon at Metra Headquarters - Check in begins at 11:30 am**

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**Speakers:** **Donald A. Orseno, Executive Director/CEO, Metra**  
**Bruce Marcheschi, Chief Engineering Officer, Metra**  
**Lynnette H. Ciavarella, Sr. Div. Director, Strategic Capital Planning, Metra**

January's Sandhouse meeting will give you an update on what lies ahead for Metra in 2017 and beyond.

**Don Orseno** will talk about Metra's plans for 2017.

**Bruce Marcheschi** will give an update on PTC implementation and present the replacement of Fox River Bridge on the Milwaukee District West Line in Elgin. Components of this bridge were built in the late 1880s.

**Lynnette Ciavarella** will present the strategic studies that are underway that will help define Metra's future.

Hopefully this program will give you an opportunity to better understand the leadership role that Metra is undertaking America's passenger railroad industry.

**Location:** Metra Board Room, Metra Headquarters - 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
547 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60661 (SW corner of Clinton & Jackson)

**Pre-Registration Required** – A government issued ID required to gain access to Metra Headquarters  
**To Register go to:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jan-19-2017-sandhouse-rail-trf-mtg-metra-brown-bag-luncheon-meeting-tickets-30570799083>

### **Speaker Bios**

**Donald Orseno:** Metra's Executive Director has worked for the railroad industry for 42 years, starting his career on the Rock Island Railroad and later the Chicago & North Western before joining Metra's Transportation Department when Metra was formed 32 years ago. Formerly Deputy Executive Director/COO, he provided executive direction and guidance to the Chief Officers of Engineering, Transportation and Mechanical as well as Safety, Operations Training and Certification and Regulatory Compliance. He also provided executive oversight and direction to Purchase of Service Agreement contract carriers (BNSF and Union Pacific) to ensure consistency with Metra's standards and practices. As Executive Director/CEO, Mr. Orseno now provides direction and oversight to all areas of Metra's Administrative and Operating program.

**Bruce Marcheschi:** As Chief Engineering Officer of Metra, Mr. Marcheschi provides overall leadership and direction to Metra's Engineering Operations to ensure that Metra achieves its vision, mission, goals and objectives. Responsibilities include all day to day Engineering functions: Track, Signal, Electrical, Telecommunications, Structural, Bridge & Building, Maintenance of Way, Construction and Station Design. Mr. Marcheschi began his career in 1987 at Metra and has held progressively responsible management positions prior to his current position. Mr. Marcheschi has worked in the railroad industry for over 29 years.

**Lynnette Ciavarella,** Senior Division Director, Strategic Capital Planning, Metra: Ms. Ciavarella has over twenty-two years of experience in the Public Transit industry in both operations and administration. She began her career as a bus operations planner at Pace Suburban Bus. For the past eleven years, she has been a member of Metra's Senior Staff Departments reporting to her include Program Development, Long-Range Planning, and Systems Performance Data. In her current capacity, she oversees the development and administration of the agency's long-range plans, capital program, performance statistics, fares, and mobile ticketing. Ms. Ciavarella also acts as Metra's liaison for planning issues with other transportation and planning agencies. She is a graduate of Indiana University with a B.S. in Public Affairs Management with a concentration in Urban Studies (land-use and transportation planning), graduate of 2012 American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Leadership Program and the inaugural LEAD program for transit executives.