

**OPENING SESSION**

**Opening Remarks**

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***Seattle Metro  
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I would like to welcome you to Seattle and the Fifth National Conference on High-Occupancy Vehicle Systems. It has been a pleasure to serve as the chair of the local planning group for the conference. I would like to acknowledge all the hard work and assistance of the local planning committee, the TRB HOV Systems Committee, and the TRB staff. Without the enthusiastic work and support of the individuals in these groups this conference would not have been possible.

It is a pleasure to host the Fifth National HOV Conference in the Seattle area. We want to provide you with the opportunity to not only see the different types of HOV facilities in operation here in Seattle, but also to experience some of the amenities the area has to offer. The conference has been organized to provide a mix of activities and topics. I hope that you will find the speakers, workshops, and tours

to be stimulating, informative, and challenging.

The success of the conference will depend largely on your involvement and participation. I hope you will enjoy the conference and find it a valuable learning experience. By sharing our ideas, experiences, and problems we can ensure that HOV facilities will continue to play an important role in our metropolitan areas.