

Progressive Rail~Volution?

The evolving politics of
regional transit coalitions

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Conclusions

- Equity actors and rail advocates need each other more than ever.
- Both can benefit from rail, and from rail *campaigns*.
- Dangers to equity-rail coalitions
 - Rising property values
 - Construction disruption
 - “Christmas trees”

Thanks!

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