



Preliminary Agenda | Updated May 16, 2016 | Subject to Change | Register at www.nado.org/events/rpo2016

MONDAY, JUNE 13

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Conference Registration

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions

- *IntelliConference for Reinventing Stakeholder Engagement*
Conference attendees are invited to participate in an IntelliConference, OnTrackNorthAmerica's breakthrough method of stakeholder engagement. This facilitated dialogue will be preceded by two rounds of an efficient call and response online interaction in the two weeks (30 minutes each week) leading up to the conference. The subject of this inquiry-based dialogue is stakeholder engagement itself. While experiencing an IntelliConference firsthand you will have an opportunity to contribute your own observations and thinking about the challenges and opportunities of stakeholder engagement. The IntelliConference methodology is designed to generate collective intelligence efficiently and enjoyably, while averting all of the usual pitfalls of online interaction and disjointed in-person meetings. Learn how to fuse online and in-person engagement in this learn-by-doing public involvement methodology session.
 - Michael Sussman, OnTrackNorthAmerica

- *GIS and Technology Applications for Transportation Planning and Analysis*
Learn about new trends and real-life practical applications from regional planning and economic development organizations. Presenters will discuss one transportation model based upon economic modeling and forecasting, as well as land use allocation modeling from a regional sustainability project, along with how GIS was used to support analysis of a region's bicycle route planning efforts, a statewide effort to coordinate plans across transportation and community and economic development programs, among other models where GIS and other technologies have improved planning and analysis.
 - Pat Steed, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
 - Tom Buck, North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission
 - Eric Ghahate, North Central New Mexico Economic Development District
 - Jeff Pavey, Paladin Data Systems (invited)

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. *Opening Plenary: Inspiring Innovations from the Field*

- Learn from rural and small metropolitan transportation professionals about innovative project designs, interesting planning studies, and beneficial technical assistance provided to local communities in this plenary showcase. These panelists are rethinking the roles of regional transportation planning organizations to plan and implement transportation improvements that delivery mobility improvements and community and economic development benefits. This fast-paced panel will provide many inspirational practices to adapt and adopt.
 - Welcome: Stacy Morrison, Tennessee Department of Transportation
 - Gena McCullough, Bi-State Regional Commission (IL/IA)
 - Jennifer Tinsley, Lower Savannah Council of Governments (SC)
 - Elijah Sharp, New River Valley Regional Commission (VA)
 - Mari Brunner, Southwest Regional Planning Commission (NH)
 - Julio Portillo, River Valley Regional Commission (GA)
 - Robby Cantrell, North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments

2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Networking Break

2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions

- *State DOT and Regional Collaboration*
Working together on data collection, analysis, stakeholder outreach, and more, states, regions, and the local entities they serve can come to a deeper understanding and new solutions for their region's transportation and development issues.
 - Ronda Allis, Minnesota Department of Transportation
 - Daniel Currier, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission
- *Making the Case for Transit*
Hear how communities have successfully made the case for investment in transit and initiated new service to improve mobility in rural and small metro places, and participate in an engaging, interactive discussion on the return on investment of transit in meeting mobility needs and community and economic development outcomes.
 - J.D. Dillard, Southern Georgia Regional Commission
 - Chris Zeilinger, Community Transportation Association of America

3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Networking Break

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. *RPO America Annual Business Meeting, immediately followed by the National RPO Council of Peers Meeting*

- All attendees are encouraged to attend the business meeting, which will feature a legislative update and provide attendees with an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on national activities.
 - Susan Howard, National Association of Development Organizations

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. *Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards Networking Reception*

- During the reception, award winning organizations will host a table and talk with attendees about their work. One of the highlights of the conference, the reception allows for targeted networking and learning about transportation topics. The 2016 Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards recognize the outstanding work of regional organizations on a diverse set of planning, programming, and project delivery related to several modes of transportation.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Conference Registration

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Breakout Sessions

- *Complex Issues in Multimodal Planning*
Learn from practitioners about regional planning studies that incorporate multiple modes, involve extensive public and stakeholder engagement, and grapple with complex environmental and other issues. Panelists will discuss planning processes and mobility concerns arising at the large-scale regional level, as well as for a corridor within a rural community.
 - Ann Stroobant, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (NC)
 - Stacy Morrison, Tennessee Department of Transportation
 - Jonathan Russell, Tennessee Department of Transportation
- *Strategies to Improve Transportation Safety*
Learn about the stakeholder-developed Toward Zero Deaths National Strategy, and how the multi-disciplinary strategy is being deployed to improve safety for drivers and passengers, vulnerable road users, vehicles, infrastructure, improved safety management, and a supportive safety culture. Also find out how road diets are a proven method of improving transportation infrastructure to improve safety outcomes.
 - Brian Roberts, National Association of County Engineers
 - Jessica Rich, Federal Highway Administration, Tennessee Division

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Networking Break

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Breakout Sessions

- *From Strategic Planning to Project Prioritization*
With limited funds available for investment and increasing mobility and maintenance needs, attendees will learn from different regions about efforts to prioritize projects from different modes and funding streams, starting with collecting appropriate information in project proposal forms to allow for prioritization.
 - Larry Mattson, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (WA)
 - Annette Fiedler, Southwest Regional Development Commission (MN)
 - Katie Caskey, Minnesota Department of Transportation
 - Ronda Allis, Minnesota Department of Transportation

- *Regional Data and Analysis to Plan for Transportation Safety*
Collecting and analyzing safety data can help regional planners to understand trends and contributing factors and perform several types of analysis to plan for and improve transportation safety performance. Hear about methods for using safety data, share information about your own experiences in an interactive discussion, and learn from expert trainers and from your peers.
 - Nicole Waldheim, Cambridge Systematics
 - Danena Gaines, Cambridge Systematics

Noon – 1:30 p.m. *Plenary Luncheon: Forces Shaping Transportation’s Future*

- Transportation is rapidly changing as workforce, demographics, available technology, and transportation demands evolve. The keynote speaker will discuss how trucking intersects with other modes of transportation, the emergence of new patterns and services, the effects of transportation policy, and an outlook for the future of transportation and freight mobility. This presentation will shed light on private sector perspectives on transportation demands and solutions.
 - Dave Manning, President of TCW and Second Vice Chair of the American Trucking Associations

1:45 – 4:30 p.m. *Technical and Mobile Workshops*

- *Planning Tools for Linking Rural Development and Transportation: Technical Workshop*
The workshop will provide an introduction to a suite of tools that Rural Transportation Planning Organizations may use to gain insight into some of the most important consequences of economic development initiatives: Community Viz®; photo-realistic visualizations of streetscapes; and an integrated land-use/travel-demand model. We will discuss how we applied the tools to a rural area in Mississippi experiencing growth in both automobile manufacture and heritage-based tourism. Workshop participants will see how higher density, pedestrian/bike friendly development can be achieved in small towns. Workshop participants will learn how the land-use/travel-demand model works and how different tools can work together.
 - Brian Morton, Center for Urban and Regional Studies UNC-Chapel Hill
 - John Poros, Carl Small Town Center, Mississippi State University
- *Freight Planning Workshop*
Learn about the fundamentals of freight data and connections between freight and land use. Also, find out about the designation of freight corridors and how to plan for them in this interactive session that will build attendees’ freight planning skills. The session will be led by expert trainers from the Federal Highway Administration’s Office of Freight Management and Operations.
 - Crystal Jones, Federal Highway Administration (invited)
- *Complete Streets Mobile Workshop*
Learn about the planning and implementation challenges and successes of Complete Streets projects in Chattanooga that make the roadways safer for all users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. This workshop will occur by bicycle, and attendees should be comfortable riding. *(Additional fee of \$25 required, and the tour is limited to the first 25 participants who sign up.)*
 - Cortney Mild, Chattanooga-Hamilton Regional Planning Agency

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 – 10:30 a.m. Conference Registration

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. *Conversation Cafe: Facilitated Small Group Discussions*

- Through this facilitated discussion session, learn from your peers about their challenges and successes in regional transportation planning practice related to a variety of topics. Often one of the top-ranked sessions at the conference, the Conversation Café allows attendees to pick their highest priority topics and learn ideas to adapt from peers.
 - Rural transportation safety: Steve Albert, National Center for Rural Road Safety
 - Health in transportation: Gena McCullough, Bi-State Regional Commission
 - Inclusion of elderly and disabled individuals in planning: Rachel Beyerle, Easter Seals Project ACTION
 - Aligning transportation plans with other regional plans: Mary Rump, East Central Iowa Council of Governments
 - Bicycle and pedestrian planning: John Devine, Northeast Georgia Regional Commission
 - Productivity tips and tricks: Jason Ray, Southwest Missouri Council of Governments

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. *Closing Plenary: Future Directions for Federal Transportation Programs*

- Six months into implementing the 2015 authorization Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), learn about programmatic changes, implementation of the regulations still coming out of the previous Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century and the FAST Act, and implications for the future of the funding and implementation of the federal surface transportation programs and other transportation-related program areas. This session will feature speakers from federal agencies implementing the new laws and be moderated by NADO's own expert government relations staff.
 - Jessica Rich, Federal Highway Administration, Tennessee Division
 - Ken Petty, Federal Highway Administration (invited)
 - Crystal Jones, Federal Highway Administration (invited)

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