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

Silver Foyer

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

IntelliConference for Reinventing Stakeholder Engagement

River City

Conference attendees are invited to participate in an *IntelliConference*, OnTrackNorthAmerica's breakthrough method of stakeholder engagement. This facilitated dialogue was preceded by call and response online interaction leading up to the conference, although attendees can join in on-site. 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. **CM 2**

- Michael Sussman, OnTrackNorthAmerica
- Moderator: Karen Pawloski, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District (OH)

GIS and Technology Tools for Transportation

Terrace

Learn about new trends and real-life practical applications from regional planning and economic development organizations. Presenters will discuss a transportation model based upon economic modeling and forecasting and land use allocation modeling from a regional sustainability project, how GIS was used to support analysis and asset management of a region's locally owned and maintained infrastructure facilities, and a statewide effort to coordinate plans across transportation and community and economic development programs. **CM 2**

- 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
- Moderator: Karyl Fuller, Isothermal Planning & Development Commission (NC)

11:30 a.m. – Noon **Excellence Awards Photo Session (*award winners only*)**

Silver Foyer

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**

Silver Ballroom

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. The panelists are rethinking the roles of planning organizations to plan and implement transportation improvements that deliver mobility improvements and community and economic development benefits. This fast-paced panel will provide many inspirational practices to adapt and adopt. **CM 1.25**

- Welcome: Stacy Morrison, Tennessee Department of Transportation
- Welcome & Moderator: Amy Kessler, North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission
- Gena McCullough, Bi-State Regional Commission (IL/IA)
- Jennifer D. 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

2:30 – 3:45 p.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

State DOT and Regional Collaboration

Terrace

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 pursue new solutions for their region's transportation and development issues. **CM 1.25**

- Ronda Allis, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Daniel Currier, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission
- Moderator: Krishna Kunapareddy, Boonslick Regional Planning Commission (MO)

Making the Case for Transit

River City

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. **CM 1.25**

- J.D. Dillard, Southern Georgia Regional Commission
- Chris Zeilinger, Community Transportation Association of America
- Moderator: Don Masisak, Coastal Regional Commission (GA)

Monday, June 13

- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **RPO America Annual Business Meeting, immediately followed by the National RPO Council of Peers Meeting** *Terrace*
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 Showcase** *Silver Ballroom*
During the reception, award-winning organizations will host a table and network with attendees about their work. Often 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. Light refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday, June 14

- 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Conference Registration** *Silver Foyer*
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
- Complex Issues in Multimodal Planning** *Terrace*
Learn from practitioners about regional planning studies that incorporate multiple modes, involve extensive public and stakeholder engagement, and grapple with complex environmental challenges 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. **CM 1.25**
• Ann Stroobant, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (NC)
• Stacy Morrison, Tennessee Department of Transportation
• Jonathan Russell, Tennessee Department of Transportation
• Moderator: Mike Woodman, Nevada County Transportation Commission (CA)
- Strategies to Improve Transportation Safety** *River City*
Learn about the stakeholder-developed, multi-disciplinary Toward Zero Deaths National Strategy and how it is being deployed to address emphasis areas such as drivers and passengers, vulnerable road users, vehicles, infrastructure, safety management, and safety culture. Also find out about road diets as a proven method of improving transportation infrastructure to improve safety outcomes. **CM 1.25**
• Brian Roberts, National Association of County Engineers
• Jessica Rich, Federal Highway Administration, Tennessee Division
• Moderator: Jeannette Wierzbicki, Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association
- 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
- From Strategic Planning to Project Prioritization** *Terrace*
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. **CM 1.25**
• 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
• Moderator: Chris Whitaker, Region 12 Council of Governments (IA)
- Regional Data and Analysis to Plan for Transportation Safety** *River City*
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. **CM 1.25**
• Nicole Waldheim, Cambridge Systematics
• Danena Gaines, Cambridge Systematics
• Moderator: Falguni Patel, Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments
- Noon – 1:30 p.m. **Plenary Luncheon: Forces Shaping Transportation's Future** *Silver Ballroom*
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. **CM .75**
• Dave Manning, President of TCW and Second Vice Chair of the American Trucking Associations
• Moderator: Tom Reinauer, Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission

Tuesday, June 14

1:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops

Complete Streets Mobile Workshop

Lobby

Learn about the planning and implementation successes and challenges 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.)

Planning Tools for Linking Rural Development and Transportation: Technical Workshop

Terrace

This workshop will provide an introduction to a suite of tools that regional 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. Presenters will discuss applying the tools to a rural area in Mississippi experiencing growth in both automobile manufacturing 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. **CM 2.5**

- Brian Morton, Center for Urban and Regional Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill
- John Poros, Carl Small Town Center, Mississippi State University

Freight Planning Workshop

River City

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.

CM 2.5, Legal CM .5

- Crystal Jones, Federal Highway Administration

6:00 p.m.

No formal evening events are planned, but for more networking opportunities, come to the hotel lobby to meet up with other attendees for informal group dinners.

Lobby

Wednesday, June 15

7:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Conference Registration

Silver Foyer

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

Silver Ballroom

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Conversation Café: Facilitated Small Group Discussions

Silver Ballroom

Through this facilitated discussion session, learn from your peers about their experiences and successes in regional transportation planning practice related to a variety of topics. Often one of the top-ranked sessions in prior conferences, the Conversation Café allows attendees to pick their highest priority topics and learn ideas to adapt from peers. **CM 1.5**

- Rural Transportation Safety: Steve Albert, National Center for Rural Road Safety
- Planning for Health and Transportation: Gena McCullough, Bi-State Regional Commission (IL/IA)
- Inclusion of Older Adults and People with Disabilities in Planning: Rachel Beyerle, Easterseals Transportation Group
- 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
- Local Consultation in Statewide Planning: Jessica Blankenship Bray, Cumberland Valley Area Development District (KY)
- Freight Transportation: Terri Sicking, KYOVA Interstate Planning Council (WV)
- Forming an Effective Regional Transportation Committee: Erica Anderson, Land of Sky Regional Council (NC)
- Regional Transit and Coordination: Robert Hiett, Three Rivers Regional Commission (GA)

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Closing Plenary: Future Directions for Federal Transportation Programs

Silver Ballroom

Six months into implementing the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, learn about programmatic changes, implementation of the regulations still coming out of the 2012 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century surface transportation law and the FAST Act, and implications for the future of funding and implementation of the federal surface transportation programs.

Legal CM 1.25

- Kenneth Petty, Federal Highway Administration
- Crystal Jones, Federal Highway Administration
- Jessica Rich, Federal Highway Administration Tennessee Division
- Moderator: Susan Howard, NADO



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The National RPO Council of Peers serves as the leadership of RPO America. The RPO Council provides advice, input, and ideas to the NADO Board of Directors, transportation policy task force, and staff. Council members are appointed by the NADO president, with the advice and consent of the NADO board.

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2016

Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards

California

- Trans Sierra Transportation Plan, *Nevada Co. Transp. Comm., together with Tahoe Transp. District (NV), Alpine Co. Transp. Comm. (CA), Amador Co. Transp. Comm. (CA), Carson Area MPO (NV), Douglas Co. (NV), El Dorado Co. Transp. Comm. (CA), Lyon Co. (NV), Placer Co. Transp. Planning Agency (CA), Regional Transp. Comm. (Washoe County, NV), Sierra Co. Transp. Comm. (CA), Storey Co. (NV), and Tahoe MPO (CA & NV)*
- Transportation Performance Measures for Rural Counties in California, *Nevada County Transportation Commission, together with the 25 other members of California's Rural Counties Task Force*
- Streets and Roads Performance Measurement Data Project, *Nevada County Transportation Commission, together with the 25 other members of California's Rural Counties Task Force*

Florida

- Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization Public Participation Plan, *Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization, staffed by the Central Florida Regional Planning Council*

Georgia

- Jobs for Champions, *Coastal Regional Commission*
- Middle Georgia Freight and Logistics Study, *Middle Georgia Regional Commission*
- Middle Georgia Mobility Manager Program, *Middle Georgia Regional Commission*
- Fair on the Square, *River Valley Regional Commission*
- Transit Improvements: Macro and Micro Approaches to Financial Restructuring and Service Enhancement, *River Valley Regional Commission*
- Pilot Shuttle Program, *Southern Georgia Regional Commission*

Illinois/Iowa

- Be Healthy QC Partnership, *Bi-State Regional Commission*
- Bi-State Regional Freight Commodity Study, *Bi-State Regional Commission*

Iowa

- Downtown Burlington Parking Study, *Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission*

Minnesota

- Enhancement LOI Review Process, *Southwest Regional Development Commission*

New Hampshire

- Showcasing the Benefits of Complete Streets in Rural Communities through Live, On-Street Demonstrations, *Southwest Region Planning Commission*
- Plan4Health Nashua, *Nashua Regional Planning Commission*

North Carolina

- Imagine Bickett Boulevard: Louisburg, North Carolina, *Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, Regional Transportation Planning Organization*
- Western Piedmont Bicycle Plan, *Western Piedmont Council of Governments*

Ohio

- Rural Road Safety Audit – A Multi-disciplinary Approach to Improving Road Safety, *Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association*

Pennsylvania

- Common Ground: Local Asset Management, *North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission*

South Carolina

- Organizing LATS, a New MPO: from Start-Up to Plan Approval, *Lowcountry Council of Governments*
- US 78 and US 321 Intersection Enhancement Project, *Lower Savannah Council of Governments*

Texas

- Alamo Rural Regional Planning Organization, *Alamo Area Council of Governments*
- Choose My Ride, *Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission*

Vermont

- Vermont Road Erosion Risk Analysis, *Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission*
- Royalton Gilman Road Relocation, *Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission*
- Town of Rochester Bean's Bridge Road Lowering, *Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission*

Virginia

- New River Valley Passenger Rail Study, *New River Valley Regional Commission*
- A Basic Guide to the Transportation Improvement Program, *Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission*
- Roanoke Valley Pedestrian Vision Plan, *Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission*

Upcoming Events



October 15 – 18, 2016
NADO Annual Training Conference
San Antonio, Texas

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March 19 – 21, 2017
Development District Association of
Appalachia Annual Meeting
Arlington, Virginia



March 20 – 22, 2017
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