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All sessions will occur in the Grand Hyatt Conference Center, located on the second floor of the Atrium Tower.

## Wednesday, June 28

- 8:45 a.m. – Noon  
**Mobile Workshop: Improving Transportation Planning and Active Transportation through Better Community Engagement**  
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**Workshop: Doing Transportation and Economic Development Differently**  
*Mt. Elbert A*
- 9 – 10:15 a.m.  
**Partnerships with State and Local Governments**  
*Mt. Elbert B*
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**Innovative Uses of GIS and Technology in Planning**  
*Mt. Elbert B*
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**Lunch on your own.**
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*Mt. Evans*
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**Planning for Regional Resilience**  
*Mt. Elbert A*
- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.  
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*Mt. Elbert B*
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**Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards Showcase**  
*Mt. Elbert A & B*

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*Mt. Elbert B*

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**Regional Breakout Discussions**
- 8:00 – 10:15 a.m.  
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*South/Southeastern Region: Mt. Evans*  
*Midwestern Region: Mt. Elbert A*  
*Southwest/Western Region: Mt. Elbert B*
- 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.  
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*Mt. Evans*

# Schedule at a Glance

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8:45 a.m. – Noon	<b>Mobile Workshop: Improving Transportation Planning and Active Transportation through Better Community Engagement: Lessons from Golden, Colorado</b> The tour will travel to Golden, Colorado to learn from community officials how a robust engagement process led to community members identifying Complete Streets and other efforts to support active transportation as priorities. Learn how community visioning led to strategic planning and bicycle and pedestrian project implementation during this workshop. (Pre-registration required; additional \$35 fee to cover transportation to Golden.) <b>CM 2</b>	<i>Hotel Lobby</i>
9:00 a.m. – Noon	<b>Workshop: Doing Transportation and Economic Development Differently</b> Rural wealth creation emphasizes asset-based economic development that is inclusive and builds livelihoods that stick. This session will introduce participants to the rural wealth creation approach. Participants will learn to identify assets and underutilized resources, and map out the intersection of economic systems to the transportation sector and opportunities to build that sector. Finally, attendees will identify their own next steps for doing transportation and economic development differently, including additional partners to engage. Session sponsored by USDA Rural Development under a cooperative agreement with Region Five Development Commission. <b>CM 2.75</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dawn Espe, Region Five Development Commission (MN)</li><li>• Staci Headley, Region Five Development Commission (MN)</li></ul>	<i>Mt. Elbert A</i>
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Session: Partnerships with State and Local Governments: RTP0 Ideas that Work</b> Learn from practitioners some of their experiences for making regional processes meaningful to participants, increasing local engagement in statewide planning processes, and connecting with state transportation planning and programming processes to provide a voice in statewide planning and improve the likelihood of projects advancing. <b>CM 1.25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tim Kirby, Colorado Department of Transportation</li><li>• Matt Day, Triangle J Council of Governments (NC)</li><li>• Debora Glasgow, Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority</li><li>• Moderator: Katharine Otto, Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (VT)</li></ul>	<i>Mt. Elbert B</i>
10:30 a.m. – Noon	<b>Session: Innovative Uses of GIS and Technology in Planning</b> Panelists will use case studies to describe methods to use technology in transportation planning. Speakers will share how a small metro region used data from travelers' smartphones to learn how, when, and where study participants traveled around the region; a method to analyze and map bicycle friendliness in a small town based on facilities and speed limits; and scenario planning tools and common approaches to building scenarios to balance technology, process, and participation, using case studies from Oregon, Iowa, and Colorado. <b>CM 1.5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chandra Ravada, East Central Intergovernmental Association (IA)</li><li>• Ian Varley, City Explained, Inc. (CO)</li><li>• Brian Morton, Center for Urban and Regional Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill</li></ul>	<i>Mt. Elbert B</i>
Noon – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Excellence Awards Photo Session (<i>award winners only</i>)</b>	<i>Foyer</i>
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch on Your Own</b>	
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Opening Plenary: Innovations and New Approaches Changing Transportation</b> The transportation sector is seeing rapid evolution in many ways. Changing demographics, transportation preferences, and transportation technologies are all transforming mobility. The opening keynote speaker will discuss how her firm is upending ideas of how mobility can be delivered and challenging assumptions about rural travel and service delivery. <b>CM 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome: Tom Reinauer, RPO America Chair, Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission</li><li>• Welcome: Bret Allphin, Buckeye Hills Regional Council (OH)</li><li>• Keynote speaker: Valerie Lefler, CEO, Liberty Mobility Now (NE)</li></ul>	<i>Mt. Evans</i>
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</b> <b>Planning for Regional Resilience</b> Resilience is the ability of a region or community to anticipate, withstand, and bounce back from any shock or disruption it faces. During this session, hear from Colorado state officials and federal staff about best practices and strategies for building resilience to natural and economic disasters (particularly in rural communities) through improved planning, forging partnerships, and embracing a regional perspective. <b>CM 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rob Pressly, Colorado Resilience and Recovery Office</li><li>• Laura Blomquist Rodriguez, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade</li><li>• Justin Fazzari, Economic Development Administration – Denver Regional Office</li><li>• Moderator: Brett Schwartz, National Association of Development Organizations</li></ul>	<i>Mt. Elbert A</i>

# Wednesday, June 28

## **Achieving Safety Results by Addressing Behavioral Issues**

*Mt. Elbert B*

RTPOs are increasingly addressing safety in their planning areas and, at a minimum, have often adopted the state's zero deaths concept to frame their transportation safety activities. To achieve this vision, planners identify infrastructure solutions, but behavioral concerns, such as distraction, impairment, and unbelted drivers/occupants are also major issues in rural regions. This session will provide participants with information and resources on the role they can play to drive down fatalities and serious injuries through collaboration across the 4Es, behavioral funding sources, and education campaigns. Session sponsored by the National Center for Rural Road Safety. **CM 1**

- Nicole Waldheim, Cambridge Systematics
- Moderator: Randall Embry, Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

## **RPO America Business Meeting and National RPO Council of Peers Meeting**

*Mt. Evans*

All attendees are encouraged to attend the business meeting. Members of NADO and RPO America can vote on updates to the organization's bylaws. In addition, attendees will hear a legislative update and provide attendees with an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on national activities.

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

## **Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards Showcase**

*Mt. Elbert A & B*

During the reception, award-winning organizations will host a table and network with attendees about their work. The 2017 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.

# Thursday, June 29

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## **Conference Registration**

*Foyer*

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

## **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

### **Freight Planning Practices**

*Mt. Elbert A*

State DOTs and their regional partners are increasingly working to address freight planning and analysis. In this session, attendees will hear about emerging freight analysis practices in planning, as well as hear about one of the first state freight plans to receive federal approval following the FAST Act, and how these statewide freight efforts relate to regional planning partners. **CM 1**

- Andrea White, Iowa Department of Transportation
- Andrew Shepler, Ohio Department of Transportation
- Moderator: Kwentin Eastberg, Apalachee Regional Planning Commission (FL)

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Access in a Multimodal Context**

*Mt. Elbert B*

This session will present information and resources on improving access in rural and small town transportation contexts. Planning for bicycling in multimodal networks with various facility designs, disability access to transportation facilities, and more topics will be addressed. Through an interactive format, attendees will learn where to find information useful for rural and small metro contexts as well as hear about experiences from peers. **CM 1**

- Shari Schaftlein, Office of Human Environment, Federal Highway Administration
- Moderator: Evan Williams, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

## **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

### **RTPO Roles in Megaregion Planning and Multi-region Planning**

*Mt. Elbert A*

Analysts have identified megaregions where networks of metropolitan places share economic patterns and other characteristics. Rural and smaller metropolitan places fit into megaregion planning, too, since there are many rural regions inside identified megaregions, as well as outside but near megaregions. Rural places may provide agricultural and natural resource products, as well as finished goods to metropolitan markets. Workers commute between regions and access other regions for services and amenities. Metropolitan and rural regions alike can benefit from new collaboration models to share information, plans, and priorities over multiple adjacent regions or within megaregions. **CM 1**

- Scott Allen, Office of Planning, Federal Highway Administration
- Dan Landon, Nevada County Transportation Commission (CA)
- Moderator: John Marshall, Western Piedmont Council of Governments (NC)

### **Innovative Regional Transit**

*Mt. Elbert B*

Presenters will share case studies about models for improving access and mobility within and between rural regions. Learn from the nation's first rural Bus Rapid Transit case study how the corridor was developed and funding secured, as well as experiences improving transit through marketing and mobility management. **CM 1**

- Dan Blankenship, Roaring Forks Transportation Authority (CO)
- Dave Doran, Southeast Idaho Council of Governments
- Moderator: Thomas Logan, Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Commission (TX)

# Thursday, June 29

11:00 a.m. – Noon

## **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

### **Aligning Transportation and Economic Development Plans and Measuring Progress**

*Mt. Elbert A*

Increasingly, regions are looking for ways to integrate planning efforts to maximize available funding for planning in their region, to align objectives and strategies so that projects meet the same regional goals, and to reduce planning fatigue among local leaders, stakeholder groups, and the public. Hear about noteworthy practices for aligning planning efforts such as transportation plans and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies. Developing partnerships, managing service areas with different boundaries, and creating metrics for decision-making and reporting mechanisms are some of the efforts the speakers have approached in their own regions. **CM 1**

- Mary Rump, East Central Iowa Council of Governments
- Charlie Baker, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (VT)
- Justin Fazzari, Economic Development Administration – Denver Regional Office
- Moderator: Jeff Hagan, Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission (MI)

### **Mobilizing Support for Transportation Solutions**

*Mt. Elbert B*

Attendees will learn about both in-person and online engagement methods. Citizen planning academies can generate interest in planning for and investing in transportation. Transportation organizations can make use of online methods such as Twitter chats to gather information about barriers and potential solutions, as well as podcasts to make information available to stakeholders and provide training. **CM 1**

- Kathleen Osher, Transit Alliance (CO)
- Rachel Beyerle, Easterseals Transportation Group (DC)
- Moderator: Chris Zeilinger, Community Transportation Association of America

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

### **Plenary Luncheon: Innovative Transportation Practice in Colorado**

*Mt. Evans*

Hear from Colorado DOT Deputy Executive Director Mike Lewis how the state is paving the way for innovation through creative public and private partnerships to accelerate the adoption of transformative technologies, as well as working to serve rural areas. **CM .75**

- Mike Lewis, Deputy Director, Colorado DOT
- Moderator: Michael Parks, RPO America Vice Chair, Brazos Valley Council of Governments (TX)

1:45 – 5:30 p.m.

### **Mobile Workshop: Building Back Better: Flood Recovery and Economic Development in Longmont, Colorado**

*Hotel Lobby*

Tour Longmont, Colorado's flood reconstruction projects along the St. Vrain Creek including new bridges, the St. Vrain Greenway, and Dickens Farm Nature Area (including a kayak course, trails, and habitat pond) all of which were damaged or destroyed during the 2013 Colorado Flood. Hear presentations from Longmont flood recovery, transportation, and economic development staff regarding local recovery efforts including the St. Vrain Blueprint, an economic development and resiliency plan that won the Community Resiliency Project of the Year from the Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association. Presentations will be held at Left Hand Brewing, one of the top 50 craft brewers in the country located on the banks of the St. Vrain Creek. (Pre-registration required; additional \$35 fee to cover transportation to Longmont.) **CM 2**

1:45 – 4:00 p.m.

### **Workshop: Public Engagement through Storytelling**

*Mt. Elbert B*

This session will introduce participants to Community Heart & Soul™, a resident-driven community development method supported by the Orton Family Foundation. Field-tested for more than a decade, Heart & Soul increases participation in local decision-making and empowers residents to shape their communities based on what matters most. Participants will learn how to identify and engage missing voices; explore how personal stories are used to understand what matters most to a community; and learn strategies for employing a community's heart and soul to drive local decision-making and action. **CM 2.25**

- Cindy Vong, Orton Family Foundation
- Jennifer Henninger, AICP, RG and Associates, LLC
- Tommy Butler, City of Cortez, Colorado

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

### **Session: Data and Tools for Regional Planning**

*Mt. Elbert A*

Attendees will learn about the latest updates on available data products and tools for use in regional transportation planning. These include the Census Transportation Planning Products Program that illuminate where and how people live and work, 2016 National Household Travel Survey that includes rural and small metro households, and more products that offer applicable information for planners. **CM 1**

- Penelope Weinberger, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
- Moderator: Vicki Eggers, Northern Oklahoma Development Authority

# Thursday, June 29

- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Session: Minnesota’s Highway 169: A Case Study in Innovative Transportation and Economic Development** *Mt. Elbert A*  
State Highway 169, a major north-south transportation route that follows the Minnesota River, has flooded seven times in the past 20 years, forcing road closures and detours that crippled local and regional businesses. This major freight corridor carries 700 truckloads per day of agricultural inputs to rural areas, and harvested corn and soybeans to gateway cities. Commuters also log an additional 6,500 trips daily. Learn about the partnership model among transportation and economic development stakeholders and funders to reconstruct the highway, bringing about a long-term fix to a transportation bottleneck with significant economic implications. This corridor provides a useful case study for other regions on economic resilience, adaptation to extreme weather through innovative project implementation, and effective partnerships to move projects from concept to construction. **CM 1**
- Nicole Griensewic-Mickelson, Region Nine Development Commission (MN)
  - Moderator: Jill Cornett, Harry S Truman Coordinating Council (MO)
- 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. *Hotel Lobby*

# Friday, June 30

- 7:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Conference Registration** *Foyer*
- 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. **Networking Breakfast** *Mt. Evans*  
There is no speaker or formal program for this session, but please join us for a seated, plated breakfast at 7:30 a.m. for another networking opportunity with fellow attendees.
- 8:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Regional Transportation Planning Organizations’ Peer Exchange**  
This special session sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration offers an opportunity for regional and state practitioners along with other stakeholders and partners to get together and talk shop. Attendees will meet with others from their multi-state region to ask questions and share their experiences, led by a facilitator for each group. The peer exchange will focus on exchanging ideas related to regional transportation planning practice and planning for transportation to serve rural economies, but the session is open to all attendees regardless of organization affiliation. **CM 2.25**
- Eastern Region (DC, MA, MD, ME, NH, PA, VT, VA, WV) | Facilitator: Elijah Sharp, New River Valley Regional Commission (VA) *Mt. Evans*
  - South/Southeastern Region (AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, NC, SC, TN) | Facilitator: Elizabeth Jernigan, Piedmont Triad Regional Council (NC) *Mt. Evans*
  - Midwestern Region (IA, IL, IN, MB, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH) | Facilitator: Gena McCullough, Bi-State Regional Commission (IA/IL) *Mt. Elbert A*
  - Southwest/Western Region (AK, AZ, CA, CO, ID, NM, OK, OR, TX, UT, WA) | Facilitator: Eric Ghahate, North Central New Mexico Economic Development District *Mt. Elbert B*
- 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. **Closing Plenary: Federal Agency Update—What’s Happening Now, and What’s Next?** *Mt. Evans*  
This session will provide context for how transportation policy and infrastructure investment is occurring now, important information and resources that are available, regulatory and guidance issues, and directions that federal agencies may be going in the future. We are pleased to be joined in this closing panel by representatives from the U.S. Department of Transportation and Economic Development Administration. **CM 1.25**
- Shari Schaftlein, Office of Human Environment, Federal Highway Administration
  - Scott Allen, Office of Planning, Federal Highway Administration
  - Darin Allan, Region 8, Federal Transit Administration
  - Cindy Edwards, Economic Development Administration – Denver Regional Office
  - Moderator: Carrie Kissel, National Association of Development Organizations

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# 2016 - 2018

## National RPO Council of Peers

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## **Mississippi**

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## **South Carolina**

Lower Savannah COG  
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## **Tennessee**

East Tennessee Development District  
NW Tennessee DD & Human Res. Agency  
South Central TN Development District  
Southeast TN Development District  
Upper Cumberland Development District

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Alamo Area COG  
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Brazos Valley COG  
Capital Area COG  
East Texas COG  
Gulf Coast EDD  
Heart of Texas COG  
Panhandle RPC  
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South Plains AOG

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## **Virginia**

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# Notes

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# 2017

## Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards

*An awards program of NADO's RPO America and the NADO Research Foundation.*

### California

- State Route 89 Mousehole Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project, *Nevada County Transportation Commission and Town of Truckee*

### Florida

- Strategic Planning for the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone, *Apalachee Regional Planning Council*
- Interactive Project Priorities and Long Range Transportation Plans, *West Florida Regional Planning Council*

### Georgia

- Using Transit to Support Economic Development and Tourism on an Island Resort, *Coastal Regional Commission*
- Restoring Critical Transit Services in and Emergency Capacity, *River Valley Regional Commission*
- River Valley Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2016, *River Valley Regional Commission*

### Iowa

- Smarter Travel Study, *East Central Intergovernmental Association*
- CorridorRides, *East Central Iowa Council of Governments*

### Maine

- Lakes Region Explorer Bus Service, *Greater Portland Council of Governments*

### Montana

- Great Falls AgriTech Park, *Great Falls Development Authority*

### North Carolina

- Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Framework, *Triangle J Council of Governments*

### Oklahoma

- Partners in Planning, *South Western Oklahoma Development Authority*

### Texas

- Alamo Rural Regional Planning Organization 10 – 20 Year Plan, *Alamo Area Council of Governments*
- Rio Grande Valley Driver Transit Academy, *Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council: Valley Metro*
- Regional Rural Transit Planning, *South Plains Association of Governments*

### Vermont

- Plainfield, VT—Village Bridges Alternatives Analysis, *Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission*
- Construction of Municipal Trailheads and Wayfinding Signs for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail in Vermont, *Lamoille County Planning Commission*
- A to B Mobility Project—Transportation Coordination and Services in and around Southern Windsor County, *Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission*

### Washington

- 2016 Regional Active Transportation Plan, *Benton-Franklin Council of Governments*



# Upcoming Events



**September 9 – 12, 2017**  
**NADO Annual Training Conference**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**



**March 18 – 20, 2018**  
**Development District Association of**  
**Appalachia Annual Meeting**  
**Arlington, Virginia**



**March 19 – 21, 2018**  
**NADO Washington Policy Conference**  
**Arlington, Virginia**