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McKinley

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McKinley

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

8:45 a.m. – Noon  Mobile Workshop: Freight and Economic Development  
Harrison
Visit Rickenbacker Intermodal Facility and International Airport to learn how trucking, rail, and air freight serve shippers near and far from central Ohio and facilitate global trade. Attendees will learn how this important freight facility has had a role in economic vitality, including the development of 75 million square feet of warehouse and distribution space. Foreign Trade Zone 138 is headquartered at the airport and serves a 25-county region, reducing business costs and retaining jobs in metro and rural counties alike. Additional $35 fee required to cover off-site transportation. CM 2

9:30 a.m. – Noon  Workshop: RTPO Models Around the U.S.  
Harrison
Hear from state and regional practitioners around the country about how they are partnering to deliver planning, project prioritization, and more, as well as how these partnerships are funded and administered. CM 2.25

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.  Session: Regional Mobility and Intelligent Transportation Systems  
McKinley
Hear success stories and lessons learned of how technology solutions can help agencies to consider improvements to rural and regional transit and mobility solutions, including vehicle tracking, software updates, and microtransit solutions. CM 1.25

10:30 a.m. – Noon  Session: Mobility Approaches and Needs  
McKinley
Learn about research to identify the needs of transit users, how to engage them in outreach strategies, and how several different communities identified their mobility priorities and strategies for implementation. CM 1.5

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  Plenary Luncheon: Innovations Shaping Transportation and Mobility  
Hayes
The transportation sector is seeing rapid evolution in many ways, with connected and autonomous vehicles offering new opportunities to improve safety, mobility, reliability, and other benefits. The keynote speaker will discuss how state agencies, regional organizations, and local governments in Ohio are connecting with education, workforce, economic development partners, and others to solve challenges with transportation technology solutions. CM 1

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.  Concurrent Breakout Sessions  
Harrison
Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Noteworthy Practices
Hear about ways to engage with Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) capacity building resources, as well as a variety of project examples on various topics including safety, travel information, use of drones to support transportation and regional planning, and coordinating ITS planning across multiple regions. CM 1.5

Welcome and moderator: Scott Koons, NADO President and Executive Director, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
Keynote speaker: Andrew Bremer, Managing Director of Local Affairs, DriveOhio

Rebecca Thacker, Mo-Kan Regional Council (MO/KS)  
Kathy Borquez, Pinal County (AZ)  
Andrew Smith, Pinal County (AZ)  
Robby Moody, Catawba Regional Council of Governments (SC)  
Rob Jackson, Catawba Regional Council of Governments (SC)  
Moderator: Michelle Noch, U.S. Department of Transportation, Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office
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Local Road Safety Plans and Approaches to Transportation Safety
Rural and local roads are some of the most risky for fatalities and serious injuries. In this session, attendees will hear about a national effort to address local road safety planning and regional efforts to partner with local governments to plan for safety, use analysis to identify priority strategies and projects, and improve outcomes. CM 1
- Brian C. Roberts, PE, BCR Consulting, LLC (VA)
- Jason James, Northern Arizona Council of Governments
- Walt Raith, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Moderator: Brandon Peters, Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (PA)

3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
RPO America Business Meeting and National RPO Council of Peers Meeting
All attendees are encouraged to attend the business meeting. Members of NADO and RPO America can participate in the election for association officers. In addition, attendees will learn about NADO’s strategic planning process, hear a legislative update, and have an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on national-level activities.

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards Showcase
During the reception, award-winning organizations will host a table and network with attendees about their work. The 2019 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 18

7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Conference Registration

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
Networking Breakfast

8:30 – 9:45 a.m.
Conversation Cafe Facilitated Networking Session
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 conference evaluations, the Conversation Café allows attendees to pick their highest priority topics and learn ideas from peers to borrow and adapt. CM 1.25
- Health and Regional Transportation: Olivia Dorow Hovland, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Transit and Coordination: Jade Powell, Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments
- Freight Planning: Lance Estep, Appalachian Council of Governments (SC)
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Transportation: Saleem Salameh, PE, KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission (WV)
- Assisting with Local and State Needs through Regional Planning: Jessica Jennings, National Association of Counties
- Virtual Public Involvement: Scott Allen, Federal Highway Administration
- Transportation and Regional Resilience: Sarah Wraight, Two Rivers-Ottawaquenee Regional Commission (VT)
- Rural Transportation Safety: Amy Dowis, Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Concurrent Mobile Workshops
Back from the Brink: A Visit to Wilmington, OH (held jointly with the National CEDS Forum)
In November 2008, Clinton County, OH lost its largest employer when the shipping company DHL ended operations there, leading to the loss of thousands of jobs almost overnight. On this tour, learn how Wilmington and Clinton County have come back stronger from this economic shock by focusing on developing a diverse, local economy, promoting quality of life and placemaking initiatives, and leveraging its experience to be a model for other communities. Pre-registration required. Additional $45 fee required to cover off-site transportation and lunch. CM 4

Advanced Transportation Technology Workshop
Transportation technology is changing quickly, and small communities and rural regions have much at stake. Visit Marysville, OH to learn how the small city is implementing connected infrastructure, including implementing the projects, agency roles, project benefits, and anticipated future results including transportation outcomes and economic development potential to the region. Attendees will also visit the Transportation Research Center in East Liberty, OH for a tour of facilities and Impact Lab and hear a presentation from staff from the center’s Applied Research Group. Additional $45 fee required to cover off-site transportation and lunch. CM 4
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10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning**

Interest in bicycle and pedestrian transportation continues to grow in small metro areas, small towns, and rural places. Learn about rural and small community bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts around the country in this session. **CM 1**

- Falguni Patel, Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments
- Annette Fiedler, Southwest Regional Development Commission (MN)
- Moderator: Joseph Davidson, Northwest Georgia Regional Commission

**Using Spatial Analysis to Support Regional Planning**

Hear how regional transportation planning organizations are using spatial analysis tools to address local needs by identifying risks to the resilience of the transportation network, to update functional classification, and other applications. **CM 1**

- Megan Clark, Southwest Missouri Council of Governments
- Kurt Barclay, North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission
- Jamie Lemon, AICP, Michael Baker International (PA)
- Moderator: Jesse Turner, Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

**Issues in Regional Freight**

Moving the nation’s economy is a critical role for the transportation network. Hear from practitioners about regional freight planning efforts that focus on providing future facilities and mobility for goods movement within and through regions. **CM 1**

- Randall Embry, Kentuckiana Planning and Development Agency (KY)
- Rebecca Bolen, Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission (MI)
- Moderator: Kwentin Eastberg, Apalachee Regional Planning Council (FL)

**Data and Analysis to Support Transportation Planning**

Hear an update on the data and analysis products that are available to assist with transportation planning, including Census Transportation Planning Products, National Household Travel Survey, American Communities Survey, and more. **CM 1**

- Penelope Weinberger, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
- Moderator: Debora Glasgow, Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch on your own**

1:30 – 4:30 p.m. **On-Site Workshops**

**Community Engagement for Complete Communities** (held jointly with the National CEDS Forum)

In our everyday lives, we interact with people who look, act, and think like us. In the course of our jobs as planners, we interact with the public—that entire collection of human variability that exists in communities. To engage effectively, we are required to get outside our comfort zone and reach out to the entire collection of residents that make a complete community. This workshop will present in an interactive format how a planner can develop a community engagement strategy based upon the five I’s of public involvement—Identify, Invite, Inform, Involve, and Improve. Workshop participants will be briefed on the concepts of environmental justice, recent public involvement tools and strategies, and then interact in groups to develop a public participation plan for a community scenario. **CM 2.75**

- Karen Mohammadi, Neel-Shaffer
- Jeff Moore, AICP, Neel-Shaffer

**Understanding and Addressing Substance Use Disorder** (held jointly with the National CEDS Forum)

Substance use disorder is affecting communities around the country, including many rural and small metropolitan regions, where communities, families, and businesses feel the effects of the health crisis. Learn about issues relating to substance use disorder and its connection to regional economic dynamics and other factors. Then, work with peers to identify steps to address addiction in your region through your organization's existing program areas and by using capabilities to assist other ongoing efforts, and identify potential partnerships where regional organizations can add value. **CM 2.75**

- Michael Betz, Ohio State University
- Ryan Brumfield, Appalachian Regional Commission
- Bret Alphin, Buckeye Hills Regional Council
- Carrie Kisel, National Association of Development Organizations Research Foundation

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.
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8:30 a.m. – Noon  Conference Registration

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.  Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Getting the Most Out of StatsAmerica to Support Your Planning Efforts (held jointly with the National CEDS Forum)  Harrison
Since 2008, the goal of StatsAmerica has been to provide actionable data for economic developers and planners to use in site requests, developing metrics, grant writing, and strategic planning. StatsAmerica is a service of the Indiana University Business Research Center (IBRC) in the Kelley School of Business. This session will provide overviews and demos of the various tools available from StatsAmerica to support your planning efforts, including the Measuring Distress Tool, Big Radius Tool, the Innovation Index 2.0, and the CEDS Resource Library. CM 1.25
- Carol Rogers, Indiana Business Research Center
- Moderator: Bernadette Grafton, U.S. Economic Development Administration

Understanding Development Finance in Transportation & Economic Development (held jointly with the National CEDS Forum)  McKinley
Development finance is the heart of community, economic, environmental and transportation development. Without core financing tools, such as bonds, TIF, tax credits, and access to capital, development projects simply cannot move forward. Dozens of unique and innovative financing programs exist to support myriad development needs. These tools, when amassed, administered and assembled in a comprehensive manner comprise the development finance toolbox. During this session, representatives from the national Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) will explore the depths and potential for unlocking the development finance toolbox for infrastructure and transportation development. CM 1.25
- Toby Rittner, Council of Development Finance Agencies (OH)
- Moderator: Scott Allen, Federal Highway Administration

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.  Closing Plenary: Innovative Transportation & Economic Development Initiatives (held jointly with the National CEDS Forum)  Hayes
Transportation infrastructure and services are critical components to support broader regional economic development and improved quality of life. Transportation can be an economic asset where the system ensures access to jobs, health care services, markets, and more. During this session, learn new insights on how to connect transportation to broad community impacts, develop an understanding of accessibility in rural and regional contexts, hear about a multi-regional initiative to develop rapid transportation, and hear an example of how freight and economic development plans are aligned. These various efforts reflect regional priorities but offer national examples for how organizations work toward the intersection of transportation and economic development. CM 1.25
- Tad Erickson, Region Five Development Commission (MN)
- Kelly Hitchcock, Central Virginia Planning District Commission
- Nathaniel Kaelin, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
- Naomi Stein, Economic Development Research Group (PA)
- Moderator: Scott Koons, NADO President and Executive Director, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

11:45 a.m.  National Regional Transportation Conference adjourns.

The National CEDS Forum continues through Thursday, 6/20/2019. Pre-registration was required to attend National CEDS Forum; however, the forum is now full. Additional details are available at conference registration.

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National RPO Council of Peers

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 and staff. Council members are appointed by the NADO president, with the advice and consent of the NADO board.

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Florida
Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Illinois
Bi-State Regional Commission

Iowa
Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments
Region XII Council of Governments

Kansas
Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission

Kentucky
Lake Cumberland Area Development District
Lincoln Trail Area Development District
Purchase Area Development District

Michigan
Networks Northwest

North Carolina
Albemarle Commission
Eastern Carolina Council
Land of Sky Regional Council
Mid-East Commission
Western Piedmont Council of Governments

Nebraska
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

New Mexico
South Central New Mexico Council of Governments
Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments

Ohio
Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association
Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission

Oklahoma
Central Oklahoma Economic Development District
Northern Oklahoma Development Authority
South Western Oklahoma Development Authority

Pennsylvania
North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission

South Carolina
Lower Savannah Council of Governments
Upper Savannah Council of Governments

Tennessee
East Tennessee Development District
Upper Cumberland Development District

Texas
Capital Area Council of Governments
East Texas Council of Governments
Panhandle Regional Planning Commission

Utah
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Virginia
New River Valley Regional Commission
Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

Vermont
Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission
Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission

West Virginia
Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council
Find models of regional transportation planning programs, sample documents, case studies, and more resources at RuralTransportation.org
2019 Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards

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

Alabama
Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments, Connecting Communities – A DeKalb County Regional Trail Network

Florida
Central Florida Regional Planning Council, A Public Participation Plan for the Heartland of Florida
Emerald Coast Regional Council, Bay Town Trolley Post-Hurricane Transit Stop Inventory
Emerald Coast Regional Council, Florida-Alabama Freight Advisory Working Group
Northeast Florida Regional Council, Northeast Florida Regional Transit Working Group

Georgia
Southern Georgia Regional Commission, Southern Georgia Region Transportation Sales Tax

Kentucky
Cumberland Valley Area Development District, City of Williamsburg, KY Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
Kentuckiana Planning and Development Agency, Regional Freight Mobility Study and Design Guide
Northern Kentucky Area Development District, Elderly/Disabled Transportation Mobility Management Program

Louisiana
Acadiana Planning Commission, Local Road Safety Plans

Minnesota
Southwest Regional Development Commission, Languages & Interpreter Services in Southwest Minnesota

Missouri
Mo-Kan Regional Council, Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, and Green Hills Regional Planning Council, Northwest Missouri Transportation Planning Partners Meeting
Mo-Kan Regional Council, Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, and Green Hills Regional Planning Council, Safety and Innovation Mobile Lab
Southwest Missouri Council of Governments, Low Water Crossing Inventories – Dade, Dallas, Polk Counties

Ohio
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Use of Logistic Model Concept in Future Land Use Allocation Methodology
Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association, Regional Coordinated Transportation Pilot Program

Texas
Deep East Texas Council of Governments, Transportation Voucher Program

Virginia
New River Valley Regional Commission, Passenger Rail Station Ownership and Maintenance Strategy
Upcoming Events

October 19 – 22, 2019
NADO Annual Training Conference
Reno, Nevada

March 15 – 18, 2020
NADO-DDAA Washington Conference
Arlington, Virginia