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Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards

Florida

Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Meeting Communities' Needs through Mobility Management

Georgia

Southern Georgia Regional Commission, How to Create Low Impact Development Policies for Transportation Projects within MPO Planning Areas
Traffic Enforcement for Bicycle Safety
New Regional and Small Urban Public Transit Implementation in Southern Georgia

Illinois

Bi-State Regional Commission, Upper Mississippi River Ports – Port Statistical Area Interactive Mapping Project

Iowa

Iowa Department of Transportation, Transportation Accessibility / Mobility Analysis

Kentucky

Barren River Area Development District, Barren River Regional Transportation Dashboard
Cumberland Valley Area Development District, City of Corbin Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

Pennsylvania

North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission, Bridge Conditions Dashboard for Regional Planning Tool

South Carolina

Upper Savannah Council of Governments, Regional Transit Partnership and Expansion

Texas

Alamo Area Council of Governments, Soldier Recovery Unit Transportation
Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 2022 Regionally Coordinated Public Transportation Plan – Texas Panhandle

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8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	<p>Conference Registration</p> <p>Stop by the registration area to write in Conversation Café discussion topics to determine how to focus this interactive session later this afternoon. Also check out resources from technical assistance and capacity building partners.</p>	<i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:45–10:00 a.m.	<p>Welcome and Opening Plenary: Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law</p> <p>The US Department of Transportation, state agencies, and their regional and local partners are all busy taking on their own roles to implement the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also called the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Learn how agencies are working on programs, plans, projects, and partnerships as they tackle today's opportunities and challenges. CM 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Moderator: Rick Green, RPO America Chair, Upper Savannah Council of Governments (SC) • Welcome: Cindy Hultz, Missouri Association of Council of Governments President, Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments (MO) • Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy Christopher Coes, US Department of Transportation • Eric Curtit, Missouri Department of Transportation 	<i>Grand Ballroom A-E</i>
10:15–11:45 a.m.	<p>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</p> <p>Safe System Approach for Rural Regions</p> <p>During this interactive session celebrating Rural Road Safety Awareness Week, attendees will learn about the comprehensive Safe System Approach and actions that can be deployed in rural areas that are consistent with SSA. CM 1.5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaime Sullivan, National Center for Rural Road Safety, Western Transportation Institute at Montana State University (MA) • Moderator: Anne Freand, Meramec Regional Planning Commission 	<i>Seville</i>
	<p>Regional Mobility Management Approaches and Partnerships</p> <p>Across regions and states, partners approach mobility management in a variety of ways. In this session, learn about mobility management, Regional Transportation Coordinating Councils, implementing regional transit development plans, and meeting communities' needs. CM 1.5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Lichtig, Minnesota Department of Transportation • Matt Kallroos, Region Five Development Commission (MN) • Marybeth Soderstrom, Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization/Central Florida Regional Planning Council • Moderator: Kirby Wilhelm, Community Transportation Association of America (DC) 	<i>Grand Ballroom F&G</i>
11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	<p>Lunch on your own (and stop by registration to check out Conversation Café topics for later!)</p>	
1:00–2:15 p.m.	<p>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</p> <p>Transportation Technologies: Future Opportunities</p> <p>In this session, attendees will learn about intersection improvements in a small metro area, and how data was leveraged to improve transportation outcomes. Lessons learned here are applicable to smaller communities, and those seeking to learn more about Rural Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) informational resources. CM 1.25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reese Brewer, Western Arkansas Planning and Development District/Frontier Metropolitan Planning Organization • Ian Machen, Ludian: Unveiling Citywide Data to Generate AI Solutions (NV) • Moderator: Natalie Villwock-Witte, Western Transportation Institute at Montana State University (WI) 	<i>Seville</i>
	<p>Increasing Transit and Mobility Access for Regional Residents</p> <p>Learn about methods and resources for improving transit access for residents in small metro and rural regions. From potential implementation of Mobility as a Service to a range of transit and mobility resources, this session will cover a range of information. CM 1.25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Taylor, Cubic Transportation Systems • Carrie Kissel, National Association of Development Organizations • Moderator: Colton Judd, Southeast Utah Association of Local Governments 	<i>Grand Ballroom F&G</i>
2:30–3:15 p.m.	<p>Conversation Café</p> <p>Attendees determine the topics to discuss during this facilitated discussion session. Learn from your peers about their experiences, challenges, and successes in regional transportation planning practices across a variety of topics. Often one of the top-ranked sessions in prior conference evaluations, the Conversation Café session allows attendees to pick their highest priority topics and learn ideas from peers to borrow, adapt, and implement.</p>	<i>Grand Ballroom A-E</i>

Tuesday, July 19

- 3:30–4:45 p.m. **RPO America Business Meeting and National RPO Council of Peers Meeting** *Grand Ballroom A-E*
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.
- Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs Arlando Teller, US Department of Transportation
 - Joe McKinney, National Association of Development Organizations
- 5:00–6:30 p.m. **Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards Showcase** *Plaza Terrace (3rd Floor)*
During the reception, award-winning organizations will host a table and network with attendees about their work. The 2022 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.

Wednesday, July 20

- 8:45 a.m.–4:00 p.m. **Conference Registration** *Grand Ballroom Foyer*
- 9:00–10:15 a.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
Rural and Small Metro Transit *Seville*
In this session, learn about challenges faced and perspective gained in starting up small urban and rural transit systems, emerging partnerships to improve connectivity for healthcare and transportation, and effective ways to operate workforce transportation. **CM 1.25**
- Corey Hull, WSP USA (GA)
 - Kelly Ast, New Growth (MO)
 - Bill Bivin, University of Nebraska
 - Moderator: Roni Williams, Ark-Tex Council of Governments (TX)
- Preparing Plans for Future Opportunities** *Grand Ballroom F&G*
Learn how rural and small metro regions and communities can prepare for opportunities to apply for planning or implementation funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. **CM 1.25**
- Alex Clegg, US Department of Transportation
 - Lily Ballengee, US Department of Transportation
 - Moderator: Robert Hiatt, RPO America Vice Chair, Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments (NC)
- 10:30–11:45 a.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
Regional Planning Partnerships and Trends *Seville*
Around the US, rural planning bodies and other regional planning and development organizations conduct a wide range of activities to support community needs and meet planning goals. Attendees will learn about the development of Rural Regional Transportation Plans for Tennessee's RPOs, as well as details regarding the structure, function, and projects completed by transportation partners in rural Arizona. **CM 1.25**
- Mareike Ortmann, University of Tennessee–Knoxville
 - Stacy Morrison, Tennessee Department of Transportation
 - Jenn O'Connor, Northern Arizona Council of Governments
 - Moderator: Spencer Stevens, Federal Highway Administration
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Access in Small Communities** *Grand Ballroom F&G*
Of the almost 19,500 communities in the US, 84 percent have fewer than 10,000 residents. This session will share findings drawn from case studies on bicycle and pedestrian planning, infrastructure, and funding from five states. To develop these case studies, a prioritization method was developed in cooperation with state departments of transportation. The ultimate objective of these case studies is to provide peer communities with best practices of how bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure can be implemented in your region or community. **CM 1.25**
- Natalie Villwock-Witte, Western Transportation Institute at Montana State University (WI)
 - Cerisse Grijalva, Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments
 - Natalie Flores-Esquivel, KCI Technologies, Inc. (TN)
 - Moderator: Eli Sharp, New River Valley Regional Commission (VA)

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- 11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Networking Lunch** *Plaza Terrace (3rd Floor)*
Use this meal function to get to know other attendees from around the nation. Boxed lunches are available this year so that participants can choose to sit in the main meeting room, outside on the terrace, or elsewhere.
- 1:15–2:45 p.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
- Workshop: How to use Scenario Planning to Predict Future Trends and Prepare for Transportation Uncertainties in Rural and Regional Planning** *Seville*
This workshop examines trends affecting rural, small town, and regional transportation planning and will teach attendees how to use these trends to envision several potential futures for their communities. Scenario planning guides planners, community members, and other stakeholders in the consideration of various outcomes and in devising appropriate responses to those scenarios. This session will include a mixture of presentation and interactivity. **CM 1.5**
- Ryan Maye Handy, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
 - Moderator: Aishwarya Shrestha, Southwest Missouri Council of Governments
- Mobility, Access, and Equity** *Grand Ballroom F&G*
In this session, speakers will explore rural transportation and equity basics, specifically approaches to consider equity in transportation planning. In addition, speakers will delve more specifically into the needs of regional populations with a focus on Racial Equity, Black America, and Public Transportation. Come prepared to discuss with fellow attendees through interactive exercises. **CM 1.5**
- Carrie Kissel, National Association of Development Organizations
 - Spencer Stevens, Federal Highway Administration
 - Dr. Destiny Thomas, Thrivance Group
 - Naomi Samake, Thrivance Group
 - Kaylyn Levine, University of Texas
 - Moderator: Sarah Cox, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments
- 3:00–4:00 p.m. **Using GIS to Support Transportation Planning and Analysis** *Seville*
Learn how regional transportation planning organizations are using spatial analysis tools to address local needs. Approaches include identifying risks to the resilience of the transportation network, updating functional classifications, and other related applications.
- Gena McCullough, RPO America Secretary, Bi-State Regional Commission (IL/IA)
 - Kurt Barclay, North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission
 - Amy Kessler, North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission
 - Moderator: Clorisa Brown, Central Oklahoma Economic Development District
- Regional Collaboration to Improve Transportation Outcomes** *Grand Ballroom F&G*
In this session, the presenters will share perspectives on why regional collaboration is essential to the successful implementation of rural transportation solutions and how to shape community engagement aspects needed for improved connectivity.
- Jackson Hotaling, Missourians for Responsible Transportation
 - Adrienne Weston, Harry S Truman Coordinating Council (MO)
 - Moderator: Kansha Tiwari, Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission
- 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*

Find models of regional transportation planning programs,
sample documents, case studies, and more resources at

 **Rural Transportation.org**

8:30 a.m.–Noon

Conference Registration

*Grand
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Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Positioning Your RDO/RPO for Future Opportunities (held in conjunction with the EDD Leadership Forum)

During this time of historic funding availability for economic development and infrastructure projects, how can your region make the most of these opportunities? In this facilitated conversation, learn how best to position your organization, nurture partnerships, and leverage resources. Come prepared with questions and to share your experiences. **CM 1.5**

- Steve Etcher, MarksNelson (MO)
- Joe McKinney, National Association of Development Organizations
- Moderator: Dave Doran, Southeast Idaho Council of Governments

Seville

Data for Regional Planning: Challenges, Opportunities, and Resources (held in conjunction with the EDD Leadership Forum)

Data is critical to creating compelling and accurate regional plans. This session centers on deployment strategies and available resources including insights on improved community-level data, how to perform quick quality assurance assessments, and available data tools from federal and regional partners. **CM 1.5**

- Alison Turner, Metrics Together (NM)
- Moderator: Raul Rodriguez III, Eastern Plains Council of Governments (NM)

*Grand
Ballroom F&G*

10:45–11:45 a.m.

Plenary Session (held in conjunction with the EDD Leadership Forum)

KC Rising: Fostering a Shared Vision for Regional Prosperity

KC Rising is a regional economic development initiative formed in 2015 to grow an inclusive economy. Guided by a steering committee composed of business and education leaders, as well as regional elected officials, KC Rising concentrates its efforts on seven pillars of prosperity: enterprise, industry, inclusion, connectivity, culture, neighborhoods, and education. This session offers a case study with implementable ideas and lessons for other regions. Hear from KC Rising leaders and partners at the Mid-America Regional Council (supporting the region through regional planning, transportation, economic development, and other program areas) to learn more about this transformative effort that is making real change in the Kansas City area. **CM 1**

- Sheri Gonzales, KC Rising (MO)
- Frank Lenk, Mid-America Regional Council (MO/KS)
- Ron Achelpohl, PE, Mid-America Regional Council (MO/KS)
- Moderator: Brett Schwartz, National Association of Development Organizations

*Grand
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11:45 a.m.

National Regional Transportation Conference adjourns.

The EDD Leadership Forum continues through Friday, 7/22/2022. Pre-registration was required to attend EDD Leadership Forum; however, the forum is now full. Additional details are available at conference registration.



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