2020 AMPO Virtual Conference
As a safety measure against the spread of COVID-19 and with concern for the safety of our members, attendees and staff, AMPO, with full support of the AMPO Board of Directors, has decided to move the 2020 AMPO Annual Conference to a virtual event.

We are excited to offer you the same vibrant programming, impactful networking, and opportunities to reflect and connect over the emerging and salient topics affecting the MPO community. The virtual conference will include our regular offerings and opportunities for engagement, including AICP certification sessions, breakouts, keynote, and space to connect with colleagues, federal partners, and sponsors.

We look forward to having you join us for this fully online event October 27-29. We will be reaching out with complete details and the updated program shortly. #AMPO2020

2020 Annual Conference Awards
The award submission date has been extended!

Please review the categories below and submit your nominations by Friday, August 14th! Don't miss out! Nominate your MPO or a colleague today!

- Outstanding Overall Achievement for a TMA MPO
- Outstanding Overall Achievement for a non-TMA MPO
- Excellence in MPO Coordination & Partnership
- Outstanding Elected Official Leadership
- Excellence in MPO Staff Achievement
- The Ronald F. Kirby Lifetime Achievement Award

Submit an Award Nomination
FTA’s Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Cost-Sharing Policy Statement

The Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) just published a Policy Statement that recommends transportation cost-sharing to encourage greater state and local funding coordination. Fully coordinating transportation through vehicle and ride sharing for Medicaid, aging, and other human service transportation trips can result in a 10-percent increase in passengers per hour, which can create significant cost savings for federal, state, and local agencies. Cost-sharing arrangements include both vehicle and ride sharing as well as federal fund braiding for local match across programs. The statement calls out the Medicaid nonemergency medical transportation and the Veterans Health Administration’s Highly Rural Transportation Grants program as examples where cost-sharing could be used.

Links:
- CCAM Cost-Sharing Policy Statement
- CCAM Federal Fund Braiding Guide
- CCAM Homepage
- CCAM Program Inventory
- CCAM Strategic Plan

U.S. Department of Transportation Offers a Connected Vehicle Pilot Data Story to Help Practitioners Navigate Datasets

ITS DataHub currently hosts connected vehicle data from the Tampa and Wyoming Connected Vehicle Pilot sites, with the New York Connected Vehicle Pilot site’s data expected to be added in the future. Datasets include Basic Safety Messages, Traveler Information Messages, and Signal Phase and Timing messages, all of which are transmitted via dedicated short-range communications.

To help practitioners more easily understand the data available and how to access it, the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) developed a Connected Vehicle Pilot “Data Story.” This story provides an overview of each Connected Vehicle Pilot, describes the types of data available, and walks users through how to access the various datasets.

ITS DataHub provides a single point of entry to discover publicly available U.S. DOT ITS research data. By providing access to these data, the U.S. DOT aims to enable third-party research into the effectiveness of emerging ITS technologies, preliminary development of third-party applications, and harmonization of data across similar collections.

To access the all of ITS DataHub’s datasets, please visit: www.its.dot.gov/data.

Extending Current Competitive Grant Deadlines Amid Coronavirus (COVID-19)

U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao recently announced during a transit industry call that deadlines for current FTA competitive grant programs will be extended for 30 days amid the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The 30-day extension applies to grant programs administered by FTA with active notices of funding opportunities (NOFOs).

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Links:
- Press release
- FTA Notices of Funding Opportunity
- FTA COVID-19 Landing Page
Public transportation in San Angelo continues to make adjustments amid the COVID-19 pandemic

"It’s not only affected public transit and public transportation in general, but it’s also affected things like projects, construction of highways and city streets and so forth.” San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization director Major Hofheins said. Read more.

Calhoun receives sidewalk grant for Highway 163

“I want to thank the Cleveland MPO board for their dedicated work in securing this project and the Calhoun City Commission for their willingness to seek and approve this sidewalk project,” Bryan said. “This is the initial phase of building and improving sidewalks throughout the City of Calhoun and it will definitely have many safe and economic impacts to the residents of Calhoun.” Read more.

Road striping project under way in South Lake Tahoe from Y to Viking Way

A planned road reconfiguration and bike lane project on Lake Tahoe Boulevard from the Y to Viking Way (South Tahoe High School) had its first steps this week, much to the surprise of many. Read more.

There Is Little Evidence That Mass Transit Poses a Risk of Coronavirus Outbreaks

A major drop in public transit use coincides with concerns about reducing air pollution that can exacerbate lung conditions. Read more.

DOT Funds Four New University Transportation Centers

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced $4.9 million in funding has been awarded to support four new University Transportation Centers. Read more.

MIT's John Leonard on the future of autonomous vehicles

MIT Task Force on the Work of the Future examines job changes in the AV transition and how training can help workers move into careers that support mobility systems. Read more.

Wall Street not so sure about the resiliency of Detroit automakers during the pandemic

- The Detroit automakers proved they can weather a crisis during the second quarter but Wall Street’s initial reaction was underwhelming.
- The initial lack of movement had analysts questioning what more could be done for the companies to reenter Wall Street’s good graces.
- Analysts even proposed GM potentially change its name or spin off its electric vehicle business. Read more.
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AASHTO Announces the TPM Webinar Target Setting Miniseries
Announcing a special five-part webinar miniseries addressing topics in transportation performance management (TPM). Each session will include an FHWA-led introduction followed by expert presentations and audience Q&A. Register today or learn more on the AASHTO TPM Portal at: https://www.tpm-portal.com/tpmmini

Episode 4: Target Setting for System Performance Measures
August 12 | 2:00 PM EDT
This webinar covers transportation agency target setting for federal PM3 system performance and reliability, including policy, planning and performance considerations related to target setting. Presentations will address data gaps, modeling and forecasting for system performance targets, and moving the needle on the national system.
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7708635747887794191

Episode 5: Traffic Congestion and Emissions Reductions Target Setting
August 26 | 2:00 PM EDT
This webinar focuses on transportation agency target setting for federal PM3 CMAQ measures. Presentations will address decision analysis methods for setting targets, making CMAQ targets meaningful to the public, and target setting and related planning and programming challenges.
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5074559930680718860

Value Capture Strategies Virtual Peer Exchanges/Workshops
The Federal Highway Administration is hosting a series of webinars through October 22, 2020 on value capture strategies. Transit stakeholders and FTA staff are welcome to participate.
FHWA’s Value Capture Virtual Peer Exchanges/Workshops feature experts who have successfully used value capture techniques such as transportation impact fees, special assessments districts, tax increment finance, transportation utility fees, joint development, and naming rights to fund infrastructure projects. Registration is free but limited to 300 participants. Non-DOT users, including State DOTs, must request access to the FHWA External Portal for webinars.
Links:
Register for Value Capture Virtual Peer Exchanges/Workshops
How to Request an FHWA Account

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