2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATES

2020 AMPO Virtual Conference
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 but please check out the AMPO website for regular updates. #AMPO2020

REGISTRATION OPENING SEPTEMBER 14TH!

2021 PLANNING TOOLS AND TRAINING SYMPOSIUM

2021 AMPO Planning Tools and Training Symposium
The AMPO Planning Tools and Training Symposium brings together MPO staff and practitioners to share information on a variety of MPO technical issues and provided peer-to-peer training for the MPO community to discuss challenges, opportunities, and implementation strategies with regard to current planning tools and applications. The symposium will take place over the course of two and a half days from May 17-20, 2021 in Fort Lauderdale Florida.

The Call for Proposals is open!
AMPO GIS Working Group

The Applications of Enterprise GIS for Transportation (AEGIST) Guidebook is the latest in a series of publications designed to help the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the States migrate to the enterprise level for creating, maintaining, and governing data related to roadways and their characteristics, elements, and events. It is based on a consensus best practices approach to the management of technology, data, and transportation system assets. This initial publication is Version 1.0 of what should be followed by a series of revisions reflecting lessons learned from the associated FHWA Transportation Pooled Fund (TPF) Program and other State implementations. The project has now entered a second phase working with sixteen States in a Pooled Fund Study to implement the guidebook. One of the tasks is to edit and update the guidebook from lessons learned while working with the States in the Pooled Fund.

The Enterprise Data Enhancement for Planning through Geospatial Enabled Linear Referencing (MPO/LRS) project is developing guidance by establishing a sound methodological approach enhancing planning technical capabilities to take full advantage of Linear Referencing System (LRS) based geospatial enterprise data. This study will document exemplary practices utilized by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)*, to develop methodologies that will leverage linear referencing as the core enterprise data program consistent with the National FHWA geospatial programs such as the All Roads Network of Linear Referenced Data (ARNOLD). Ultimately the guidance will expand the geospatial data sharing and interoperability between the various transportation planning organizations including, MPOs, the State DOTs and FHWA.

AMPO Active Transportation Working Group

AMPO is developing a new working group focused on active transportation. The group will seek to build capacity among MPOs and advance the state of planning and implementation for bicycle, pedestrian, and non-motorized transportation projects and programs.

The working group's leadership team has put together a few short questions to understand the current role active transportation planning has within metropolitan planning organizations.
Today is the last day to share your input on the current role active transportation planning has within metropolitan planning organizations.

### FEDERAL PARTNERS

#### New Test Tracking Tool
As automated driving systems developers continue to improve their systems, they validate their laboratory and track-testing with controlled testing on public roads. Now, states and companies can voluntarily submit information about automated vehicles and testing to NHTSA, as part of the AV TEST Initiative web pilot. Below is the interactive tool the agency developed so the public can view the information. Please note that this is intended to be a tool that will be updated frequently as participants add or modify their information, as new participants are added, and as data fields are added or modified.

Links:
- NHTSA Autonomous Vehicle Online Tracking Tool

#### 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.

Links:
ITS DataHub's datasets

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### MPO NEWS

**SANDAG board to consider price tag of transportation vision**
Regional transportation planners estimated last week that their vision for a high-tech interconnected transit network could cost $177 billion over 30 years, a more than one-third increase over its current $128 billion plan. [Read more.](#)

**Governor Walz establishes Met Council oversight committee**
The Blue Ribbon Committee on the Metropolitan Council's Structure and Services will evaluate the governance structure of the Metropolitan Council, according to a news release from the governor's office. [Read more.](#)

**RGVMPO announces $1.1 billion in new transportation funding for Hidalgo and Cameron counties**
Nearly $1.1 billion in federal and state funding will be available for transportation projects in Cameron and Hidalgo County over the next ten years under TxDOT’s new Unified Transportation Program. [Read more.](#)

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### OTHER NEWS

**Automated trucking, a technical milestone that could disrupt hundreds of thousands of jobs, hits the road**
Companies are already testing driverless trucks on America's roads. The technology will bring untold profits, but it may cost thousands of truckers their livelihoods. [Read more.](#)

**New parking technology aims to manage curb space virtually**
D.C. is the first U.S. city to test a system that sends real-time information about curbside parking availability to delivery drivers — a move its developer hopes will make food deliveries more efficient and reduce driver stress. [Read more.](#)

**Transportation helps fight back against human trafficking**
Across the country, hundreds of participants in a recent TRB webinar stood up and said this mantra out loud during a presentation by Kristen Joyner, executive consultant and trainer at South West Transit Association. [Read more.](#)

**Critical deadlines loom for highways, airlines and transit**
Unless Congress acts soon, airlines may lay off thousands, highway projects may grind to a halt and transit agencies may slash services. [Read more.](#)

**Midwestern states form transportation diversity committee**
A coalition of 10 state transportation agencies, including Illinois', announced the creation of a diversity panel last week to develop “fairness and inclusion” at work sites, the group’s president said. [Read more.](#)

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### CALENDAR

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AMPO GIS Working Group Quarterly Webinar
Enterprise Data Enhancement for Planning through Geospatial Enabled Linear Referencing
September 16, 2020 at 1:00 PM ET

2020 AMPO Virtual Conference
Registration opening September 14th
October 27-29, 2020

2021 AMPO Planning Tools and Training Symposium
Call for Proposals closes November 6th
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
May 17-20, 2021

COURSES & TRAINING
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
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