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AMPO UPDATE

2021 AMPO ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE

SCOTTSDALE, AZ
OCTOBER 5-8



The Call for Proposals for the 2021 AMPO Annual Conference is open!
Please submit a proposal if you plan to attend the conference.

THE CLOSING DATE IS NEXT FRIDAY, MAY 14th

[Submit Proposal](#)

TECHNICAL UPDATE

PUBLIC
INVOLVEMENT
WORKING GROUP
COFFEE CHAT



TUESDAY, MAY 11TH
2:00 PM ET

A fun and informal way to connect with peers and colleagues in public involvement. Please sign-up and join the Public Involvement Leadership Team for a Tuesday Coffee Chat.

May 11th at 2:00 PM ET

For more information, contact
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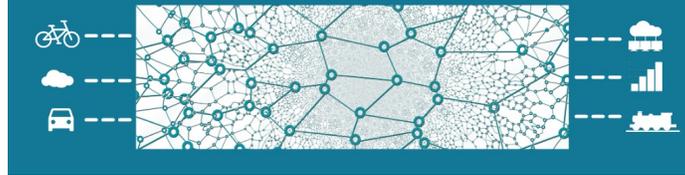
[ATWG Webinar
Registration](#)

Active Transportation
Working Group Webinar

Thursday, May 13th at 2:00 ET

AMPO WORKING GROUPS

Log in to My AMPO & Join the Discussion



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Want to join a working group? Sign up today!

[Join a Working Group](#)

POLICY UPDATE

Washington Update Congress

Earmark Announcement - Senate Appropriations Committee – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT) announced a process for appropriation committee earmarks for Senators who wish to participate. [Learn more.](#)

MPO NEWS

MnDOT to research how public transportation will rebound after ridership decline in 2020

MnDOT and the University of Minnesota are working together on a research project to help accelerate a return to public transit after seeing a significant drop in ridership this past year. [Read more.](#)

Public transit hopes to win back riders after crushing year

In an effort to win back riders, public transportation groups are considering lowering fares, adjusting schedules to accommodate more riders, and adding improvements to sheltered stops. [Read more.](#)

Madison could consider mostly cashless, account-based system for bus fares

In order to successfully implement Bus Rapid Transit by 2024, Metro Transit is considering a new way to collect bus fare in order to speed up the boarding process. [Read more.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Rideshare apps making traffic jams worse, study says

Research from Massachusetts Institute of Technology claims that rideshare apps, like Lyft and Uber, are making traffic jams consistently worse. [Read more.](#)

Why not turn airports into giant solar farms?

Swaths of unused space around sunny Australia's airports may be the energy

equivalent of a gold mine. Researchers say self-sufficient airports may be a thing of the future. [Read more.](#)

Electric truckmaker arrival developing battery-powered rideshare car with Uber

The Arrival Car, an electric car intended for rideshare use, will initially debut in the U.K. and European Union. Uber drivers will have the opportunity to provide feedback about the car's design and help with the process of refining its features. [Read more.](#)

CALENDAR



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2021 AMPO Annual Conference
Scottsdale, AZ
October 4-10, 2021



2022 AMPO Planning Tools and Training Symposium
Fort Lauderdale, FL
May 16-19, 2022

COURSES & TRAINING

2021 AASHTO-TRB Transportation Planning Research Symposium

The AASHTO Committee on Planning, Subcommittee on Research, in cooperation with the TRB committees on Transportation Planning Policy and Processes (AEP10) and Transportation Planning Analysis and Application (AEP15), are hosting a two-part planning research symposium on May 20 and July 15 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm EASTERN each day.

The purpose of the research symposium is to work collaboratively and to generate research ideas that could be funded through the upcoming NCHRP research cycle that begins this fall. The research symposium will look broadly at planning research needed for the transportation industry and not specific to any one area (e.g., State DOTs, MPOs, locals, etc.) and will include many different topics, including:

- modeling and analysis;
- data;
- policy impacts;

- freight planning
- planning for connected and automated vehicles;
- scenario planning
- COVID impacts

Click [here](#) for registration information.

FHWA Value Capture Strategies and Infrastructure Bank Webinar

Join us Wednesday May 12, from 1pm-3pm ET to learn from experts about Value Capture Strategies Leverage Infrastructure Bank Low Interest Loan Programs. Value Capture revenues can leverage low interest rate loans from the infrastructure bank to fund much needed transportation improvement projects, accelerate project completion, add economic value to local communities, boost local economies, and strengthen local transportation networks. Value Capture can be used in a wide range of settings (e.g., urban, rural, and suburban) to help fund not only capital projects, but also public road operations and maintenance.

The webinar features experts from state and county infrastructure banks share their Federal and state infrastructure bank programs. Registration is free but is limited, register now to reserve your space! Participants can engage and interact directly as well as freely exchange knowledge and know-how with the experts.

Value Capture is a set of powerful techniques that recover a portion of land value created by public infrastructure investments, and can:

- Address funding gaps;
- Leverage and optimize Federal and State resources;
- Accelerate project delivery;
- Meet and improve system performance goals;
- Maintain transportation infrastructure assets in good repair; and,
- Save time and money.

Resources Available Now

- Consult [the Value Capture Implementation Manual](#) for information on how Value Capture strategies are applicable to roadway projects.
- See [the FHWA's Value Capture website](#) for case studies, best practices, lessons learned, FAQs, and resources.
- [Watch a short video](#) on how Value Capture optimizes agency resources.
- Check back for much more, as new resources are under development!

Professional Development Hours (PDHs):

- The FHWA Office of Innovative Program Delivery does not officially offer Professional Development Hours (PDHs); however, your participation in a webinar may qualify as PDH-eligible activity with your licensing agency. Upon request, the Center for Innovative Finance Support can provide an email verifying your attendance. Please contact thay.bishop@dot.gov to make a request.
- A 120-minute webinar is equivalent to 2.0 PDHs (1.0 PDH per hour of participation in the webinar)

We look forward to your participation in our webinars. Please contact thay.bishop@dot.gov for any questions.

Financial Planning for Transportation Asset Management FHWA-NHI-136002V (Virtual Delivery)

Having an effective Transportation Asset Management (TAM) financial plan can be beneficial when managing your organization's assets.

The National Highway Institute (NHI) will help you to develop your organization's TAM financial plan by attending our virtual Financial Planning for Transportation Asset Management (FHWA-NHI 136002V) training in May.

This blended course provides learners with the valuable tools and information needed to develop a financial TAM plan, through access to expert instructors, workshop activities, and engaging peer-to-peer discussions.

The web-based training component (NHI-136002A) of this training enhances learners' foundational knowledge of financial planning in the context of TAM and reviews common vocabulary and background information. The instructor-led, web-conference training session covers key content areas of a financial plan and the approaches to developing one.

SESSION DATES/TIMES:

May 18, 2021 11:00AM-3:00PM EST

May 19, 2021 11:00AM-3:00PM EST

May 20, 2021 11:00AM-1:45PM EST

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Who Should Register?

This online training is ideal for asset managers, program managers, financial officers, and managers involved in developing a financial plan. Executive officers from state departments of transportation, operations directors, and legislative liaisons can also benefit from this training.

2021 Transit Asset Management Roundtable

Save the date! On Tuesday, June 22, 2021, FTA will host the virtual [2021 Transit Asset Management \(TAM\) Roundtable](#).

The annual TAM Roundtable will bring together participants from across the country who are directly involved in the management of transit capital assets. The session will feature a panel of transit agency executive leadership discussing future planning for TAM at their agencies. It will also include a presentation from FTA staff highlighting TAM program updates.

Interested in hearing about a particular asset management topic at this event? FTA welcomes input in developing the roundtable program. Share topics of interest you would like included by emailing TAMRoundtable@dot.gov.

New Environmental and Sustainability Management System Resources

FTA has released three new Environmental and Sustainability Management System (ESMS) publications to its suite of ESMS resources. ESMS is a tool comprised of processes and practices that enables transit agencies to reduce environmental impacts, such as air emissions, and increase operating efficiency in a sustainable manner. ESMS can provide many benefits, including combating climate change.

The FTA ESMS Resource Series additions include:

- [FTA Guidebook of Best Management Practices for the Development of an Environmental and Sustainability Management System \(ESMS\)](#)
- [Eight Steps to Identify Environmental Characteristics and Environmental Influences of Your Organization's Operations](#)
- [Three Elements for Sustaining Your Environmental and Sustainability Management System \(ESMS\)](#)

The [FTA ESMS Resource Series](#) facilitates the development of new programs as well as the maintenance and improvement of existing ESMS programs, providing participants with the ability to minimize the environmental impact of their operations while increasing operating efficiency.

Links:

[FTA ESMS Resource Series](#)

[FTA ESMS Best Management Practice Guidebook](#)

[Eight Steps to Identify Environmental Characteristics and Influences](#)

[Three Elements for Sustaining Your ESMS](#)

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