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23 ANNUAL
 CONFERENCE



ABOUT: The AMPO Annual Conference is the premier event for MPOs to learn and network. It provides the opportunity to meet with over 350 MPO directors, transportation planners, and elected officials from across the country. The Annual Conference is scheduled as an in-person event, we welcome you to submit a proposal if you plan to attend the conference.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: Through a call for topics, AMPO has identified a list of priority topics to structure the 2023 conference agenda.

Notes:

- Presentations that market specific products, vendors, and services will not be accepted.
- All of the organizations, activities, and projects mentioned by the proposal must consent to being included in the proposal and potential presentation at the 2023 AMPO Annual Conference.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD PROPOSAL? The AMPO Annual Conference seeks to address current issues MPOs are facing, as well as day-to-day operations. To demonstrate that you are providing the most useful information and tools to our MPO practitioners, we suggest proposals address the 3Ps:

- **Purpose:** Is the presentation relevant to MPO practitioners? Will the participants be able to do something by the end of the session that they could not do (as effectively) prior to attending?
- **People:** Will your presentation directly link the session to issues participants face on a day-to-day basis? How will you effectively and concisely communicate with your participants the benefits and/or lessons learned?
- **Process:** What activities or demonstrations will you use in your presentation? What are the practical methodologies, tips, and/or tools attendees will walk away with? Will there be any resources, materials, or learning aids made available? Is there a way to make the presentation interactive?

CALL FOR PROPOSALS DUE: March 3, 2023

CONFERENCE DATES: September 26 – 29, 2023

Conference Questions: Contact AMPO staff at staff@ampo.org

TOPICS AND SUBTOPICS:

Accessibility

- Access to employment, services, and facilities
- Measuring accessibility
- Quantifying social costs of inaccessibility

Census

- Upcoming changes or impacts of MSA, UA, etc.

Complete Streets

- ADA requirements
- Budget realities
- Collaboration
- Before and after Complete Streets case studies and data metrics
- Best practices and case studies for all modes, including bicycling, walking, and transit

Congestion Pricing

- Ballot initiatives and referenda
- Grants
- Public Private Partnerships (P3s)
- Sales taxes
- User taxes

Coordination with Key Partners

- Coordination with the State DOT
- Coordination with uncommon/nontraditional stakeholders (military installations, energy companies, tribal partners)
- Coordination with transit partners

COVID-19 Response

- Administrative Impacts
- Public Health Monitoring & Regional Planning
- Environmental Impact/Resiliency
- Travel Patterns and Data
- Communication and Public Involvement
- Logistics
- Funding Alternatives
- Policy Impacts

Data

- Data Sharing
- Data Business Plans
- Data Management

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification

Environmental Justice/Limited English Proficiency Plans (LEP)/Title VI

- Incorporating both qualitative and quantitative measures of equity into long range planning
- EJ analysis used in project prioritization

- Demographics research and analysis
- Outreach

Freight

- Addressing first / last mile bottlenecks
- Collecting and applying freight data
- Developing regional freight studies
- Movement of freight through or around sensitive areas

Funding and Financing

- Creative funding options
- The Federal infrastructure bill or the Highway Trust Fund

Future of Transportation Mobility/Technology

- Best practices or case studies depicting the impact of disruptive technologies on transportation and land use planning
- How to engage policy makers in preparing for the impacts of technology
- How to plan for a rapidly changing world
- Impacts of transformative vehicle technology
- Travel behavior trends

General Transportation Planning Practices

GIS

- Best practices
- Data acquisition and management
- Data partnerships
- Implementation
- New technologies, services, and application development

Interregional Compacts, Cooperation, and Plans

- Development of interregional corridors
- Megaregion issues

Land Use – Transportation Connection

- Addressing property rights issues
- Improving coordination between land use and transportation
- Sustainable development
- Tools

MPO Operations

- Board member education and orientation
- Continuation of operations plans (COOPs)

- Managing consultant contract (RFPs/RFQs, Selection criteria)
- Small MPOs – Meeting the challenges of small staffs, small budgets, big needs
- MPO staff management – hiring, performance reviews, policy and procedures, staff development, and staff benefits
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) development and best practices

MPO Roles and Relevancy

- Becoming an operator
- Engaging elected officials in the planning process
- Innovation in planning process
- MPO strategic management
- Niche only MPOs fulfill
- Using data to guide planning

Performance Based Planning and Programming

- Best practices and examples
- Coordination with DOTs

Performance Measures

- Coordination with states, transit, and other partners
- Data
- Measuring, reporting, and evaluating
- Multimodal measures
- PM1: Safety
- PM2: Pavement and Bridge Condition
- PM3: System Performance, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)

Planning Requirements

- Day to day
- Developing financial planning estimates
- Developing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs)
- State and federal certifications
- Updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Public Involvement

- Adopting and implementing the Public Participation Plan (PPP)
- Challenges, successes, and lessons learned
- Communicating performance to citizens and elected officials
- Engaging a broader demographic
- How agencies are communicating funding issues/gaps, funding options, and how they are getting feedback from the public on what they are willing to pay?
- Innovative methods
- Using social media

Professional Development

Scenario Planning

- Best practices
- How are MPOs using scenario planning in the metropolitan transportation plan or Transportation Improvement Program?
- How to involve agency stakeholders & public in scenario planning

Technology

- Connected and autonomous vehicles
- Emerging technologies
- ITS
- Supporting communications
- Transportation incident management
- Transportation management and operations
- Transportation Network Companies
- Traveler information strategies
- Broadband
- Electrification

Transportation and Health

- Health impact assessment of MTPs/LRTPs
- Planning and environmental linkage studies
- Project evaluation
- Supporting public health and “active” modes

Transportation System Resiliency and Planning for All-Hazard Events

- Factoring resiliency into funding decisions
- Resiliency assessment/evaluation
- Resiliency planning—best practices and resources
- Climate Change