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AMPO News

2024 AMPO Annual Conference

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who attended the 2024 AMPO Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah! A special shoutout to our amazing hosts, the Wasatch Front Regional Council, for helping to make this year's event such a memorable experience.

Keep an eye on your inbox for a follow-up email, which will include session presentations, more photos from the event, an introduction to our new board slate, and a post-conference survey. Your feedback is invaluable—let us know what we did well and where we can improve for next year!

Lastly, don't forget that our [Conference Job Board](#) is still live through next week. If you're seeking new opportunities, be sure to check it out before it closes.

Thank you again for making this year's conference a success! We look forward to seeing you all in Providence, Rhode Island, **September 16-19th**.



Virtual Policy Pitstop

If you were unable to make it to the 2024 Annual Conference to learn more about [AMPO's Policy Roadmap](#) or you have more questions, join our Transportation Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, Katie Economou, **October 9th** any time between **12 - 4 PM ET** to get your questions answered!

Strategic Advocacy

As reauthorization nears, AMPO is working closely with policymakers and partners to prioritize MPO concerns. Our strategies include coalition building, grassroots mobilization, data-driven advocacy, and strategic communication to ensure our collective voice is heard.



[Register for the Virtual Policy Pitstop](#)

Share Your Stories: Get Involved

We encourage MPOs to share stories that highlight the critical work they do and emphasize the importance of adequate resources and authority in effective transportation planning. These stories will help demonstrate the real-world impact MPOs have on communities and the significant role transportation funding plays in driving positive change.

[Share Your Story](#)

Join Us

Policy Pitstop - Virtual Office Hours

October 9 | Any time between 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Register [here](#)

Socioeconomic Forecasting Interest Group Webinar

October 30 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET

Tentative Topic: Scenario Planning and Computing Resources

Register [here](#)



National Beat

Stay up to date with all the pertinent D.C. updates you've come to expect from AMPO's newsletter, plus important national transportation news and information regarding congressional hearings.

Check out this week's edition of The National Beat for an update on FHWA's apportionment of Federal-Aid Highway Program funds for fiscal year 2025 in the "Policy Analysis" section, along with updates from the agencies, the Hill, and the latest national transportation news!

Click [here](#) to read our latest National Beat.

We've also included a new section on AMPO's website to ensure you stay in the know regarding the latest Notice of Funding Opportunities. Access AMPO's NOFO tracker [here](#).

Interest Group Forum Updates

Welcome to "Interest Group Forum Highlights," a new section of the AMPO newsletter! This space is dedicated to our interest group forums, which provide a platform to ask questions, share ideas, and discuss insights from the latest interest group webinars. (There's a forum for each of the [7 AMPO interest groups](#).) Whether you're looking to spark a new discussion or continue a conversation from our webinars, our forums are the best place for engaging with the AMPO community. Check out the latest below:



Active Transportation

One of our members shared their Crash Dashboard, developed using Esri's Experience Builder. They've integrated crash data from the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Crash Records Information System (CRIS) to create this dynamic tool, which provides detailed crash information down to individual-level data.

[Join the Active Transportation Conversation](#)

Data

Quarter 4 webinar call - the federal funding has been flowing the last few years from IIJA/BIL: Have you received a federal discretionary award recently? RAISE, PROTECT, SS4A, etc. Would you like to share insights about the data you used and any lessons learned for a successful application?

[Join the Data Conversation](#)

Events & Resources

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FHWA Carbon Reduction Strategies - Upcoming Webinars

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is hosting a webinar series on State experiences in developing and implementing the Carbon Reduction Strategies, a requirement associated with the Carbon Reduction Program established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. During the webinars, staff from State departments of transportation (DOTs) will review the development of their Carbon Reduction Strategy, offer lessons learned, highlight projects being implemented Carbon Reduction Program funds, and discuss future plans for their State's program.

FHWA is offering two sessions of the webinar via Zoom; different States will be highlighted in each session. To register for a webinar please follow the links below:

- **October 9th 2:00 to 3:30 PM ET.** This webinar will feature staff from the Minnesota, Alabama, and Pennsylvania DOTs. Register [here](#).
- **October 17th 2:00 to 3:30 PM ET.** This webinar will feature staff from the Indiana, Oregon, and North Carolina DOTs. Register [here](#).

Resources and Surveys

U.S. DOE Launching Three New Peer-Learning Cohorts

Connect with peers and learn from experts at U.S. Department of Energy national labs on one of these 3 topics:

- Distributed Wind Energy
- Microgrids
- Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency in Appalachia

Apply for one of these Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) peer-learning cohorts by **October 31** by clicking [here](#).

Talking Headways Podcast: How MPOs Can Help Design Safe Streets

Can federal Metropolitan Planning Organizations help localities build complete streets and create safe bike infrastructure? Hear from Cassidy Boulan and Thom Stead of the [Delaware](#)

[Valley Regional Planning Commission](#) as they talk about how the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations can help localities build complete streets and create safe infrastructure for biking and bus drivers. Listen [here](#).

AMPO Job Board

Interested in learning more about the latest job opportunities in our industry? Click the button below. If you have a job posting that you'd like us to share on our website, please click [here](#).

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