

AGENDA



2025
SEPT 15-19

**AMPO ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**
PROVIDENCE • RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER



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Sessions with a small MPO speaker are open to any attendee. We are highlighting them on the agenda for those who wish to learn from small MPOs (those with a population under 200,000).

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

AMPO Board of Directors Meeting (Board members only)

12:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Conference Mobile Tour: Gateway to the Ocean State –
Keeping History Above Water in the City by the Sea
Registration is closed.

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Exhibitor set-up

Location: [Ballroom Pre-function](#)

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

AMPO Policy Committee Meeting
(Policy Committee members only)

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

AMPO Technical Committee Meeting
(Technical Committee members only)

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Joint Policy & Technical Committee Coffee & Chat
(Policy & Technical Committee members only)

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Registration Open

Location: [Ballroom Pre-function](#)

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Opening Reception with Sponsors and Exhibitors,
sponsored by Social Pinpoint
Location: [Ballroom Pre-function](#)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Exhibitor set-up

Location: [Ballroom Pre-function](#)

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration

Location: [Ballroom Pre-function](#)

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast with Sponsors and Exhibitors, sponsored by ESRI
Location: [Ballroom Pre-function](#)

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Main Stage 1 — Our Members, Our Milestone

Location: [Ballroom ADE](#)

Speakers: Bill Keyrouze and Pragati Srivastava

10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Coffee break with Sponsors and Exhibitors, sponsored by Eco-Counter Inc.
Location: [Ballroom Pre-function](#)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Breakout 1A: Complete Street Makeovers Location: Ballroom B/C From Danger Zone to Destination: Combining Complete Streets and Land Use (Mavrick Fitzgerald & Sajid Hossain, Memphis MPO) & The Role of Regional Agencies in Implementing Quick-Build Projects for Safety and Complete Streets (Rachel Om, SCAG; Aaron Villere, DRCOG; & Cassidy Boulan, DVRPC)	Breakout 1B: Transportation Resilience Strategies for Mountain and Resort Communities Location: Room 551/552 Workshop featuring: Kira Richardson & Rebecca Cremeen, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency <small>*small MPO speaker*</small>	Breakout 1C: Getting More Bang for your FTA Section 5310 Buck Location: Room 555/556 Panel featuring: Carrie Diamond, Easter Seals; Rachel Fichtenbaum, Massachusetts DOT Rail and Transit Division; & Bill Wagner, Community Transportation Association of America	Breakout 1D: Clearing the Air Location: Room 554 CATALYZER – A Data-Centric Platform for Evaluating Emissions (Alireza Yazdiani, Cornell University Transportation Systems Engineering student) & Atlanta Energy and Emissions Modeling and Analysis Tool (AEEMAT) (Guy Rousseau, Atlanta Regional Commission; & Mahyar Amirgholy, Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering / Kennesaw State University)
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12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Main Stage 2 — Luncheon with 2025 AMPO host, Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning, sponsored by PTV Group

Location: Ballroom ADE

Speakers: Meredith Brady, Associate Director, DOA Division of Statewide Planning; Kim Ahern, Chair, RI Cannabis Control Commission; Matt Jerzyk, City Solicitor, Central Falls and Government Relations expert; Xaykham Khamsyvoravong, Newport City Council; Scott Gausland, RI Chief Data & Analytics Officer

1:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Breakout 2A: Shaping the Future: Collaborative Strategies for Reliable Transportation Funding Across Three MPOs Location: Ballroom B/C Panel featuring: Matt Maloney (MTC), Chris Martinovich (Carson Area MPO), John Bullen (MAG), & Justine Sydello (CDM Smith) <small>*small MPO speaker*</small> NO SLIDES AVAILABLE	Breakout 2B: How Human Stories Shape Policy Location: Room 551/552 Workshop featuring: Darcie Vandegrift and Bethany Brandt-Sargent, Metropolitan Council; Linda Spohr, Zan Associates; & Corrin Bemis, Bolton & Menk	Breakout 2C: Strategic Approaches to Core Products Location: Room 554 Streamlining Project Prioritization from Solicitation to Consensus (Jesse Buerk, DVRPC) & Demystifying 40 CFR Part 93: A Simple User's Guide to Navigating the Air Quality Conformity Process (Kate Horton, Memphis MPO) & From Planning to Delivery: Insights from a Transportation Investment Analysis (Ryan Brown & Wenonah Venter, Sarasota/Manatee MPO)	Breakout 2D: Coordination at the State and Regional Scales Location: Room 555/556 Statewide Associations of MPOs Across the Country: Structures, Functions, and Key Insights (Jeff Kramer, Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida) & Forging Stronger Connections to a Region's Municipalities – A Scalable Model (Patrick Day, Lily Brack, & Mai Dang, CMAP) & Beyond Mobility: The Power District Regional Transportation Study's Mission to Create a Thriving Urban Space (Julie Bjornstad & Ted Knowlton, Wasatch Front Regional Council)
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3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors, sponsored by Citian Solutions

Location: Ballroom Pre-function

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Breakout 3A: How Missoula is Using BRT and Transit Investments to Build Community & Catalyze Growth

Location: Room 554

Panel featuring: Aaron Wilson (Missoula MPO), Chris Proud (HDR Engineering), & Annette Marchesseault (City of Missoula)

small MPO speaker

Breakout 3B: Safe Roadways, Shared Corridors: Enhancing Transportation for People and Wildlife

Location: Room 551/552

Creating Safer Roads with Wildlife Passage (Ron Sutherland, Wildlands Network; Tristan Winkler, French Broad River MPO; & David Miller, Triangle West TPO)
&
Leading the Way on SS4A: Serving as a Resource to Local Agencies (Kyle Simpson & Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas)

Breakout 3C: NOAA's Atlas 15 Product: A Precipitation Frequency Tool to Help Mitigate Flood Risk

Location: Room 555/556

Workshop featuring: Emily Mutkoski & Lydia Churchill, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Affiliates; Tom Jacobs, MARC; & Chris Linn, DVRPC

Breakout 3D: Concept to Coordination: Advancing Housing & Transportation Integration

Location: Ballroom B/C

Session 1 of 2: So What is Housing Coordination Anyways? Defining Housing Coordination within MPO Planning

Workshop featuring: Sumi Malik & Kyle Smith, ICF

4:30-5:30 p.m.

AMPO Reception for MPO Leadership (*invitation only*)

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Transportation Trivia Night, sponsored by StreetLight

Location: Ballroom ADE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration

Location: Ballroom Pre-function

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Exhibits open

Location: Ballroom Pre-function

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast with Sponsors and Exhibitors, sponsored by RSG

Location: Ballroom Pre-function

8:15 - 8:45 a.m.

Main Stage 3 — Building Bridges: Remarks from the USDOT Deputy Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs, Connor Torossian

Location: Ballroom ADE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Breakout 4A: Fitting Freight into Regional Planning	Breakout 4B: On-Demand Microtransit Service, a New Tool for Closing Transit Service Gaps	Breakout 4C: Using Data to Move the Needle on Safety	Breakout 4D: Enhanced MPO/DOT Collaboration
Location: Room 554 Regional Freight Planning with a Local Impact (Daniel Studdard, Atlanta Regional Commission) & Integrating Freight into the MPO Planning Process (Sandeep Datla, Alamo Area MPO; & Guilherme Leao, Cambridge Systematics)	Location: Room 551/552 Panel featuring: Sam Gold & Brendan Geraghty, RiverCOG; Joe Comerford, River Valley Transit; Richard Donovan, NVCOG *small MPO speaker*	Location: Ballroom B/C Coordination on Safety With Student-Led Organizations (Neil Cahill, University of Pittsburgh Urban Planning student) & From Data to Decisions: Turning Complex Crash Data into Simple Safety Insights (Julie Richmond, Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Council; & Cory Hopwood and Gui Vendemiatti, Cambridge Systematics)	Location: Room 555/556 Constituent Level Prioritization (Sara Fields, Ozarks Transportation Organization) & FDOT's Congestion Management Multimodal Planning Initiative: Enhancing MPO-State DOT Modal Collaboration (Dave Hutchinson, Sarasota/Manatee MPO; Don Scott, Lee County MPO; & Peyton McLeod, Florida Department of Transportation)

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors, sponsored by Bentley

Location: Ballroom Pre-function

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Breakout 5A: Cool Tools	Breakout 5B: Bridging Data, Planning & Risk Management	Breakout 5C: Accessibility in Action	Breakout 5D: Transportation Demand Management – Operationalizing Long-Range Transportation Plans to Connect People to Places
Location: Ballroom B/C From Pavement to Platform: Digitizing Pedestrian Infrastructure (Asher Eskind, Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning) & Automating Comment Classification using Large Language Models (Janica Mendillo & Kaya Tollas, MTC) & How Big Data Can Enhance MPO Travel Surveys (Kenneth Joh & Zhuo Yang, National Capital Region TPB)	Location: Room 551/552 How a Small MPO Accomplishes Integrated Transportation, Housing, and Resilience Planning (Mikala Jordan, Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission; Jamel Torres, Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission; and Thomas Morley, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard) & Developing an Approachable Toolkit for Resilience and Recovery: Miami Valley's Regional Resilience Guidebook & Toolkit (Elizabeth Baxter, Miami Valley RPC; Siqi Zhu & Serena Galleshaw, Sasaki Associates) *small MPO speaker*	Location: Room 555/556 MPO Strategies for ADA-Compliant Communities (Jaemi Jackson, CMAP) & Leveraging the National Accessibility Evaluation Study (Andrew Owen, University of Minnesota) & Leveraging Deep Learning to Identify Sidewalks and ADA Ramps (Raj Parikh & James Turnwald, Michiana Area Council of Governments)	Location: Room 554 Panel featuring: Lisa Kay Schweyer (Foursquare ITP), Sabrina Green (Atlanta Regional Commission), & Veronica Jarvis (Thurston Regional Planning Council)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Main Stage 4 — Luncheon & Keynote, sponsored by Cambridge Systematics

Speaker: Marc B. Parlange, President of the University of Rhode Island

Location: Ballroom ADE

1:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Breakout 6A: TIP of the Spear	Breakout 6B: Collaborating on Complete Streets	Breakout 6C: Regional Visions	Breakout 6D: Innovative Financing for Transportation Reconnection Projects
Location: Room 551/552 Developing a More Strategic Long-Range Transportation Plan and Aligning with the TIP (Cole Hiniker & Steve Peterson, Metropolitan Council) & A Regularized Process for TIP Development & Management (Nick Flanders & Markey Jonas, Wichita Area MPO) & Improving Statewide Coordination for TIP and STIP Management (Maria Schaper & Jon Heider, MORPC)	Location: Ballroom B/C Complete Streets Lending Libraries: MPO Resources for Pop-Up Projects (Alina Borja, SCAG; & Jasmine Lawrence, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority) & Complete Streets + Complete Readiness = Complete Success (Jennifer Marandino, South Jersey TPO; Blythe Eaman, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority; & Leigh Ann Von Hagen, Rutgers University)	Location: Room 555/556 The Great Symphony: The Well-Orchestrated, Multi-Agency Financial model Behind Utah's Unified Transportation Plan (Julie Bjornstad, Wasatch Front Regional Council; & Jeff Gilbert, Cache MPO) & Creating a Regional Vision for a Connected Off-Road Bicycle Facility (David Nolan, Cape Cod Commission) & Region in Motion: Creating a Multiregional Active Transportation Plan (Kate Horton & Keiaron Randle, Memphis MPO)	Location: Room 554 Panel featuring: Jon Stover & Jessie Stonberg, Reconnecting Communities Institute; Nathan Macek, HDR; Michael Morris, NCTCOG; & Eric Myers, Chattanooga Design Studio

Mid-Week Mobile Tour: State House Tour

Pre-registration required. To register: <https://form.jotform.com/252425078548059>

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors, sponsored by Iteris

Location: Ballroom Pre-function

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Breakout 7A: Regional Coordination for Flood-Ready Roadways

Location: Room 554

Panel featuring: Roberta Groch (Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning), Alex Maxwell (Fuss & O'Neill), Christos Xenophontos (Rhode Island DOT), Herbert Durfee III (Town of Barrington, RI)

Breakout 7B: Innovative Engagement

Location: Room 551/552

Developing a Community Ambassador Program in Lima, OH (Megan Kinnear, Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission; and Caroline Daigle, ACEEE) & **Beyond Compliance: Innovative Outreach and Storytelling in Broward MPO's Route to 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan** (Christopher Restrepo, Broward MPO)

*small MPO speaker*C93:C94

Breakout 7C: Mobility Hub Masterminds: Designing the Future of Urban Connectivity

Location: Ballroom B/C

Workshop featuring: Sirinya Matute, SCAG; Lauren Batalias, San Joaquin COG; Victoria Cacciatore, SACOG; & Stacy Cook, Cambridge Systematics

Breakout 7D: Concept to Coordination: Advancing Housing & Transportation Integration

Location: Room 555/556

Session 2 of 2: Putting it Together: Implementation Strategies for Housing Coordination

Workshop featuring: Sumi Malik, Kyle Smith & Michael Grant, ICF

It's recommended that you attend Session 1 of this series (Breakout 3D) before attending this session

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

AMPO 2025 Conference Night Out at Track 15 in Historic Providence Union Station, sponsored by EcoInteractive

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Registration

Location: Ballroom Pre-function

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Exhibits open

Location: Ballroom Pre-function

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast with Sponsors and Exhibitors sponsored by PMG

Location: Ballroom Pre-function

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Main Stage 5 — Policy Update with the LOT Coalition (Local Officials in Transportation)

Location: Ballroom ADE

Speakers: Ben Gilsdorf, Associate Legislative Director for Transportation at the National Association of Counties (NACo); Brittney Kohler, Legislative Director, Transportation & Infrastructure, National League of Cities; Kevin Adam, Legislative Liaison, Rural Transportation Advisory Council (Representing the National Association of Development Organizations); Erich W. Zimmermann, Executive Director, National Association of Regional Councils; Jason Pavluchuk, Federal Advocate, AMPO. **Moderator:** Bill Keyrouze, Executive Director, AMPO **Moderator:** Katie Economou, Legislative Director, AMPO.

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Coffee break with Sponsors and Exhibitors, sponsored by Tetra Tech

Location: Ballroom Pre-function

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Breakout 8A: Innovations in Funding	Breakout 8B: Collaborative Strategies for Safer Streets	Breakout 8C: Addressing Transit Deserts Through Customized Vanpool Solutions
Location: Room 551/552 Creative Use of TIP Funds for Micromobility Projects (Colleen Medeiros, Cape Cod Commission; Yahaira Graxirena, Central Massachusetts RPC; and Ethan Lapointe, Boston Region MPO) & Unlocking Value and Fostering Supportive Development in Rail Corridors (Francis Pickering & Todd Fontanella, Western Connecticut Council of Governments)	Location: Ballroom B/C Building a Safer Future: A Collaborative Approach to Vision Zero in Central Florida (Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando) & A Proactive and Inclusive Approach to Roadway Safety: Priority Network Screening and Systemic Analysis for MPOs (Julie Richmond, Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Council; & Cory Hopwood and Gui Vendemiatti, Cambridge Systematics) & School Site Planning with Safe Routes to School in Mind (Karla Windsor, North Central Texas Council of Governments)	Location: Room 555/556 Panel featuring: James Turnwald, Michiana Area Council of Governments; Sarah Ingle, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority; & Matt Lyhne, Commute with Enterprise

**Mid-Week Mobile Tour:
 The Art of the Possible**
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12:00 -1:30 p.m.

Main Stage 6 — Luncheon & AMPO General Membership Meeting followed by AMPO Awards, sponsored by GeoTab

Location: Ballroom ADE

1:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Breakout 9A: Transforming Iowa's Regional Economic Potential and Quality of Life Through Active Transportation	Breakout 9B: Beyond Coordination: Strengthening MPO and DOT Collaboration to Deliver Projects	Breakout 9C: Connected Vehicle Innovations for Regional Arterial & Traffic Signal Program Management
Location: Room 551/552 Panel featuring: Mary Ellen Koontz, Rails to Trails Conservancy; Michael Helgersen, MAPA; & Bryan Schmid, Bi-State Regional Commission	Location: Ballroom B/C Panel featuring: John Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics; Meredith Brady, Rhode Island Division of Planning; Carrie Lavallee, Massachusetts DOT; Michael Morris, NCTCOG; & Tigist Zegeye, Wilmington Area Planning Council	Location: Room 555/556 Panel featuring: Alex Wolfson, RTC of Washoe County; Gregory Masota, North Central Texas COG; Arminta Syed, Maricopa Association of Governments; & Shaun Quayle, INRIX

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors, sponsored by Commute with Enterprise

Location: [Ballroom Pre-function](#)

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Breakout 10A: BTS Transportation Vulnerability and Resilience Data Program

Location: [Room 551/552](#)

Panel featuring: DJ Mason, USDOT; Meredith Brady, Rhode Island Division of Planning; Mike Lawrence, Jack Faucett Associates; & Chandler Duncan, Metro Analytics

Breakout 10B: Raising the Bar on Core Products

Location: [Ballroom B/C](#)

Maximizing In-House Resources: Cost-Effective Strategies for MPO Planning Products (Natasha Longpine, Ozarks Transportation Organization) & **Keeping Your Metropolitan Transportation Plan Fresh: Innovation Through Collaboration** (Neil Burke, Charlotte Regional TPO; & Allison Fluitt, Kimley-Horn) & **Conveying Regional Vision through Innovative Planning** (Mukesh Kumar & Nora Ray, Waco MPO)

small MPO speaker

Breakout 10C: AI Agents in Action: Reshaping Transportation Planning with Digital Twins

Location: [Room 555/556](#)

Experts' Insights into AI Innovations in Transportation (Greg Stuart, Broward MPO; Ben Levine, Bentley; Avinash Srivastava, AECOM's Center of Excellence for Urban Analytics; & Abdeltawab Hendawi, Professor & Co-director of the AI-Lab, University of Rhode Island) & **SMART METRO Digital Twin Demonstration & Discussion, USDOT SMART Grant** (Anant Dinamani, Deloitte; & Andrew Riddle, Broward MPO)

3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Exhibitor move-out

Location: [Ballroom Pre-function](#)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30 am - 12:00 p.m.

Post-Conference Mobile Tour: The Woonasquatucket Greenway: Fostering Economic and Environmental Vitality – A Bike Tour and Talk

Registration is closed.

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