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AMPO News

Tuned In: A National Dialogue

Join us for the next installment of Tuned In: A National Dialogue—AMPO's ongoing listening session series designed to center your voice. Session 6 will take place **Tuesday, October 7** from **3–4 PM ET**.

These sessions are designed as drop-in discussions focused on the recent policy changes at the federal level and the uncertainty that accompanies them. These sessions will have an open format for Q&A. This is not a presentation—it's a space where you can actively engage, share your thoughts, ask questions, and talk through challenges and opportunities facing MPOs today.



Please sign up with your professional email address as we are only admitting MPO staff at this time.

[Register Here](#)

Introducing AMPO's Newest Membership Tier: DOT Partner Program

AMPO is excited to announce the launch of our brand-new membership tier: the [AMPO DOT Partner Program](#) — designed specifically for MPO liaisons at state DOTs.

This new program strengthens collaboration between MPOs and their state partners through tailored resources, curated engagement opportunities, and access to timely, policy-relevant insights.



[Learn More and Apply Today](#)

Welcome Our Newest AMPO Member

Please join us in welcoming our newest AMPO member, Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study. Learn more about our Michigan-based member, [here](#).

Interested in becoming an AMPO member or know of an industry partner who may be interested in one of our membership offerings? Learn more [here](#) or contact us at communications@ampo.org



Help Us Build the MPO Contacts Directory — Quick Survey

We're putting together a directory of primary and secondary contacts for each of your core products (e.g., MTP, TIP, etc.) to help improve communication and make future surveys more targeted and relevant. This directory will also be shared with the broader MPO community, making it easier for peers to connect, collaborate, and learn from each other.

Please take just a few minutes to complete this quick survey and provide the appropriate contacts and any relevant URLs:

[Take the Survey](#)

Join Us

Socioeconomic Forecasting Interest Group Q3 Webinar

October 16 | 2:00 - 3:30 PM ET

Topic: Employment Location Choice Modeling

Register [here](#)

AMPO MPO Leadership Forum

Rescheduled: November 11 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET

Topic: Marketing Your MPO: Maximizing Impact Through Member Services

Learn [more](#)

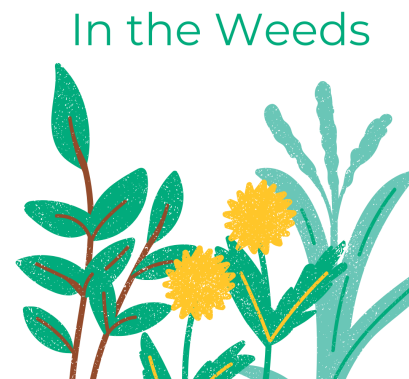


In The Weeds

In the weeds, you'll find timely updates from the Federal Register as it pertains to our industry.

NHTSA Safety Meeting & Workshop on Automated Driving Systems

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will hold a public meeting on October 21-22, 2025, jointly organized by the NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Research and Behavioral Safety Research offices. The event will provide updates and insights into ongoing activities across NHTSA's research programs. The event will not be live streamed; however, panel presentations will be recorded and made available on the NHTSA website after the event. At the conclusion of the research presentations on October 22, 2025, the Agency will also host a special workshop on selected topics of interest related to Automated Driving Systems (ADS).



The Research public meeting and the ADS workshop will both be held in-person at the DOT Headquarters: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Atrium, Washington, DC 20590. The registration deadline is October 17, 2025. The public docket will remain open for

comments for 90 days following the public meeting, until January 23, 2026. Attendees must register [here](#). Learn [more](#).

Withdrawal of FTA's Environmental Justice Guidance

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has announced the withdrawal of guidance document Circular 4703.1, Environmental Justice, effective immediately. It was originally published in 2012 and implemented [Executive Order 12898](#), "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," [59 FR 7629](#), and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Order 5610.2(a), "Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," [77 FR 27534](#). Read [more](#).

Events & Resources

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NaTMEC 2026 Annual Conference Call for Abstracts

The 2026 National Travel Monitoring Exposition and Conference (NaTMEC) will take place in Nashville, TN, July 6-9, 2026.

The goal of NaTMEC 2026 is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of travel monitoring programs and to enhance data-driven decision-making. The event will cover such topics as traffic count collection equipment, collection safety, data contracting, annual factoring (seasonal, class, axle), local AADTs, data quality, federal reporting (HPMS, TMAS, MIRE), public-facing data sharing, GIS, and more! Learn [more](#).

Rails to Trails Conservancy's TrailNation Summit

Oct. 27 - 29, Cleveland, OH

The TrailNation™ Summit is where the vision of trail networks at the center of healthy, thriving communities becomes reality. Participants will be immersed in a learning experience designed to gain the skills and build the necessary connections with professionals and advocates from different fields, geographies, and areas of expertise to accelerate the development of country's 175+ trail networks.

In recognition of the important role MPOs play in regional trail network development, RTC is offering a special discount to AMPO members with the code "PARTNER".

[Learn more and register today](#)

Eligible planners will receive at least 12 AICP CMs at the Summit!

Resources, News, and Surveys

Snapshots of Planning Practices

NCHRP Web-Only Document 431: Snapshots of Planning Practices, from TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program, presents a series of illustrated "snapshots" that serve as a resource for transportation-planning practice development and provide information for realistic practice implementation and program advancement. Learn [more](#).

AMPO Job Board

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