



2026

AMPO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SACRAMENTO, CA | SEPTEMBER 14-18

PROGRAM

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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).

All Events are at the Safe Credit Union Convention Center Unless Another Location is Noted

Monday, Sept. 14					
Pre-conference events TBD					
Tuesday, Sept. 15					
7-8 am	Exhibitor set-up				
8 am-5 pm	Registration				
8-9 am	Breakfast with Sponsors and Exhibitors				
9-10:15 am	Opening Ceremonies				
10:15-10:45 am	Coffee break with Sponsors and Exhibitors				
10:45-11:45 am	Block 1	<p>WHERE HOUSING MEETS TRANSPORTATION 1 Drive 'til You Qualify: Miami-Dade County's Transportation & Affordable Housing Cost Burden Paradox & Aligning Housing and Transportation: A Regional Data-Driven Approach</p>	<p>PUTTING TECH TO WORK From Concept to Corridor: A Strategy for Smartly Enhanced Multimodal Arterials in Buffalo Niagara & Testing the Future: Strengthening MPO Planning and Project Delivery through Technology Pilots and Strategic Grants *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>	<p>WHEN DATA HITS THE STREETS Leveraging Connected Vehicle Real-Time Locations and Freight Telematics Near Real-Time Dashcams for MPO Transportation Planning & Regional Collaboration for Mega-Event Mobility: Scenario Planning and Modeling for the 2026 World Cup</p>	<p>From Frustration to Collaboration: Rebuilding Trust to Move Projects Forward *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>
noon-1:30 pm	Lunch				
1:45-3 pm	Block 2	<p>From Vision to Implementation: How MPOs Can Build Technical Assistance Programs to Assist Project Delivery</p>	<p>CORE PRODUCTS THAT COUNT Understanding Where We Stand: Working for a Better Transportation Future & From Low-Tech to High-Tech: Improving Engagement in the RTP</p>	<p>Creativity Under Constraint: Rewriting the MPO Playbook with Real World TDM Wins</p>	<p>DELIVERING BETTER STREETS Implementing Great Streets in High-Growth Suburban Edge Corridors & Leading from the Middle: How MPOs Navigate Competing Stakeholder Expectations through Effective Communication and Partnership to Deliver Successful Projects & Making Every Curb Ramp Count: Data-Driven Strategies for the Public Right-of-Way</p>
3-3:30 pm	Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors				
3:30-4:30 pm	Block 3	<p>Unlocking Local Funds: How MPOs Raise Non-Federal Revenue and Strengthen Financial Capacity *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>	<p>From Vision to Reality: Meet the Inaugural MPOs Committed to the SMART METRO Ecosystem</p>	<p>Prioritized investment: Using MPO Levers to Advance Regional Needs</p>	<p>Coordinating 27 MPOs: Florida's Model for Statewide Collaboration</p>
5:30-7:30 pm	Evening event TBD				

Wednesday, Sept. 16					
8-9 am		Continental Breakfast with Sponsors and Exhibitors			
9-10 am	Block 4	<p>WHERE HOUSING MEETS TRANSPORTATION 2 Aligning Housing and Transportation: Promising Tools and Regional Strategies for MPOs *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>	<p>BUILDING A BETTER MTP From Plan to Platform: Treating the Long-Range Transportation Plan as a Digital Ecosystem & Do Bears Ride Buses? Using Storytelling and Design to Communicate the RTP Vision *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>	<p>CODING BOOTCAMP Vibe Coding for Planners: Rapid Prototyping Lab for Engagement and Analysis & DIY Custom Software for MPOs: From 'I Wish We Had a Tool for That' to 'I Built One' with AI</p>	Truck VMT: It looks like VMT, It sounds like VMT, It moves like VMT, But it is a different VMT!
10-10:30 am		Coffee break with Sponsors and Exhibitors			
10:30-11:45 am	Block 5	<p>WHERE HOUSING MEETS TRANSPORTATION 3 Bridging Housing and Transportation: An Exploration Exchange for MPOs *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>	<p>MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE Mascots, Media, and Mobility: Creative Tools Empowering the Next Generation for Real Impact in Transportation Planning & Start Where You Are: Risk-Taking, Credibility, and Community Trust for MPOs</p>	Let's Get Physical! An Active Living Evaluation and Exploration Workshop	<p>THE HEAT IS ON Climate Action on a Regional Level: How Texas MPOs Are Delivering Results & Beating the Heat: Innovative Strategies for Extreme Heat Resilience</p>
noon-1:30 pm		Lunch			
1:45-3 pm	Block 6	<p>WHERE HOUSING MEETS TRANSPORTATION 4 Elevating the Question of Where in Housing Decisions: The WFRC Housing Site Evaluator & Beyond National Benchmarks: Building a Locally Informed Housing and Transportation Affordability Index for MPO Planning *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>	<p>THE BEST OF BIKES & BUSES The Lake City Loop: MPO Transit Planning for Smaller Communities & Planning for What's Next: Helping MPOs Manage the Rise of E-Bikes Safely</p>	Building Better Partnerships: Testing New Collaboration Tools for MPOs and DOTs	<p>TACKLING TRAFFIC CONGESTION Hillsborough TPO's Approach to Crash Mitigation and Congestion Management Process & Marin's Mobility Enhancement Toolkit: Providing Trip Reduction and Mobility Options to Local Agencies</p>
3-3:30 pm		Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors			
3:30-4:30 pm	Block 7	<p>TAKING IT TO THE (SAFER) STREETS From Highway Manuals to Human-Scaled Streets: Building a Regional Traffic Calming & Complete Streets Toolbox & Scaling Vision Zero through Multidisciplinary Partnerships and Local Implementation</p>	<p>I WANT TO RIDE MY BICYCLE Applying Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (BLTS) to MPO Planning & Pedal Power: Temporary Lanes for Safe School Travel *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>	Supporting Communities at Different Starting Lines: An MPO Peer Roundtable on Development Readiness	Still Here: Regional Planning in Partnership with American Indian Communities
6-9 pm		Evening Reception			
Thursday, Sept. 17					
8-9 am		Continental Breakfast with Sponsors and Exhibitors			
9-10 am		Main Stage Session TBD			
10-10:30 am		Coffee Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors			
10:30-11:30 am	Block 8	<p>MAKING VISION ZERO A REALITY Almost a Crash, Actually a Clue: Using Near Miss Data to Drive Regional Vision Zero Strategies & The Hitch Hikers Guide to Regional Vision Zero Planning</p>	<p>TRAVEL SURVEYS FROM COAST TO COAST Travel Surveys in Times of Turbulence: Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Practical Strategies for MPOs & From Constraints to Calibration: How SCAG Delivered Model Ready HTS Data Under Tight Budget Constraints</p>	<p>DATA-DRIVEN PLANNING Transportation Pathways to Regional Economic Vitality & Proactive Safety Planning: Leveraging Predictive Analytics and Community Data for Safer Streets</p>	<p>ADVENTURES IN COMMUNICATION AICP.E. – Leveraging Planner-Engineer Staff Collaboration in MPO Workflow & Somehow, We Manage</p>
11:45-1:15 pm		Lunch Featuring AMPO General Membership meeting & 2025 AMPO Awards			
1:30-3 pm	Block 9	<p>WHERE HOUSING MEETS TRANSPORTATION 5 A Playbook for Advancing Housing & Transportation Integration</p>	Beyond the CMP: Turning Regional TDM Strategy into Real-World Mobility Programs	The Power to Move: Advancing Transportation Options for ALICE Families	no session
3-3:30 pm		Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors			
3:30-4:30 pm	Block 10	<p>Managing Fiscal Uncertainty in Long-Range Transportation Planning</p>	<p>ACCESS IS EVERYTHING Transportation Access to Core Services: A Practical Framework for Regional Planning and Decision-Making & Leveraging New Tools and Data to Develop Destination Access TIP Project Selection Criteria</p>	<p>BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER From Gateway to Consensus: Leveraging PEL to Align Transportation, Community Vision, and Environmental Review & The Infrastructure Handshake: A Multi-Disciplinary Model for Infrastructure and Development Alignment *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>	no session
Friday, Sept. 18					
		Post-conference events TBD			