

**2026** APRIL 20-22, 2026  
LEXINGTON, KY

# PLANNING TOOLS & TRAINING SYMPOSIUM



**PROGRAM**



**Subject to Change**

**A note about session tracks:** MPO 101 sessions are designed for newer MPO staff, while MPO Deep Dive sessions are aimed at more experienced staff. However, attendees are welcome to attend sessions in either track and can move between tracks throughout the Symposium.

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*All events at the Hilton Lexington Downtown unless otherwise noted.*

## Monday, April 20

**9:00 – 11:00 AM**  
Pre-Symposium Mobile Workshop: Town Branch Commons Corridor Tour

*Pre-registration required.*

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
Exhibitor Set-up

**11:00 AM – 6:00 PM**  
Registration Open  
*Location: Ballroom Pre-Function*

**1:00 – 1:30 PM**  
Welcome Remarks and Opening Session  
*Location: Ballroom ABC*

**1:45 – 3:15 PM**  
**MPO 101 Track**  
Designing Better Maps and Geospatial Apps  
*Location: Ballroom D*

**Session leaders:** Caitlin Smith, Melissa Miracle, & Beau Ryck (Esri); Margaret Minzner (Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana COG)

**Deep Dive Track**  
Future-Ready MPOs: A Hands-On Lab in Strategic Foresight

*Location: Magnolia Ballroom*

**Session leaders:** David Giguere, Katherine Atteberry, & Kristin Allin (Atlanta Regional Commission)

**3:15 – 3:30 PM**  
Break

**3:30 – 4:45 PM**  
**MPO 101 Track**  
Road Safety Audits: Advancing Safe System Implementation  
*Location: Ballroom D*

**Session leaders:** Matthew Hardy (ITE); Evan Schoss & Nancy Hirsch (Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission); & Kate Pipa (Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments)

**Deep Dive Track**  
Corridor Prioritization Lab: Apply the Active Transportation Tool to Your Region

*Location: Magnolia Ballroom*

*You're encouraged to bring your laptop to this session*

**Session leaders:** David Miller and Sophie Menner (Foursquare ITP); & Curtis Bridges (Charlotte Regional TPO)

**4:45 – 6:00 PM**  
Welcome Reception with Exhibitors, sponsored by EcoInteractive

## Tuesday, April 21

**8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**  
Registration Open  
*Location: Ballroom Pre-Function*

**8:30-9:15 am**  
Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors, sponsored by Replica

**9:15 – 10:30 AM**  
**MPO 101 Track**  
Off the Road! Getting Your Plan Back on Track When Things Go Wrong

*Location: Ballroom D*

**Session leaders:** Katrina Van Every & Paul Brewster, Thurston Regional Planning Council

**Deep Dive Track**  
Data That Saves Lives: Building Better Safety Tools at a Regional Scale  
*Location: Magnolia Ballroom*  
**Session leaders:** Kate Gregory & Jake Lovell (Oregon Metro)

**10:30 – 11:00 AM**  
Break with Exhibitors, sponsored by InfoTech and Michelin Mobility Intelligence

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**MPO 101 Track**  
Crash Safety Planning Scenarios Using a Crash Data Dashboard  
*Location: Ballroom D*  
*You're encouraged to bring your laptop to this session*

**Session leader:** Greg Conant, Denver Regional Council of Governments

**Deep Dive Track**  
Visualization for Dallas-Fort Worth Traffic Counts and High-Speed Transportation Connections Ridership Forecast  
*Location: Magnolia Ballroom*  
*You're encouraged to bring your laptop to this session.*  
**Session leaders:** Zihao Li & Hua Yang (North Central Texas COG)

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**  
Lunch featuring Premiere Sponsors EcoInteractive and StreetLight, a Jacobs Company, sponsored by Open Point  
*Location: Ballroom ABC*

**1:30 – 3:30 PM**  
**MPO 101 Track**  
Transit Networks 101: The Prairieville Interactive Network Design Game  
*Location: Ballroom D*  
**Session leaders:** Sean Northup & Jen Higginbotham (Indianapolis MPO); & Scudder Wagg (Jarrett Walker + Associates)

**Deep Dive Track**  
**APPLIED AI FOR MPOS**  
*You'll need to bring a laptop to fully participate in this session*

**From Hours to Minutes: How Planners are Automating Tasks with AI Agents**  
*Location: Magnolia Ballroom*  
**Session leaders:** Varun Tandon & Ryan Johnston (Waypoint Transit); Erick Aune (Santa Fe MPO) (small MPO)

**Reimagining Public Engagement: VR, AI, and GIS for the 2050 LRTP**  
*Location: Magnolia Ballroom*  
**Session leaders:** Franchesca Taylor, Elizabeth Rockwell, & Jerry Jackson, Jr. (Miami-Dade TPO)

**Mid-Week Mobile Workshop**  
Road Safety Audit. This workshop will test drive a Road Safety Audit, with a focus on vulnerable

road users and a spotlight on work being done by the Lexington MPO in collaboration with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. (Pre-Registration Required)

**3:30 – 4:00 PM**  
Break with Exhibitors, sponsored by Agile Mile and INRIX

**4:00 – 5:00 PM**  
**MPO 101 Track**  
Made With AI: Practical Takeaways for Utilizing Artificial Intelligence in Planning and Outreach  
*Location: Ballroom D*  
**Session leaders:** Chelsea Favero & Dana Santos (Forward Pinellas)

**Deep Dive Track**  
Safe Routes to School: A Collaborative Discussion on Strategies for Infrastructure & Engagement  
*Location: Magnolia Ballroom*  
**Session leaders:** Tim Verbeke & Chloe Barnes, Region 1 Planning Council

**5:30 – 8:30 PM**  
Social Event, sponsored by StreetLight, a Jacobs Company  
*Location: LexLive, 301 S Broadway*

## Wednesday, April 22

**8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**  
Registration Open  
*Location: Ballroom Pre-Function*

**8:30 – 9:30 AM**  
Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors, sponsored by GeoTab

**9:30 – 10:30 AM**  
**MPO 101 Track**  
BTS: Transportation Data and Analysis Products  
*Location: Ballroom D*  
*You're encouraged to bring your laptop to this session*  
**Session leaders:** Ramond Robinson & Patricia DiJoseph (USDOT)

**Deep Dive Track**  
NextGen Travel Demand Models with AI Digital Twins  
*Location: Magnolia Ballroom*  
**Session leaders:** Ximon Zhu (Numobility); Jiaqi Ma (UCLA); and Jinghua Xu (Southern California Association of Governments)

**10:30 – 11:00 AM**  
Break with Exhibitors, sponsored by Flock Safety

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**MPO 101 Track**  
Turning Gameday Lessons into Everyday Wins  
*Location: Ballroom D*  
**Session leaders:** Daniel Rudge (Bryan-College Station MPO); Debbie Albert & Jessica VanDenBogaert (Texas A&M Transportation Institute)

**Deep Dive Track**  
Case Study Clinic: Nicholasville Road Corridor Redesign  
*Location: Magnolia Ballroom*  
**Session leaders:** Christopher Evilia (Lexington Area MPO); Steve De Witte (Kentucky Transportation Cabinet); Anne Warnick (WSP)

**12:00 – 1:00 PM**  
Lunch featuring Premiere Sponsors PMG and Open Point, sponsored by PMG  
*Location: Ballroom ABC*

**1:00 – 2:30 PM**  
**MPO 101 Track**  
Understanding Travel in your Region: Tools and Knowledge to Use the Census Transportation Planning Product (CTPP)  
*Location: Ballroom D*  
*You're encouraged to bring your laptop to this session*  
**Session leaders:** Julia Glickman (AASHTO); Heath Lupton (Cambridge Systematics); & Kevin Tierney (Bird's Hill Research)

## Deep Dive Track

### Using the Resilience and Disaster Recovery Tool Suite to Support Resilient Transportation Infrastructure Project Prioritization

**Location:** Magnolia Ballroom

You'll need to bring your laptop with the tool suite already installed. Use the QR Code to access instructions and tool suite.



**Session leaders:** Kevin Zhang, Andrew Breck, & Juwon Drake (USDOT)

## 2:30 – 3:00 PM

### Break with Exhibitors, sponsored by Cambridge Systematics

## 3:00 – 4:30 PM

### Closing Session: The Hows and Whys of Web Accessibility

**Location:** Ballroom ABC

This interactive session will explore how MPOs can improve digital accessibility across websites, documents, and data tools in response to evolving federal requirements. Through a combination of user perspective, real-world examples, and hands-on activities, participants will leave with practical strategies they can apply immediately. You'll need to bring a laptop to fully participate in this session.

## 3:00 – 5:00 PM

### Exhibitor Tear Down

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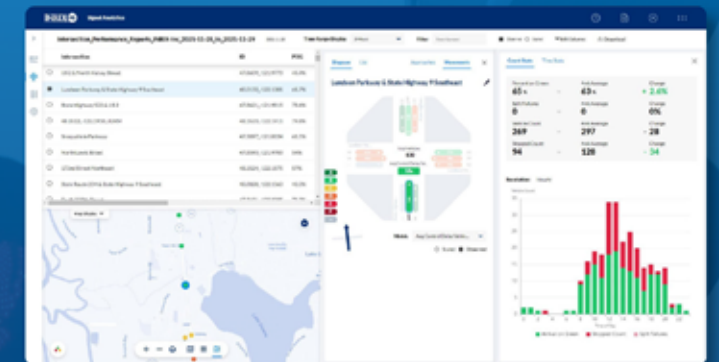


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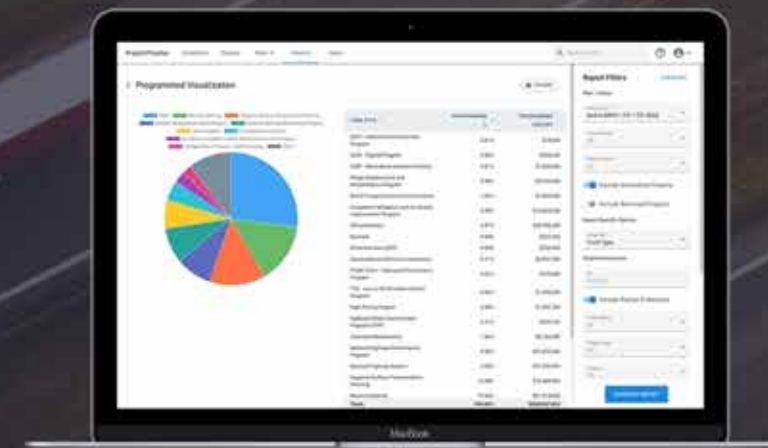
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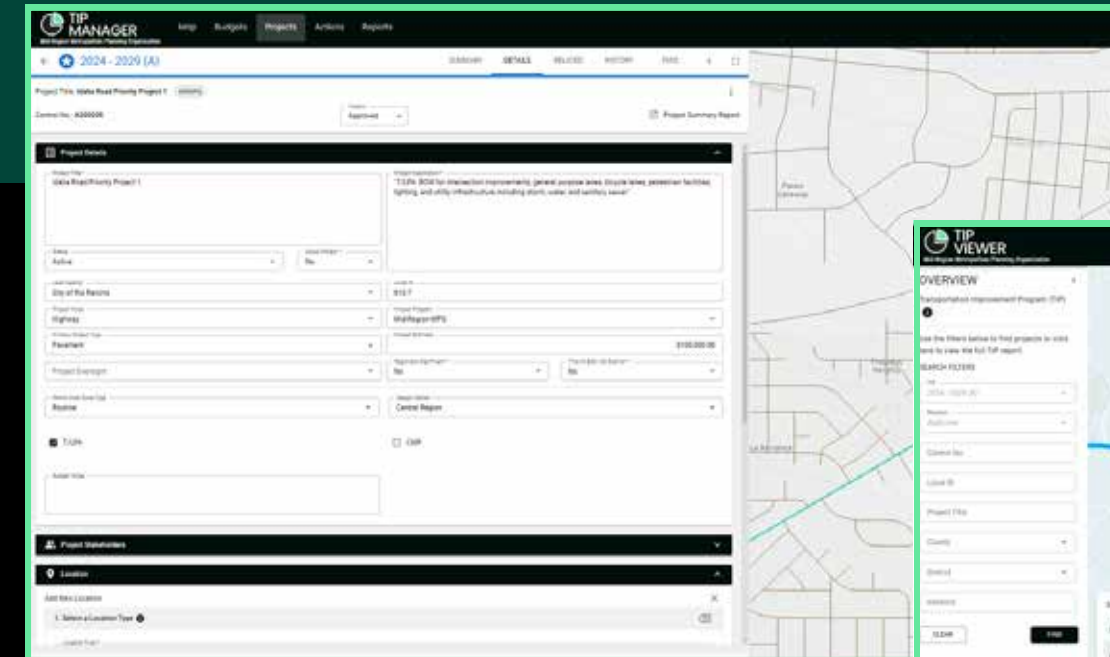
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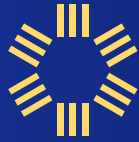


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