



Lexington Area  
Metropolitan Planning Organization



**2026** APRIL 20-23, 2026  
LEXINGTON, KY

**PLANNING TOOLS  
& TRAINING  
SYMPOSIUM**

# AGENDA

Subject to Change | Updated April 7, 2026

**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.

All events at the Hilton Lexington Downtown unless otherwise noted

## Monday, April 20

9 to 11 am		<b>Pre-Symposium Mobile Workshop: Town Branch Commons Corridor Tour</b> Join City of Lexington Complete Streets Coordinator Brandi Peacher for immersive, guided walking tour of the Town Branch Commons Corridor, a transformational urban multimodal corridor and linear park reconnecting downtown Lexington to surrounding neighborhoods and regional trails. This award-winning project integrates buried infrastructure, historic waterways, green infrastructure, multimodal transportation, and public space design into a single cohesive vision creating a safer, more vibrant, and economically catalytic corridor. Participants will explore project phasing, partnerships, community engagement, and implementation strategies that position Town Branch Commons as a replicable model for corridor delivery and sustainable urban development. <b>Pre-Registration Required.</b>	
10 am-3 pm		Exhibitor Set-up	
11 am-6 pm		<i>Registration Open</i>	
1-1:30 pm		Welcome Remarks and Opening Session   Location: Ballroom ABC	
		<b>MPO 101 Track   Location: Ballroom D</b>	<b>Deep Dive Track   Location: Magnolia Ballroom</b>
1:45-3:15 pm	<b>BLOCK 1</b>	<b>Designing Better Maps and Geospatial Apps</b>	<b>Future-Ready MPOs: A Hands-On Lab in Strategic Foresight</b>
		Session leaders: Caitlin Smith (Esri); Melissa Miracle, Margaret Minzner, & Beau Ryck (Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana COG)	Session leaders: David Giguere, Katherine Atteberry, & Kristin Allin (Atlanta Regional Commission)
3:15-3:30 pm		Break	
3:30-4:45 pm	<b>BLOCK 2</b>	<b>Road Safety Audits: Advancing Safe System Implementation</b>	<b>Corridor Prioritization Lab: Apply the Active Transportation Tool to Your Region</b> You're encouraged to bring your laptop to this session
		Session leaders: Matthew Hardy (ITE); Evan Schoss & Nancy Hirsch (Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission); & Kate Pipa (Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments)	Session leaders: David Miller and Sophie Menner (Foursquare ITP); & Curtis Bridges (Charlotte Regional TPO)
4:45-6 pm		Welcome Reception with Exhibitors   Sponsored by EcoInteractive	

Tuesday, April 21		
8:30 am-5 pm		Registration Open
8:30-9:15 am		Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors   Sponsored by Replica
		<b>MPO 101 Track   Location: Ballroom D</b>
		<b>Deep Dive Track   Location: Magnolia Ballroom</b>
9:15-10:30 am	<b>BLOCK 3</b>	<b>Off the Road! Getting Your Plan Back on Track When Things Go Wrong</b>
		<b>Data That Saves Lives: Building Better Safety Tools at a Regional Scale</b>
		Session leaders: Katrina Van Every & Paul Brewster, Thurston Regional Planning Council
		Session leaders: Kate Gregory & Jake Lovell (Oregon Metro)
10:30-11 am		Break with Exhibitors   Sponsored by Michelin Mobility Intelligence and InfoTech
11 am to noon	<b>BLOCK 4</b>	<b>Crash Safety Planning Scenarios Using a Crash Data Dashboard</b> You're encouraged to bring your laptop to this session
		<b>Visualization for Dallas-Fort Worth Traffic Counts and High-Speed Transportation Connections Ridership Forecast</b> You're encouraged to bring your laptop to this session
		Session leader: Greg Conant, Denver Regional Council of Governments
		Session leaders: Zihao Li & Hua Yang (North Central Texas COG)
noon-1:30 pm		Lunch featuring Premiere Sponsors <b>EcolInteractive</b> and <b>StreetLight, a Jacobs Company</b>   Sponsored by Open Point   Location: Ballroom ABC
1:30-3:30 pm	<b>BLOCK 5</b>	<b>Transit Networks 101: The Prairieville Interactive Network Design Game</b>
		<b>Applied AI for MPOs</b> <b>From Hours to Minutes: How Planners are Automating Tasks with AI Agents &amp; Reimagining Public Engagement: VR, AI, and GIS for the 2050 LRTP</b> You'll need to bring a laptop to fully participate in this session
		1st half session leaders: Varun Tandon & Ryan Johnston (Waypoint Transit); Erick Aune (Santa Fe MPO)(small MPO); 2nd half session leaders: Franchesca Taylor, Elizabeth Rockwell, & Jerry Jackson, Jr. (Miami-Dade TPO)
		<b>Mid-Week Mobile Workshop: Road Safety Audit.</b> 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 pm		Break with Exhibitors   Sponsored by Agile Mile and INRIX
4-5 pm	<b>BLOCK 6</b>	<b>Made With AI: Practical Takeaways for Utilizing Artificial Intelligence in Planning and Outreach</b>
		<b>Safe Routes to School: A Collaborative Discussion on Strategies for Infrastructure &amp; Engagement</b>
		Session leaders: Chelsea Favero & Dana Santos (Forward Pinellas)
		Session leaders: Tim Verbeke & Chloe Barnes, Region 1 Planning Council
5:30-8:30 pm		<b>Social Event at LexLive (301 S Broadway)   Sponsored by Streetlight, a Jacobs Company</b>

Wednesday, April 22		
8:30 am-5 pm		Registration Open
8:30-9:30 am		Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors   Sponsored by GeoTab
		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px;"> <b>MPO 101 Track   Location: Ballroom D</b> </div> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #ff9800; padding: 5px;"> <b>Deep Dive Track   Location: Magnolia Ballroom</b> </div> </div>
9:30-10:30 am	<b>BLOCK 7</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px;"> <b>BTS: Transportation Data and Analysis Products</b>            You're encouraged to bring your laptop to this session         </div> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #ff9800; padding: 5px;"> <b>NextGen Travel Demand Models with AI Digital Twins</b> </div> </div>
		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px;">           Session leaders: Ramond Robinson &amp; Patricia DiJoseph (USDOT)         </div> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #ff9800; padding: 5px;">           Session leaders: Ximon Zhu (Numobility); Jiaqi Ma (UCLA); and Jinghua Xu (Southern California Association of Governments)         </div> </div>
10:30-11 am		Break with Exhibitors   Sponsored by Flock Safety
11 am to noon	<b>BLOCK 8</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px;"> <b>Turning Gameday Lessons into Everyday Wins</b> </div> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #ff9800; padding: 5px;"> <b>Case Study Clinic: Nicholasville Road Corridor Redesign</b> </div> </div>
		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px;">           Session leaders: Daniel Rudge (Bryan-College Station MPO); Debbie Albert &amp; Jessica VanDenBogaert (Texas A&amp;M Transportation Institute)         </div> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #ff9800; padding: 5px;">           Session leaders: Christopher Evilia (Lexington Area MPO); Steve De Witte (Kentucky Transportation Cabinet); Anne Warnick (WSP)         </div> </div>
noon-1 pm		Lunch featuring Premiere Sponsors <b>PMG</b> and <b>Open Point</b>   Sponsored by PMG   Location: Ballroom ABC
1-2:30 pm	<b>BLOCK 9</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px;"> <b>Understanding Travel in Your Region: Tools and Knowledge to Use the Census Transportation Planning Product (CTPP)</b>            You're encouraged to bring your laptop to this session         </div> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #ff9800; padding: 5px;"> <b>Using the Resilience and Disaster Recovery Tool Suite to Support Resilient Transportation Infrastructure Project Prioritization</b>  <u>You'll need to bring your laptop with the tool suite already installed. Click this link to access instructions, which will be posted 1 week before the Symposium.</u> </div> </div>
		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px;">           Session leaders: Julia Glickman (AASHTO); Heath Lupton (Cambridge Systematics); &amp; Kevin Tierney (Bird's Hill Research)         </div> <div style="width: 48%; background-color: #ff9800; padding: 5px;">           Session leaders: Kevin Zhang, Andrew Breck, &amp; Juwon Drake (USDOT)         </div> </div>
2:30-3 pm		Break with Exhibitors   Sponsored by Cambridge Systematics
3-4:30 pm	<b>BLOCK 10</b>	<b>Closing Session: The Hows and Whys of Web Accessibility   Location: Ballroom ABC</b> 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
3-5 pm		Exhibitor Tear Down