



# AGENDA

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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 at the Hilton Lexington Downtown unless otherwise noted

## Monday, April 20

8:30 am to noon		MPO Institute (Pre-Registration Required)	
noon-6 pm		<i>Registration Open</i>	
1:15 pm		Welcome Remarks and Opening Session	
2:45 pm		Exhibitor Set-up	
		<b>MPO 101 Track</b> <b>Deep Dive Track</b>	
1:45-3:15 pm	<b>BLOCK 1</b>	<b>Designing Better Maps and Geospatial Apps</b> Session leaders: Caitlin Smith (Esri); Melissa Miracle, Margaret Minzer, & Beau Ryck (Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana COG)	<b>Future-Ready MPOs: A Hands-On Lab in Strategic Foresight</b> 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> Session leaders: Matthew Hardy (ITE); Evan Schoss & Nancy Hirsch (Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission)	<b>The Engagement Engine: Brand, Narratives, and Issue Readiness for MPOs</b> Session leaders: Danielle Render, Kate Moening, & Antuan Guerry (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency)
4:45-6 pm		Welcome Reception with Exhibitors	

**Tuesday, April 21**

8:30 am to noon		MPO Institute (Pre-Registration Required)	
8:30 am-5 pm		<i>Registration Open</i>	
8:30-9:15 am		Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors	
		<b>MPO 101 Track</b>	<b>Deep Dive Track</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>Corridor Prioritization Lab: Apply the Active Transportation Tool to Your Region</b>
		Session leaders: Katrina Van Every, Thurston Regional Planning Council	Session leaders: David Miller (Foursquare ITP); & Curtis Bridges (Charlotte Regional TPO)
10:30-11 am		Break with Exhibitors	
11 am to noon	<b>BLOCK 4</b>	<b>Crash Safety Planning Scenarios Using a Crash Data Dashboard</b>	<b>Visualization for Dallas-Fort Worth Traffic Counts and High-Speed Transportation Connections Ridership Forecast</b>
		Session leaders: Greg Conant, Denver Regional Council of Governments	Session leaders: Zihao Li & Hua Yang (North Central Texas COG)
noon-1:30 pm		Lunch Buffet	
1:30-3:30 pm	<b>BLOCK 5</b>	<b>Transit Networks 101: The Prairievile Interactive Network Design Game</b>	<b>Applied AI for MPOs</b> From Hours to Minutes: How Planners are Automating Tasks with AI Agents & Reimagining Public Engagement: VR, AI, and GIS for the 2050 LRTP
		Session leaders: Sean Northup, Jen Higginbotham, Annie Dixon (Indianapolis MPO); & Scudder Wagg (Jarrett Walker + Associates)	1st half session leaders: Varun Tandon & Ryan Johnston (Waypoint Transit); Erick Aune (Santa Fe MPO)(small MPO); 2nd half session leaders: Franchesca Taylor & Christopher Rosenberg (Miami-Dade TPO)
3:30-4 pm		Break with Exhibitors	
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 & Michael Dunn, Region 1 Planning Council
5:30-8:30 pm		Evening Event	

Road Safety  
Audit Mobile  
Session (details  
TBD)

Mobile Tour  
(details TBD)

## Wednesday, April 22

8:30 am to noon		MPO Institute (Pre-Registration Required)	
8:30 am-5 pm		<i>Registration Open</i>	
8:30-9:30 am		Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors	
		<b>MPO 101 Track</b>	<b>Deep Dive Track</b>
9:30-10:30 am	<b>BLOCK 7</b>	<b>BTS -Transportation Data and Analysis Products</b>	<b>NextGen TDMs with AI Digital Twins</b>
		Session leaders: Ramond Robinson & Patricia DiJoseph (USDOT)	Session leaders: Ximon Zhu (Numobility); Jiaqi Ma (UCLA); Ellwood Hanrahan (NYSDOT); Philip Law (Southern California Association of Governments)
10:30-11 am		Break with Exhibitors	
11 am to noon	<b>BLOCK 8</b>	<b>Turning Gameday Lessons into Everyday Wins</b>	<b>Case Study Clinic: Nicholasville Road Corridor Redesign</b>
		Session leaders: Daniel Rudge (Bryan-College Station MPO); Debbie Albert, Madison Metsker-Galarza, & Jessica VanDenBogaert (Texas A&M Transportation Institute)	Session leaders: Christopher Evilia (Lexington Area MPO); Steve De Witte (Kentucky Transportation Cabinet); Anne Warnick (WSP)
noon-1 pm		Boxed Lunch	
1-2:30 pm	<b>BLOCK 9</b>	<b>Understanding Travel in your Region: Tools and Knowledge to Utilize the Census Transportation Planning Product (CTPP)</b>	<b>Using the Resilience and Disaster Recovery Tool Suite to Support Resilient Transportation Infrastructure Project Prioritization</b>
		Session leaders: Julia Glickman (AASHTO); Heath Lupton (Cambridge Systematics); & Kevin Tierney, (Bird's Hill Research)	Session leaders: Kevin Zhang, Andrew Breck, & Juwon Drake (USDOT)
2:30-3 pm		Break with Exhibitors	
3-5 pm		Exhibitor Tear Down	
3-4:30 pm		Closing Session	
<b>Thursday, April 23</b>			
8:30 am-noon		Post-Conference Mobile Tour (details TBD)	