



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		Registration Open	
1-1:30 pm		Welcome Remarks and Opening Session	
2-4:45 pm		Exhibitor Set-up	
		MPO 101 Track	Deep Dive Track
1:45-3:15 pm	BLOCK 1	Designing Better Maps and Geospatial Apps	Future-Ready MPOs: A Hands-On Lab in Strategic Foresight
		Session leaders: Caitlin Smith (Esri); Melissa Miracle, Margaret Minzer, & 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	BLOCK 2	Road Safety Audits: Advancing Safe System Implementation	The Engagement Engine: Brand, Narratives, and Issue Readiness for MPOs
		Session leaders: Matthew Hardy (ITE); Evan Schoss & Nancy Hirsch (Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission)	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		Registration Open		
8:30-9:15 am		Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors		
		MPO 101 Track	Deep Dive Track	
9:15-10:30 am	BLOCK 3	Off the Road! Getting Your Plan Back on Track When Things Go Wrong	Corridor Prioritization Lab: Apply the Active Transportation Tool to Your Region	Road Safety Audit Mobile Session (details TBD)
		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	BLOCK 4	Crash Safety Planning Scenarios Using a Crash Data Dashboard	Visualization for Dallas-Fort Worth Traffic Counts and High-Speed Transportation Connections Ridership Forecast	
		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	BLOCK 5	Transit Networks 101: The Prairieville Interactive Network Design Game	Applied AI for MPOs From Hours to Minutes: How Planners are Automating Tasks with AI Agents & Reimagining Public Engagement: VR, AI, and GIS for the 2050 LRTP	Mobile Tour (details TBD)
		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	BLOCK 6	Made With AI: Practical Takeaways for Utilizing Artificial Intelligence in Planning and Outreach	Safe Routes to School: A Collaborative Discussion on Strategies for Infrastructure & Engagement	
		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		

Wednesday, April 22			
8:30 am to noon		MPO Institute (Pre-Registration Required)	
8:30 am-5 pm		Registration Open	
8:30-9:30 am		Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors	
		MPO 101 Track	Deep Dive Track
9:30-10:30 am	BLOCK 7	BTS -Transportation Data and Analysis Products	NextGen TDMs with AI Digital Twins
		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	BLOCK 8	Turning Gameday Lessons into Everyday Wins	Case Study Clinic: Nicholasville Road Corridor Redesign
		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	BLOCK 9	Understanding Travel in your Region: Tools and Knowledge to Utilize the Census Transportation Planning Product (CTPP)	Using the Resilience and Disaster Recovery Tool Suite to Support Resilient Transportation Infrastructure Project Prioritization
		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	
Thursday, April 23			
8:30 am-noon		Post-Conference Mobile Tour (details TBD)	