



AGENDA

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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

8:30 am to noon		MPO Institute (Pre-Registration Required)
9 to 11 am		Pre-Symposium Mobile Workshop: Town Branch Commons Corridor Tour 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. Pre-Registration Required.
noon-6 pm		Registration Open
1-1:30 pm		Welcome Remarks and Opening Session Location: Ballroom ABC
2-4:45 pm		Exhibitor Set-up
		MPO 101 Track Location: Ballroom D
1:45-3:15 pm	BLOCK 1	Designing Better Maps and Geospatial Apps Session leaders: Caitlin Smith (Esri); Melissa Miracle, Margaret Minzer, & Beau Ryck (Ohio-Kentucky Indiana COG)
3:15-3:30 pm		Break
3:30-4:45 pm	BLOCK 2	Road Safety Audits: Advancing Safe System Implementation Session leaders: Matthew Hardy (ITE); Evan Schoss & Nancy Hirsch (Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission); & Kate Pipa (Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments)
4:45-6 pm		Welcome Reception with Exhibitors
		Deep Dive Track Location: Magnolia Ballroom
		Future-Ready MPOs: A Hands-On Lab in Strategic Foresight Session leaders: David Giguere, Katherine Atteberry, & Kristin Allin (Atlanta Regional Commission)
		The Engagement Engine: Brand, Narratives, and Issue Readiness for MPOs Session leaders: Danielle Render & Kate Moening (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency)

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		
		MPO 101 Track Location: Ballroom D	Deep Dive Track Location: Magnolia Ballroom	
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	
		Session leaders: Katrina Van Every & Paul Brewster, 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 Location: Ballroom ABC		
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	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)
		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		<i>Registration Open</i>	
8:30-9:30 am		Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors	
		MPO 101 Track Location: Ballroom D	Deep Dive Track Location: Magnolia Ballroom
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 Location: Ballroom ABC	
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 Location: Ballroom ABC	