



# 2026 AMPO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SACRAMENTO, CA | SEPTEMBER 14-18

# PROGRAM

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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 are at the Safe Credit Union Convention Center Unless Another Location is Noted

## Monday, Sept. 14

11:30 am-3:30 pm	<p align="center"><b>Pre-Conference Sports and Development Mobile Tour</b></p> <p>The Sacramento region is a big fan of sports. That love has translated into transformation. Join SACOG as we explore the region through its athletic culture with visits to key sports venues such as the Golden 1 Center, home of the Sacramento Kings, and Sutter Health Park, temporary home to the Athletics, and explore the future Republic FC stadium. Attendees will get behind the scenes tours and learn how sports is connecting people across the region.</p> <p>Physical Activity Level: This tour involves walking and some light physical activity, including climbing stairs. Participants should be able to comfortably walk for short to moderate distances without difficulty.</p> <p>Price: \$95 per person, max 35 people, pre-registration required</p>			
1-3 pm	AMPO ART and Policy Committee meetings (Committee members only)			
3:30-5 pm	AMPO Board of Directors Meeting (Board members only)			
2-5 pm	Exhibitor set-up			
4-6:30 pm	Registration			
5-6:30 pm	Welcome Reception with Sponsors and Exhibitors			

## Tuesday, Sept. 15

7-8 am	Exhibitor set-up				
8 am-5 pm	Registration				
8-9 am	Breakfast with Sponsors and Exhibitors				
9-10:15 am	Opening Ceremonies				
10:15-10:45 am	Coffee break with Sponsors and Exhibitors				
10:45-11:45 am	<p align="center"><b>Block 1</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>WHERE HOUSING MEETS TRANSPORTATION 1</b> Drive 'til You Qualify: Miami-Dade County's Transportation &amp; Affordable Housing Cost Burden Paradox &amp; Aligning Housing and Transportation: A Regional Data-Driven Approach</p>	<p align="center"><b>PUTTING TECH TO WORK</b> From Concept to Corridor: A Strategy for Smartly Enhanced Multimodal Arterials in Buffalo Niagara &amp; Testing the Future: Strengthening MPO Planning and Project Delivery through Technology Pilots and Strategic Grants *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>	<p align="center"><b>WHEN DATA HITS THE STREETS</b> Leveraging Connected Vehicle Real-Time Locations and Freight Telematics Near Real-Time Dashcams for MPO Transportation Planning &amp; Regional Collaboration for Mega-Event Mobility: Scenario Planning and Modeling for the 2026 World Cup</p>	<p align="center"><b>REPLACING FRUSTRATION WITH COLLABORATION</b> Rebuilding Trust to Move Projects Forward *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>
noon-1:30 pm	Lunch				
1:45-3 pm	<p align="center"><b>Block 2</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>WHERE HOUSING MEETS TRANSPORTATION 2</b> Elevating the Question of Where in Housing Decisions: The WFRM Housing Site Evaluator &amp; Beyond National Benchmarks: Building a Locally Informed Housing and Transportation Affordability Index for MPO Planning *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>	<p align="center"><b>CORE PRODUCTS THAT COUNT</b> Understanding Where We Stand: Working for a Better Transportation Future &amp; From Low-Tech to High-Tech: Improving Engagement in the RTP</p>	<p align="center"><b>CREATIVITY UNDER CONSTRAINT</b> Rewriting the MPO Playbook with Real World TDM Wins</p>	<p align="center"><b>DELIVERING BETTER STREETS</b> Implementing Great Streets in High-Growth Suburban Edge Corridors &amp; Leading from the Middle: How MPOs Navigate Competing Stakeholder Expectations Through Effective Communication and Partnership to Deliver Successful Projects &amp; Making Every Curb Ramp Count: Data-Driven Strategies for the Public Right-of-Way</p>
3-3:30 pm	Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors				
3:30-4:30 pm	<p align="center"><b>Block 3</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>WHERE HOUSING MEETS TRANSPORTATION 3</b> Aligning Housing and Transportation: Promising Tools and Regional Strategies for MPOs *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>	<p align="center"><b>FROM VISION TO REALITY</b> Meet the Inaugural MPOs Committed to the SMART METRO Ecosystem</p>	<p align="center"><b>PRIORITIZED INVESTMENT</b> Using MPO Levers to Advance Regional Needs</p>	<p align="center"><b>COORDINATING 27 MPOs</b> Florida's Model for Statewide Collaboration</p>
5:30-7:30 pm	Evening event TBD				

**Wednesday, Sept. 16**

8-5 pm **Registration**

8-9 am *Continental Breakfast with Sponsors and Exhibitors*

9-10 am	<b>Block 4</b>	<p><b>UNLOCKING LOCAL FUNDS</b> How MPOs Raise Non-Federal Revenue and Strengthen Financial Capacity <i>*session features a small MPO speaker*</i></p>	<p><b>BRINGING LONG-RANGE PLANS TO LIFE</b> From Plan to Platform: Treating the Long-Range Transportation Plan as a Digital Ecosystem &amp; Do Bears Ride Buses? Using Storytelling and Design to Communicate the RTP Vision <i>*session features a small MPO speaker*</i></p>	<p><b>CODING BOOTCAMP</b> Vibe Coding for Planners: Rapid Prototyping Lab for Engagement and Analysis &amp; DIY Custom Software for MPOs: From 'I Wish We Had a Tool for That' to 'I Built One' with AI</p>	<p><b>UNDERSTANDING TRUCK VMT</b> It Looks Like VMT, It Sounds Like VMT, It Moves Like VMT, But It Is a Different VMT!</p>
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10-10:30 am *Coffee break with Sponsors and Exhibitors*

10:30-11:45 am	<b>Block 5</b>	<p><b>WHERE HOUSING MEETS TRANSPORTATION 4</b> Bridging Housing and Transportation: An Exploration Exchange for MPOs <i>*session features a small MPO speaker*</i></p>	<p><b>MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE</b> Mascots, Media, and Mobility: Creative Tools Empowering the Next Generation for Real Impact in Transportation Planning &amp; Start Where You Are: Risk-Taking, Credibility, and Community Trust for MPOs</p>	<p><b>LET'S GET PHYSICAL!</b> An Active Living Evaluation and Exploration Workshop</p>	<p><b>TACKLING TRAFFIC CONGESTION</b> Hillsborough TPO's Approach to Crash Mitigation and Congestion Management Process &amp; Marin's Mobility Enhancement Toolkit: Providing Trip Reduction and Mobility Options to Local Agencies &amp; Congestion Management Solutions Through Integrated Planning</p>
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noon-1:30 pm **Lunch**

1:45-3 pm	<b>Block 6</b>	<p><b>FROM VISION TO IMPLEMENTATION</b> How MPOs Can Build Technical Assistance Programs to Assist Project Delivery</p>	<p><b>THE BEST OF BIKES &amp; BUSES</b> The Lake City Loop: MPO Transit Planning for Smaller Communities &amp; Planning for What's Next: Helping MPOs Manage the Rise of E-Bikes Safely</p>	<p><b>BUILDING BETTER PARTNERSHIPS</b> Testing New Collaboration Tools for MPOs and DOTs</p>	<p><b>THE HEAT IS ON</b> Climate Action on a Regional Level: How Texas MPOs Are Delivering Results &amp; Beating the Heat: Innovative Strategies for Extreme Heat Resilience</p>
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2-4 pm

**Mobile Tour: Explore Sacramento's Downtown Housing Transformation by Bike**

Join us for a guided biking tour through the heart of downtown Sacramento for a hands-on look at how cities can deliver housing while enhancing mobility and quality of life. Learn about how partners from across the region are converging in the downtown core to support safety, mobility, and housing production near jobs and services. This tour will highlight Sacramento's evolution through urban renewal, showcasing how historic neighborhoods and legacy redevelopment efforts intersect with today's wave of infill and housing production. Participants will explore a range of historic and contemporary housing typologies that are keeping and adding new residents to the urban core.

Physical Activity Level: Moderate-to-High with a good comfort level for bike riding in an urban setting.  
Cost: \$15, 20 people max, pre-registration required

3-3:30 pm *Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors*

3:30-4:30 pm	<b>Block 7</b>	<p><b>TAKING IT TO THE (SAFER) STREETS</b> From Highway Manuals to Human-Scaled Streets: Building a Regional Traffic Calming &amp; Complete Streets Toolbox &amp; Scaling Vision Zero through Multidisciplinary Partnerships and Local Implementation</p>	<p><b>I WANT TO RIDE MY BICYCLE</b> Applying Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (BLTS) to MPO Planning &amp; Pedal Power: Temporary Lanes for Safe School Travel <i>*session features a small MPO speaker*</i></p>	<p><b>SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES AT DIFFERENT STARTING LINES</b> An MPO Peer Roundtable on Development Readiness</p>	<p><b>WE'RE STILL HERE</b> Regional Planning in Partnership with American Indian Communities</p>
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6-9 pm *Evening Reception*

Thursday, Sept. 17					
8-9 am	Continental Breakfast with Sponsors and Exhibitors				
9-10 am	Main Stage Session TBD				
10-10:30 am	Coffee Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors				
10-11:30 am	<p align="center"><b>Mobile Tour: R Street Corridor</b></p> <p>Explore the R Street Corridor, where Sacramento's past meets its creative present. Once the state's first railroad and industrial corridor, R Street is rich with history that still lives on in its brick warehouses, historic landmarks, and rail inspired streetscape. Today, those same buildings have been reimagined as artists' lofts, vibrant murals, galleries, and gathering spaces, alongside some of the city's most celebrated dining, cocktails, entertainment, and design. Join us for a walk through the corridor to discover its industrial roots, experience its thriving arts scene, and see how R Street has transformed into a dynamic district that honors Sacramento's history while looking boldly toward the future.</p> <p align="center">Physical Activity Level: This tour involves walking and some light physical activity, including climbing stairs. Participants should be able to comfortably walk for short to moderate distances without difficulty.</p> <p align="center">Cost: \$15, 30 people max, pre-registration required</p>				
10:30-11:30 am	<b>Block 8</b>	<p align="center"><b>MAKING VISION ZERO A REALITY</b></p> <p>Almost a Crash, Actually a Clue: Using Near Miss Data to Drive Regional Vision Zero Strategies &amp; The Hitchhiker's Guide to Regional Vision Zero Planning</p>	<p align="center"><b>TRAVEL SURVEYS FROM COAST TO COAST</b></p> <p>Travel Surveys in Times of Turbulence: Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Practical Strategies for MPOs &amp; From Constraints to Calibration: How SCAG Delivered Model Ready HTS Data Under Tight Budget Constraints</p>	<p align="center"><b>DATA-DRIVEN PLANNING</b></p> <p>Transportation Pathways to Regional Economic Vitality &amp; Proactive Safety Planning: Leveraging Predictive Analytics and Community Data for Safer Streets</p>	<p align="center"><b>ADVENTURES IN COMMUNICATION</b></p> <p>AICP.E. – Leveraging Planner-Engineer Staff Collaboration in MPO Workflow &amp; Somehow, We Manage</p>
11:45-1:15 pm	Lunch Featuring AMPO General Membership meeting & 2025 AMPO Awards				
1:30-3 pm	<b>Block 9</b>	<p align="center"><b>WHERE HOUSING MEETS TRANSPORTATION 5</b></p> <p>A Playbook for Advancing Housing &amp; Transportation Integration</p>	<p align="center"><b>BEYOND THE CMP</b></p> <p>Turning Regional TDM Strategy into Real-World Mobility Programs</p>	<p align="center"><b>THE POWER TO MOVE</b></p> <p>Advancing Transportation Options for ALICE Families</p>	no session
3-3:30 pm	Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors				
3:30-4:30 pm	<b>Block 10</b>	<p align="center"><b>SHOW US THE MONEY</b></p> <p>Managing Fiscal Uncertainty in Long-Range Transportation Planning</p>	<p align="center"><b>ACCESS IS EVERYTHING</b></p> <p>Transportation Access to Core Services: A Practical Framework for Regional Planning and Decision-Making &amp; Leveraging New Tools and Data to Develop Destination Access TIP Project Selection Criteria</p>	<p align="center"><b>BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER</b></p> <p>From Gateway to Consensus: Leveraging PEL to Align Transportation, Community Vision, and Environmental Review &amp; The Infrastructure Handshake: A Multi-Disciplinary Model for Infrastructure and Development Alignment *session features a small MPO speaker*</p>	no session
Friday, Sept. 18					
9 am-1 pm	<p align="center"><b>Post-Conference Mobile Tour: Where History Meets Investment—Sacramento's Economic and Cultural Corridors</b></p> <p>This bus and walking tour showcases Sacramento's vibrant growth corridors, where historic neighborhoods, an innovative university, and community driven decisions are shaping the city's future. Traveling along our changing corridors, participants will get a deep dive into the history of some of Sacramento's most culturally significant corridors. Join us to learn how strategic investment fuels economic development while preserving cultural identity and expanding housing opportunities.</p> <p align="center">Physical Activity Level: This tour involves walking and some light physical activity, including climbing stairs. Participants should be able to comfortably walk for short to moderate distances without difficulty.</p> <p align="center">Price: \$75 per person, max 40 people, pre-registration required</p>				