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## National Commission Report Released

The U.S. Congress created The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission in 2005 under Section 1909 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). According to the statute, the Commission is charged with completing a comprehensive study of the national surface transportation system and the Highway Trust Fund, then developing a conceptual plan, with alternative approaches, to ensure that this system continues to serve the needs of the United States. Copies of the Commission's report to Congress are available on their website at: [www.transportationfortomorrow.org/final\\_report](http://www.transportationfortomorrow.org/final_report).



## 2008 Transportation Planning Excellence Awards Program

The upcoming 2008 Transportation Planning Excellence Awards Program was announced in December 2007. This awards program promotes outstanding initiatives across the country that develop, plan, and implement innovative transportation planning practices. The open nomination period will continue until February 29, 2008. Information on the FHWA/FTA Transportation Planning Excellence Awards Program, co-sponsored by the American Planning Association, may be found at: [www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/tpea/index.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/tpea/index.htm). If you should have any addition questions please contact Jody McCullough at (202) 366-2825/jody.mccullough@dot.gov or Effie Stallsmith (202) 366-5653/effie.Stallsmith@dot.gov .

The November/December 2007 edition of Public Roads magazine highlighted the winners of the 2006 Transportation Planning Excellence Awards (TPEA) program. For more, visit the website at: [www.tfhrcc.gov/pubrds/07nov/03.htm](http://www.tfhrcc.gov/pubrds/07nov/03.htm)

## ENVIRONMENT

### Greenhouse Gases

Climate change is an issue that is getting more and more attention in the planning process. As of January 2008, two States require greenhouse gas (GHG) analysis for transportation plans and TIPs, six additional States were considering proposed requirements, and at least six MPOs in other States had completed or were in the process of conducting this type of analysis.

In addition, environmental groups are developing proposals to integrate climate change considerations into the transportation planning process in preparation for the next transportation reauthorization bill.

The FHWA, a participant in the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Center for Climate Change and Environmental Forecasting initiative, has been studying the relationships between the transportation planning process and GHG emissions for some time. Several useful products, including a review of climate-related transportation planning practices in the Northeast States and a toolkit for transportation climate mitigation, are available at the Center's website, <http://climate.dot.gov>. In addition, the FHWA and the Center are working to document "best practices" of State, regional, and local efforts to integrate climate change considerations into the planning process.

Another piece of this complex puzzle is the impact of climate change on transportation. The USDOT's draft study "Impacts of Climate Change and Variability on Transportation Systems and Infrastructure: Gulf Coast Study" explores the potential impacts of changing climate on transportation infrastructure in the Gulf Coast region, and includes a chapter explaining how the transportation planning process could be used to begin to prepare for these impacts. This study is available at [www.climatescience.gov/Library/sap/sap4-7/public-review-draft/default.htm](http://www.climatescience.gov/Library/sap/sap4-7/public-review-draft/default.htm).

Frequently Asked Questions on climate change will be sent to division offices in the near future. For further information, contact: Diane Turchetta at (202) 493-0158/ [diane.turchetta@dot.gov](mailto:diane.turchetta@dot.gov).

### Final Conformity Rule Published

The final conformity rule to implement SAFETEA-LU was published in the *Federal Register* on January 24, 2008.

A copy of the rule is available on EPA's website: [www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/conf-regs.htm](http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/conf-regs.htm). The rule will be available on the FHWA's website soon at: [www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/conform.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/conform.htm).

You'll also find a fact sheet describing the Final Rule on the web at: [www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/regs/420f08002.htm](http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/regs/420f08002.htm) and a reference document with the complete updated conformity regulation at: [www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/regs/420b08001.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/regs/420b08001.pdf)

Among the changes to the conformity rules are:

- Changes the required frequency of conformity determinations for transportation plans and transportation improvement programs from at least every three years to at least every four years.
- Provides a one-year grace period before the consequences of a conformity lapse apply when an area misses certain conformity deadlines. During the lapse grace period, an area can make conformity determinations for certain projects.
- Gives areas the flexibility to shorten the timeframe covered by a conformity determination, if the local transportation planning agency elects to do so.
- Streamlines the requirements for state conformity procedures ("conformity SIPs").
- Addresses the statute's provision that allows areas to substitute or add transportation control measures without a SIP revision.
- Several changes not related to SAFETEA-LU are also included to streamline the conformity process: allows DOT to make categorical CO hot-spot findings; incorporates a recent court ruling; and updates terms to be consistent with other DOT and EPA regulations.

If you have any questions concerning the Final Rule, please contact Cecilia Ho at (202)366-9862/Cecilia.ho@dot.gov.

### Changes to the CMAQ Program

The Energy Independence and Security Act signed in December 2007 has caused a change to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. Section 1131 of the Act, Increased Federal Share for CMAQ Projects, amends Section 120 (c) of Title 23 U.S.C., Increased Federal Share for Certain Safety Projects, and permits an increase in the Federal share of up to 100 percent, at the discretion of the State, for all CMAQ projects obligated in FY 2008 and FY 2009. In addition, the provision establishes by law a minimum 80 percent Federal share for all CMAQ projects during FY 2008 and FY 2009.

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There have been a number of questions raised concerning the requirement for the 80 percent minimum Federal share established by Section 1131 of the Act. While the FHWA acknowledges the value States and MPOs place on a more flexible approach to local matches, especially in the case of CMAQ public-private partnerships, This specific "later-enacted amendment" relative to the Federal share for the CMAQ program eliminates the option of higher State or local shares otherwise permitted by 23 U.S.C 120 (i). This amendment does not affect the use and obligation of STP funds for eligible activities that benefit air quality under 23 U.S.C 133(b). This limitation may have an impact on those jurisdictions that traditionally use the higher match to leverage their CMAQ funds and, ultimately, to implement more projects with more widespread participation in the program. If you have questions contact Michael Koontz at 202-366-2076 michael.koontz@dot.gov.

## Exemplary Human Environment Initiatives for 2007



The selection of the 2007 Exemplary Human Environment Initiatives (EHEI) were announced December 4, 2007. The EHEI program is a new program designed to support and measure the FHWA's environmental stewardship responsibilities, and is included as a national strategy in FHWA's 2007 Strategic Plan. The EHEI program promotes environmental stewardship by giving recognition to transportation projects and activities that are particularly effective and innovative in how they adapt and enhance the human environment. It is a new companion program to the successful, ongoing Exemplary Ecosystem Initiative (EEI) program.

In this first year of the EHEI program, the FHWA received 38 applications from across the country. These applications included many excellent examples of environmental stewardship, making the selection very difficult. Ultimately eight particularly distinguished projects from the States of Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi, New York, Oregon, and South Carolina were selected. Thanks to all of those who submitted applications this year, and congratulations to the State DOTs and division offices whose efforts are represented in this year's EHEI selections. Applications for next year's EHEI and EEI start in April 2008. For more information on EHEI program, please contact: Gabe Rousseau at (202) 366-8044 or via e-mail at: gabe.rousseau@dot.gov. The awards are posted at: [www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/ehei](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/ehei).

## FHWA to Award \$1.4 million towards Eco-Logical Pilot Projects

The FHWA's Office of Environment, Planning, and Realty announced in December 2007 their intent to award 14 cooperative agreements totaling approximately \$1.4 million in response to the "Integrating Transportation and Resource Planning to Develop Ecosystem Based Infrastructure Projects" (Eco-Logical) grant solicitation. The recipients represent State and local departments of transportation, State resource agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and one university from the following States: Colorado, Illinois, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Virginia. The awards are expressly conditional upon the finalization of the award terms and conditions.

These grants represent pilot projects that demonstrate methods and best practices to implement the multi-agency publication, "Eco-Logical: an Ecosystem Approach to Developing Infrastructure Projects" (Eco-Logical) and assist the FHWA in meeting the agency's goals under the planning and environmental linkages (PEL) initiative. These projects will encourage Federal, State, and local partners to integrate environmental solutions and goals into planning for infrastructure development. Eco-Logical puts forth the conceptual groundwork for integrating environmental and infrastructure plans across agency and geographical boundaries, and endorses ecosystem-based mitigation approaches to compensate for unavoidable impacts caused by infrastructure projects.

The pilot projects will be administered by staff from the Offices of Planning, Project Development & Environmental Review, and Natural & Human Environment with additional technical assistance from the FHWA Resource Center and other Federal signatories to the Eco-Logical document.

For more information on the Eco-Logical publication and the pilot project visit the Eco-Logical website at: [www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/ecological/eco\\_entry.asp](http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/ecological/eco_entry.asp) or contact Bethaney Bacher-Gresock at (202) 366-4196/bethaney.bacher-gresock@dot.gov.

## SAFETY

The Transportation Safety Planning (TSP) website has been updated to include the latest TSP newsletter and State Safety Fact Sheets. The State Safety Fact Sheets were developed for transportation stakeholders as well as the general public to present the emphasis areas each state has identified in their approved Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP).



In addition, the FTA Office of Planning is preparing a report, "Addressing Security in Metropolitan and Statewide Transportation Planning," which should be available by late spring 2008. The purpose of the report is to identify a wide range of innovative security planning examples and to analyze common themes associated with effective security planning. Based on examples from over 16 metropolitan areas, the report notes typical approaches for addressing security in the transportation planning process such as listing security in goal statements; staffing committees; acting as an information clearinghouse; and participating in explicit collaboration efforts with Federal, State, and Local partners. For more information on the report, contact: Kimberly Goins, kimberly.goins@dot.gov.

## SECURITY

Data drawn from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) is used to show ten-year trends in total fatalities and fatality rates; safety focus areas and their corresponding percentages of total crash fatalities; and fatalities by roadway classification. Important contact information is included on the fact sheets; these contacts and valuable web-links can be used to locate detailed and current data, news, noteworthy practices and additional contacts. For more information <http://tsp.trb.org>.

SAFETEA-LU calls for the security of the transportation system to be a stand-alone planning factor, signaling an increase in importance from prior legislation, in which security was coupled with safety in the same planning factor. This change recognizes that planning has a role in critical elements of transportation security. The FHWA and the FTA are committed to working with State DOTs, MPOs and other transportation planning process partners in order to promote a safe and secure transportation system.

The FHWA and the FTA promote an all hazards approach to security and emergency preparedness. The specific action or actions a particular State DOT or MPO might consider depend(s) on the circumstances unique to the State or region, the transportation system, and the level of risk.

The FHWA and the FTA have identified examples and resources relating to emergency interagency coordination for emergency preparedness in States and metropolitan areas including conducting training and exercises; modeling emergency response and evacuation; and planning for long-term recovery and system adaptation. See [www.planning.dot.gov/state.asp#pubs](http://www.planning.dot.gov/state.asp#pubs) or <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/metro/sftluexamp.htm#a2>

## TRANSIT ACTIVITIES

### FTA Planning Circular Update

The proposed planning circular 8100.1C on Program Guidance for Metropolitan Planning and State Planning and Research Program Grants was published for comment on September 28, 2007. The comment period ended on November 30, 2007 and staff is preparing a response that will be published in the final circular. It is anticipated that a *Federal Register* on the final circular will be published in 2008. For more information, contact Mr. Victor Austin (202) 366-2996/ [victor.austin@dot.gov](mailto:victor.austin@dot.gov).

### Targeted Technical Planning Assistance

The FTA is pleased to announce the availability of a first-time "pilot" program of technical assistance targeted to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to assist them in advance of their work with transit operators in preparing project proposals for funding under the FTA's Section 5309 (New Starts/ Small Starts) program. The FTA has contracted with Cambridge Systematics, Inc. to provide this support, which will focus strategically on metropolitan areas that anticipate beginning a transit Alternatives Analysis (AA) in the coming 2 to 3 years. A corridor-focused AA is a required planning study to apply for the FTA New (and Small) Starts funding. For more information, go to [www.fta.dot.gov/planning/metro/planning\\_environment\\_7392.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/metro/planning_environment_7392.html).

## Private Operator Participation in Planning

SAFETEA-LU requires MPOs to develop and utilize a participation plan that provides reasonable opportunities for interested parties – including private operators – to comment on the metropolitan transportation plan and metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The FTA recently approved a cooperative agreement with the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association to provide educational seminars, instructional articles and other web-based materials to assist private for-hire vehicle operators in understanding and becoming involved in the local collaborative transportation planning process. The project will also explain FTA's *United We Ride* program and its importance in assisting local communities with coordinated human services transportation planning.

In addition, this cooperative agreement will be utilized to provide technical assistance (via the telephone and if necessary, on-site) by expert consultants, experienced in dealing with private operator issues in transit contracting, to facilitate an increase in competitive contracting opportunities developed through local planning processes for private transportation providers. For more information, contact: Darin Allan (202) 366-6694/darin.allan@dot.gov.

## FTA REGION 4 Staff Changes

The FTA's Region 4 is stepping out in front by leading succession planning efforts. As corporate knowledge exits the agency, opportunities are made available for high performers to hone their leadership skills and managerial abilities in an *Acting* capacity. This opportunity provides for a unique hands-on experience while learning in a safe environment.

Since the retirement of Alex McNeil, Director of Planning and Program Development, James Garland, Senior Community Planner, is now leading the Office of Planning in Region 4 for 90 days. Leonard Tennessee and Jamie Pfister will also serve as acting Director of Planning in Region 4, each for a 90-day period.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

### FTA Public Transportation Participation Pilot Project (PtP) - Year II Awardees

The FTA Office of Planning and Environment has awarded six new projects and one Phase II project under the PtP program that will focus on the transportation participation planning process. These projects will help to improve data collection analysis, support public participation through the project development phases, use innovative techniques to improve the coordination of transportation alternatives, enhance the coordination of transit benefits and services, contract with stakeholders to focus on the delivery of transportation plans and programs, or measure and report on the annual performance of transportation systems. The awardees will work to yield products that can be applied to improve the state-of-the-practice at the regional or project level. Cooperative agreements have been signed by the following: Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, Charlottesville VA; the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, Chicago IL; The Research Foundation of SUNY, Buffalo NY; Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA; Center for Neighborhood Technology, Chicago IL; University of Kentucky, Lexington KY; and Denver Regional Transportation District, Denver CO.

For more information on this program contact Effie. Stallsmith@dot.gov or go to: [www.fta.dot.gov/planning/programs/planning\\_environment\\_5925.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/programs/planning_environment_5925.html)

## RESEARCH PROGRAMS

### STEP Research Program

The Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP) is the research funding program for planning, environment, and realty. The STEP was authorized by the U.S. Congress in Section 5207 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, (SAFETEA-LU). Its general objective is to improve understanding of the complex relationship between surface transportation, planning, and the environment. Funding is authorized at \$16.875 million per year from FY 2006 through FY 2009 and about \$12 million is expected to be available each year, due to

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over-designation, obligation limitations, and rescissions. The STEP is the major source of funds to conduct all of the FHWA research on planning, environmental, and realty issues. The STEP funding is awarded through a variety of competitive procurement mechanisms including: broad agency announcements, grants, cooperative agreements, indefinite quantities contracts, and interagency agreements. The U.S. Congress mandated that the Federal share be 50 percent for research funded under Title V of SAFETEA-LU, including STEP. While this "match" will not apply to contract funding, it will apply to STEP research funded through cooperative agreements and grants.

The FHWA recently completed outreach for the development of the FY 2008 STEP and the FY 2008 STEP Plan posted under "Research Plans" on the web at: [www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/step/index.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/step/index.htm). The STEP emphasis area contacts listed on the STEP website can provide additional information regarding the status of specific STEP research initiatives.

## Transportation Planning Cooperative Research Broad Agency Announcement

The FHWA Office of Planning is soliciting proposals for research and development projects that could advance the practice and application of transportation planning. The solicitation includes six focus areas consistent with emphasis areas identified for the Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program developed under Section 5207 of Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The focus areas are:

1. Congestion management
2. Global climate change
3. Freight planning
4. Public involvement, environmental justice and visualization in planning
5. Tools and techniques that support State or local planning capacity building
6. Tools and techniques that support Tribal planning capacity building

This program is intended to spur innovation and focus on high risk and high pay-off research and development projects. Incremental advances, demonstrations of existing technologies or applications of State and metropolitan transportation planning activities are not within the scope of this program. A copy of the notice is posted at [www1.fbo.gov/spg/DOF/FHWA/OAM/DTFH61%2D08%2DR%2D00011/listing.html](http://www1.fbo.gov/spg/DOF/FHWA/OAM/DTFH61%2D08%2DR%2D00011/listing.html) and a formatted text version is located at

[www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/step/proposal.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/step/proposal.htm). Pre-proposals are due February 15, 2008. For more information please, contact David Kuehn at (202) 366 6072/[david.kuehn@dot.gov](mailto:david.kuehn@dot.gov).

## FREIGHT

### "Talking Freight" Seminars

Registration for the February "Talking Freight" Seminars is now available at [www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/FPD/talking\\_freight.htm](http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/FPD/talking_freight.htm). Registration for March, April and May will be available soon. Dates and Topics for these seminars are:

- February 20 – Quick Response Freight Manual
- March 19 – Tolling and Pricing
- April 16 - Commission Work and National Freight Policy Framework
- May 21 - Supply Chains

All seminars will be held 1:00 – 2:30 pm ET.

When registering, please make sure to enter your correct email address, as once you register the login information for the



seminars will be emailed to you. If you have not yet participated in Talking Freight, you are encouraged to do so. These monthly seminars, sponsored by the FHWA, are held via web conference, which means that you view the PowerPoint presentations over the Internet while listening to the presenters over the telephone. There is no cost involved and you do not have to leave your desk to participate.

Recordings of past seminars, as well as transcripts and downloadable PowerPoint presentations are available at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/freightplanning/talking.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/freightplanning/talking.htm).

## RIGHTS-OF-WAY

### Reduce Congestion with Access Management

The FHWA has produced a CD containing an access management primer and video entitled **Safe Access is Good for Business!** It is available from Kathy Facer at (785) 271-2448 x224/[kathleen.facer@dot.gov](mailto:kathleen.facer@dot.gov). The CD also contains the results of an FHWA peer exchange called the "2006 Access Management Domestic Scan Report". The information is derived from

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research by the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Access Management Committee. Additional access management information can be found in the FHWA sponsored TRB Access Management Manual, the TRB Committee's website, [www.accessmanagement.info](http://www.accessmanagement.info) and the FHWA website [http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/access\\_mgmt/index.htm](http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/access_mgmt/index.htm). The primer and video will assist you in explaining access management to business owners.

## Geospatial Right-of-Way Data Systems Peer Exchange

The FHWA Office of Planning, Environment and Realty sponsored a GIS/ROW peer exchange in August 2007 to share experiences and lessons learned. The peer exchange report is now available on [www.gis.fhwa.dot.gov/gisrow.asp](http://www.gis.fhwa.dot.gov/gisrow.asp). The peer exchange information is being incorporated into the Phase 2 National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) study project 8-55a. The researcher, Kitty Hancock from VirginiaTech, is developing a logical business model of key ROW functions to use when integrating geo-spatial technology and ROW data systems. Phase 1 of the study identified the critical ROW data elements needed. For more information contact: Mark Sarmiento at (202) 366-4828, or Kathy Facer at (785) 271-2448 x 224.

### SCENIC BYWAYS

## FY 2007 Grants Announced!

On December 6, 2007, the Federal Highway Administration announced awards under the National Scenic Byways Program for fiscal year 2007 as authorized in Section 1101(a)(12) of the SAFETEA-LU. A list of the 276 projects in 41 States that have been selected and the amounts funded for each project are available at [www.bywaysonline.org/news/2007/549](http://www.bywaysonline.org/news/2007/549).

### TRAILS

## Forest Service Surface Transportation Guide

The USDAs Forest Service produced "Federal Surface Transportation Programs and Transportation Planning for Federal Land Management Agencies-A Guidebook" [See [www.fs.fed.us/eng/php/library\\_card.php?p\\_num=0777%201814P](http://www.fs.fed.us/eng/php/library_card.php?p_num=0777%201814P).] The guidebook is designed to assist Federal land managers, staff, and partners in

developing relationships and maximizing participation in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) surface transportation programs. [The link opens to a Library Card, click on *View* to see the PDF.]

## National Trails System Map and Guide: 2007 Version

The 2007 version of the National Trails System Map and Guide is available. It shows National Scenic and Historic Trails, along with National Park, National Forest, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management lands along these trails, and the Interstate Highway System. If you would like a copy (or multiple copies) of this map, please contact [jonathan.leclere@dot.gov](mailto:jonathan.leclere@dot.gov). Note to Federal agencies: to obtain this map, please contact your Federal agency National Trails System coordinator, see [www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/rtpfed.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/rtpfed.htm).

## Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's Trailbuilding Website

The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy added a Trail-Building Toolbox to the web. This new feature is designed as a comprehensive resource center to fit the needs of all involved in trail development, from first-time citizen advocates to more experienced planners and trail managers. Content will be continuously enhanced; new topics will be added and expanded upon over the next year. Browse through the Toolbox and send resource ideas or suggestions for additional topics to: [kellyp@railstotrails.org](mailto:kellyp@railstotrails.org). RTC invites people to join its listserv to be connected with hundreds of other trail managers, developers, and advocates from across the country: [www.railstotrails.org/whatwedo/railtrailinfo/resources/listserv.html](http://www.railstotrails.org/whatwedo/railtrailinfo/resources/listserv.html). You can access the Trail-Building Toolbox from the Trail Building page of RTC's website: [www.railstotrails.org/whatwedo/trailbuilding/index.html](http://www.railstotrails.org/whatwedo/trailbuilding/index.html).

### TRAVEL MODEL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATES

## Knowledge Exchange



The TMIP is hosting monthly Web Knowledge and Information Exchanges in 2008. These exchanges are opportunities for interested members of the modeling community to meet online and gain and

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exchange knowledge on a number of different topics. If you wish to see specific topics covered that are not listed, please contact Sarah Sun at (202) 493-0071 or send your suggestions and requests to: sarah.sun@dot.gov.

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- In February, we will start the first of a four part series on Shining a Light inside the Black Box
- Tuesday, February 12: Session 1 - Motivations and Data
- Tuesday, March 11: Session 2 - Model Testing
- Tuesday, April 8: Session 3 - Transportation Supply and Travel Distribution
- Tuesday, May 13: Session 4 - Translating Results into Insights

All webinars will begin at 2:30 PM (Eastern Time). Look for more information as the dates get closer. See <http://tmip.fhwa.dot.gov/>.

## The Latest Data

The following Reports were recently posted:



**NCHRP Report 588** - "A Guidebook Using American Community Survey Data for Transportation Planning." This guidebook provides approaches to incorporating ACS data into the transportation planning processes at national, state, metropolitan, and local levels. Expected Publication Date: January, 2008. Website (for PDF version), see: [www.trb.org/TRBNet/ProjectDisplay.asp?ProjectID=924](http://www.trb.org/TRBNet/ProjectDisplay.asp?ProjectID=924) For more information, please contact Nanda Srinivasan at nsrinivasan@nas.edu.

**NCHRP 8-36(63)** - Making the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Work for Transportation. Census data historically was reported using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) System but in 1997 the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) was introduced. As a result there are several differences between NAICS and SIC that make a straightforward comparison difficult. This report investigate these differences and recommends procedures for addressing them. See [http://statewideplanning.org/\\_resources/88\\_Task-63.pdf](http://statewideplanning.org/_resources/88_Task-63.pdf)

**Using ACS Data in Transportation Planning Applications: A Peer Exchange** - A report summarizing this Exchange was published August 2007 and can be found at [http://statewideplanning.org/\\_resources/89\\_ACS\\_TPCB%20Peer%20Report\\_Final.pdf](http://statewideplanning.org/_resources/89_ACS_TPCB%20Peer%20Report_Final.pdf) This report summarizes the presentations

and discussions at a Peer Exchange held through the FHWA/FTA Transportation Planning Capacity Building (TPCB) Program. Attendees were from AASHTO, State departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations and councils of government, universities, the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the private sector. Following the keynote addresses, issue-specific sessions were held in which multiple presenters gave short presentations and all participants joined in discussion. Twenty-one presentations are posted at [ftp://ftp.camsys.com/clientsupport/CTPPdata/Daytona\\_peer/](ftp://ftp.camsys.com/clientsupport/CTPPdata/Daytona_peer/)

## FHWA RESOURCE CENTER ACTIVITIES

### "Planning On the Web" Initiative

To help support the FHWA planning discipline and promote continuous professional development of FHWA planners, the Resource Center is offering a series of internal web based training seminars approximately eight times during FY08 through an initiative known as "Planning on the Web" (POW). The POW training sessions are for the FHWA staff and will generally be 90 minutes to 2 hours in length.

This new web-based training initiative (known as POW) is a response to requests from several Divisions for additional, short, focused training for FHWA staff on key planning topics. Organizers believe this format and approach will meet that need. In addition, new POW training series complements other efforts designed to promote dialogue and collaboration within the FHWA Planning discipline, such as the "Let's Talk Planning" series which is designed to foster exchange amongst peers on different planning topics as well as offering an opportunity for critical and timely updates on planning topics from Headquarters.

The first sessions were "Modeling 101" (November) and "Performance Measures for Transportation Planning" (January). The POW webinar series will be offered during the months of February, April, May, July and August in FY2008. They will generally be on the 3rd Monday of each month at 1pm Eastern. Below are topics for subsequent months:

- February 25: Transportation Data 101 for Field Planners
- April 21: Public Private Partnerships
- May 19: Public Participations Plans/Public Involvement

If you cannot attend the POW session for a particular month, the presentations and other information resources are available on the RC internal website as

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well as the Planning CoP. Preregistration email for each session will be sent to the FHWA Field Planners email group approximately 3 weeks before each session.

We hope to “see” you at the next session and to hear your feedback on the session as well as future POW topics. If you have a topic that you think would be valuable to offer as a POW web based training seminar, please let Lisa Randall, Rob Ritter or any member of the RC Planning team know.

## FHWA FIELD ACTIVITIES

### 2008 Division Planner’s Meeting

The next FHWA/FTA Planners Seminar has been scheduled for the week of July 21, 2008 at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle in Washington, DC. The hotel is within walking distance of the McPherson Metro Station with access to the Blue and Orange lines.

The Seminar is expected to officially start on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 22, 2008, and adjourn by noon on Friday, July 25. The Seminar may be preceded by an optional FHWA meeting or workshop on the morning of Tuesday, July 22.

A block of rooms is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel at the government rate of \$154 per night, plus tax. Please make your reservations by June 18, 2008 to guarantee a government rate room. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (202) 842-1300 or 800-424-1140 and identifying yourself as part of the “FHWA-FTA Planners’ Seminar.”

A draft agenda and other information will be posted in February at <http://rc.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/>. The web page will be accessible for FHWA & FTA staff only.

For further information on the FHWA/FTA Planners Seminar, please contact Robin Smith at (720) 963-3072/robin.smith@dot.gov, Jienki Synn (202) 366-5001/jienki.synn@dot.gov of the FHWA Planning Oversight and Stewardship Team or Victor Austin (202) 366-2996/victor.austin@dot.gov of the FTA Office of Planning and Environment.

### Field Focus

The Chicago Metropolitan Office is one of four FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Offices. It brings together FTA Region V and the FHWA Illinois Division Office for

close coordination with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and other transportation customers in the Chicago Metropolitan Area. Norman Stoner is the Division Administrator for the FHWA Illinois Division Office. The FTA Region 5 Office’s Regional Administrator is Marisol Simon. FTA Region 5 Office’s Region Planning and Program Development Staff includes: Vanessa Adams, Reggie Arkell, Linda Glover, Latonya Mickens, Andy Minyo, Stewart McKenzie, Angelica Salgado, Joyce Taylor and David Werner. Bill Wheeler serves as Director of Planning of the office. The Regional Office handles the states of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.



The Metro Office Planning Team consists of Vanessa Adams, FTA Community Planner, and Chris DiPalma, FHWA Metropolitan Planning Engineer. Their proximity to CMAP, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other customers and partners enhances service through improved communication. Face to face, informal meetings are the norm and serve to maintain and build relationships and streamline the process because issues can be discussed efficiently and effectively as they arise.

Chris DiPalma began his career with FHWA on the Professional Development Program (PDP) in 2001. After completing the PDP, Chris worked as a transportation engineer and planner in the Massachusetts Division. Chris has served as the transportation planner and air quality specialist in the Chicago Metro Office since 2005. Chris works closely with Chris Byars the FHWA transportation engineer for Cook County and Chicago.

Chicago has always been known as a central hub; the vast majority of the nation’s rail freight movement goes through the region. The Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency program (CREATE) is a first-of-its-kind partnership between the Federal Government, State of Illinois, City of Chicago, Metra commuter railroad and the nation’s class I freight railroads [www.createprogram.org/](http://www.createprogram.org/). The region is working to modernize freight movement to eliminate bottlenecks.

The FTA Region 5 Staff played a critical role in the recent Full Funding Grant Agreement approval for the Northstar Corridor in Minneapolis. The project is an approximately 40.1-mile, five station, double-track commuter rail line from Big Lake, Minnesota to downtown Minneapolis. The project also consists of a

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light rail (LRT) extension of four blocks of the Hiawatha LRT in downtown Minneapolis to an intermodal station with the commuter rail line. Planning staff have developed a training session to assist grantees with the processing of their grant application. In addition, staff is working with the FHWA and CMAP on Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality. There are four FHWA/FTA Metro Offices; Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia.

## WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

### FHWA Resource Center

For information see contacts at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/teams/planning/index.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/teams/planning/index.cfm).

2/20/2008 **Engaging the Private Sector** AZ

2/12/2008 **Planning Fundamentals** webinar to Tribal TAPCenters

### National Transit Institute

For registration instructions see: [www.ntionline.com/CourseDates.asp](http://www.ntionline.com/CourseDates.asp)

Start Date	End Date	Location
2/6/2008	2/8/2008	Rochester, NY

**Introduction to Metropolitan Transportation Planning**

2/12/2008	2/13/2008	San Antonio, TX
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**Characteristics and Planning of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**

2/12/2008	2/14/2008	Atlanta, GA
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**Transportation and Land Use**

2/26/2008	2/28/2008	New York, NY
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**Public Involvement in Transportation Decisionmaking**

3/12/2008	3/13/2008	Louisville, KY
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**Characteristics & Planning of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**

3/26/2008	3/27/2008	Houston, TX
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**FTA Real Estate Requirements**

4/15/2008	4/16/2008	Concord, NH
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**Introduction to Statewide Transportation Planning**

4/16/2008	4/17/2008	Denver, CO
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**Building and Retaining Ridership: A Self-Assessment Tool**

4/16/2008	4/17/2008	Phoenix, AZ
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**Coordinated Mobility: A Unified Transportation Management Solution**

4/28/2008	4/30/2008	Kansas City, MO
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**State and Metropolitan Transportation Programming**

5/6/2008	5/8/2008	Newington, CT
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**Public Involvement in Transportation Decisionmaking**

5/21/2008	5/23/2008	Concord, NH
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**Introduction to Metropolitan Transportation Planning**

10/19/2008	10/22/2008	Denver, CO
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**Transit Trainers' Workshop**

### National Highway Institute

Try out the new NHI Web site at [www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/home.aspx](http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/home.aspx). Also, you can now check on the schedule of web conferences at [www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/webconference/eventcalendar.aspx](http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/webconference/eventcalendar.aspx).

Start Date	End Date	Title	Location
2/5/2008	2/7/2008	NEPA & Transportation Decisionmaking	Atlanta, GA
2/5/2008	2/7/2008	Public Involvement in the Transportation Decisionmaking Process	Helena, MT
2/5/2008	2/6/2008	Administration of FHWA Planning & Research Grants	Albuquerque, NM
2/12/2008	2/13/2008	Administration of FHWA Planning & Research Grants	Columbus, OH
2/20/2008	2/21/2008	Application of the FHWA Traffic Monitoring Guide	Phoenix, AZ
2/25/2008	2/27/2008	Public Involvement in the Transportation Decisionmaking Process	Montgomery, AL
2/26/08	2/28/08	Basic Relocation under the Uniform Act	Frankfort, KY
2/26/2008	2/28/2008	Highway Traffic Noise	Columbus, OH
2/28/2008	2/29/2008	Administration of FHWA Planning & Research Grants	Shoreview, MN
3/4/2008	3/5/2008	Highway Program Financing	Ewing, NJ
3/4/2008	3/6/2008	NEPA & Transportation Decisionmaking	Baton Rouge, LA
3/11/2008	3/13/2008	Public Involvement in the Transportation Decisionmaking Process	Atlanta, GA
3/25/08	3/27/08	Advanced Relocation under the Uniform Act	Frankfort, KY
3/25/2008	3/27/2008	Beyond Compliance: Historic Preservation in Transportation Project Development	Montgomery, AL
3/25/2008	3/26/2008	Design & Implementation of Erosion & Sediment Control	Vancouver, WA
3/25/2008	3/26/2008	Highway Program Financing	Austin, TX
4/1/2008	4/2/2008	Administration of FHWA Planning & Research Grants	Concord, NH
4/15/2008	4/26/2008	Highway Program Financing	Olympia, WA
4/22/2008	4/23/2008	Highway Program Financing	Carson City, NV
4/24/2008	4/25/2008	Highway Program Financing	Carson City, NV
4/29/08	5/1/08	Business Relocation under the Uniform Act	Frankfort, KY
5/6/08	5/6/08	Appraisal Review	Tumwater, WA

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5/6/2008	5/8/2008	Beyond Compliance: Historic Preservation in Transportation Project Development	Atlanta, GA
5/8/08	5/8/08	Appraisal Review	Spokane, WA
5/12/2008	5/15/2008	Introduction to Urban Travel Demand Forecasting	Richmond, CA
5/28/2008	5/30/2008	NEPA & Transportation Decisionmaking	Richmond, CA

## Travel Model Improvement Program Workshops

For more detail see: [http://tmip.fhwa.dot.gov/conf\\_courses/](http://tmip.fhwa.dot.gov/conf_courses/) or contact: Penelope Weinberger at (202) 366-4054/penelope.weinberger@dot.gov. For the NHI travel demand courses see the NHI list.

Currently the only training that the TMIP program has approved is through web seminars. Check back with the website for future sessions.

## 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 6 - 8 - **California Transportation Planning Conference 2008** - Long Beach, CA  
Contact: Michelle Noch at (213) 202-3953/michelle.noch@dot.gov



February 7 - 9 - **7th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference: Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities** - Los Angeles, CA - [www.newpartners.org](http://www.newpartners.org)

February 21 - 22 - **International Lidar Mapping Forum 2008** - Denver, CO - [www.lidarmap.org/](http://www.lidarmap.org/)

February 25 - 29 - **Florida DOT "Introduction to Urban Transportation Planning" Course** - Tampa, FL [www.beimborn.com/ed](http://www.beimborn.com/ed) Intended for Florida residents

March 3 - 5 - **2008 HPMS Workshop**  
Denver, CO - Contact: Robert Rozycki FHWA at (202)366-5059/robert.rozycki@dot.gov

March 5 - 7 - **National Bike Summit** - Washington DC - Contact: Elizabeth Preston, League of American Bicyclists, at (202) 822-1333/bikeleague@bikeleague.org

March 9 - 12 - **ASCE/TRB GeoCongress 2008: The Challenge of Sustainability in Geoenvironment** - New Orleans, LA [http://content.asce.org/conferences\\_geocongress2008/index.html](http://content.asce.org/conferences_geocongress2008/index.html)

March 9 - 14 - **2008 Trailbuilders Conference** - Reno NV - Professional Trailbuilders Association - Contact: Mike Passo at 360-734-7270/mpasso@trailbuilders.org

March 16 - 19 - **AASHTO GIS-T Symposium** - Houston, TX - [www.gis-t.org](http://www.gis-t.org)

March 17 - 18 - **TRB Data Sources to Measure the Impacts of Goods Movement on Air Quality** Irvine, CA <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=a38d3dae-633d-4155-9ca0-f83eda78ee9e>

March 25 - 28 - **2008 NAEP/AEP Annual Conference: Changing Climates** - OMNI San Diego Hotel  
Sponsor: National Association of Environmental Professionals (781) 397-8870 naep@guildassoc.com [www.naep.org/cde.cfm?event=158854](http://www.naep.org/cde.cfm?event=158854)

March 27 - 30 - **National Off Highway Vehicle Program Managers Conference** - Albuquerque NM - Contact: Ann Vance at (800) 348-6487/avance@nohvc.org

March 30 - April 2 - **ITE 2008 Technical Conference and Exhibit** - Miami, FL - [www.ite.org/Conference/abstracts.pdf](http://www.ite.org/Conference/abstracts.pdf)

April 6 - 8 - **"A Suburban World? Global Decentralization and the New Metropolis"** - Reston, VA - [www.mi.vt.edu/web/page/958/sectionid/569/pagelevel/2/interior.asp](http://www.mi.vt.edu/web/page/958/sectionid/569/pagelevel/2/interior.asp)

April 8 - 9 - **TRB's Highway Economic Requirements Modeling and Data Integration Conference** - Irvine, CA (Beckman Center) - <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=cc4abb05-ead7-4583-9258-fe8fc3cc3c22>

April 10 - 11 - **TRB's Western Traffic Data Workshop: Successful Strategies in Data Collection for Corridors and Planning** - Irvine, CA (Beckman Center) - <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=90f78b43-c80c-4b70-a2d1-a6f922fb8bad>

April 13 - 15 - **Lifesaver 2008 Conference** - Portland, OR - (Oregon Convention Center) - [www.lifesaversconference.org/](http://www.lifesaversconference.org/)

April 23 - 25 - **Regional Asset Management Conference** - Boston, MA - Contact: Francine Shaw-Whitson (202)-366-8028/francine.shaw-whitson@dot.gov

April 27 - May-1 - **American Planning Association's 2008 National Planning Conference** - Las Vegas, NV - [www.planning.org/2008conference/index.htm](http://www.planning.org/2008conference/index.htm) - Contact: Conference@planning.org or call (312) 786-6397

May 10 - 11 - **Peer Exchange on American Community Survey (ACS)** (Invitational Peer Exchange) - Daytona Beach, FL

May 5 - 8 - **Regional Asset Management Conference** - Rapid City, SD - Contact: Francine Shaw-Whitson (202) 366-8028/francine.shaw-whitson@dot.gov

May 5 - 9 - **AASHTO's Spring Meeting**  
Branson, MI - Contact: Hannah Whitney/hwhitney@ashto.org or (202) 624-5800

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May 5 - 7 - **Brownfields2008: The National Brownfields Conference: Roadmap to Revitalization** - Detroit, MI  
[www.brownfields2008.org/en/index.aspx](http://www.brownfields2008.org/en/index.aspx)

May 13 – 14 (by invitation only) - **TRB's Open Architectures to Support Data Integration Peer Exchange** Washington, DC Contact: TRB's Thomas Palmerlee at TPalmerlee@nas.edu or (202) 334-2907

May 15 - 16 (by invitation only) - **TRB's Aligning Data to Support Transportation Decisions** - Washington, DC - Contact: TRB's Thomas Palmerlee at TPalmerlee@nas.edu or (202)334-2907

May 18 - 21 - **TRB National Roundabout Conference** - Kansas City, MO (Westin Crown Center Hotel) - <http://trb.org/conferences/2008/Roundabout/Call.pdf> - Contact: Conference Chairman Gene Russell at geno@ksu.edu or 785-539-9422

June 1 - 3 - **NASTO's Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials 2008 Conference** - Pittsburgh, PA - [www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/nasto/2008-conference](http://www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/nasto/2008-conference)

June 7 - **National Trails Day** - FHWA, NPS, American Hiking Society - Contact: Christopher Douwes, FHWA at (202) 366-5013/christopher.douwes@dot.gov

June 11 – 14 - **International Snowmobile Congress; Int Assn of Snowmobile Administrators** - The Grove Hotel and Convention Center - Boise ID - Contact: Shareen Pense at (208) 989-0306/lolagram3@aol.com

June 14 - 17 - **NARC's 42nd Annual Conference and Exhibition** - Des Moines, IA - Contact: NARC's Marcy Cording at (202) 986-1032/marcy@narc.org

June 15- 18 - **2008 TRB Summer Conference** - Baltimore, MD - [www.trb.org/conferences/2008/Summer/announce.pdf](http://www.trb.org/conferences/2008/Summer/announce.pdf)

June 18 – 19 - **Regional Asset Management Conference** - Las Vegas, NV - Contact: Francine Shaw-Whitson at (202) 366-8028/francine.shaw-whitson@dot.gov

6/18/2008 – 6/21/2008 - **International Mountain Bicycling Association World Summit** - Park City UT - Contact: Patti Bonnet at (303) 545-9011/patti@imba.com

6/19/2008 – 6/20/2008 - **5th Oregon Symposium on Integrated Land-Use Transport Models** - Portland, OR - Contact: OR DOT's Bill Upton at William.J.Upton@odot.state.or.us

June 22 – 24 - **TRB Innovations in Transportation Modeling (ITM)** - Portland, OR - [www.trb-forecasting.org/innovationsConference2008.html](http://www.trb-forecasting.org/innovationsConference2008.html)

June 22 - 27 - **AASHTO's 53rd Annual National Transportation Management Conference** - Orlando, FL - [www.cmc-associates.com/aashto.shtml](http://www.cmc-associates.com/aashto.shtml)

July 31 – August 2 - **Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference** - North Charleston, SC - Contact: Jim Edwards at (864) 683-5757/jim.edwards1@yahoo.com  
July/August, 2008 - **TRB's Bus Rapid Transit Workshop** Cleveland, OH - Contact: TRB's Peter Shaw at (202) 334-2966/pshaw@nas.edu  
August 2008 - **Northeast Transportation and Air Quality Summit 2008** - Baltimore, MD - Contact: Karen Perritt at (410) 962-0720/karen.perritt@fhwa.dot.gov

August 6 - 8 - **TRB's North American Travel Monitoring Conference and Exposition (NATMEC)** - Washington, DC - <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=060e4400-a26c-430e-bdad-9174bc50f9d2>

September 2 – 6 - **14th Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference** Seattle WA - Contact: Mark Plotz at (301) 656-4220/info@bikewalk.org

September 3 - 5 - **TRB's Best Practices in Meeting Federal Surface Transportation Requirements in the Statewide Transportation Planning Process: A Conference** - Atlanta, GA - Contact: Kimberly Fisher (202) 334-2968/ Kfisher@nas.edu

September 10 – 11 - **Regional Asset Management Conference** - Albuquerque, NM - Contact: Francine Shaw-Whitson at (202) 366-8028/francine.shaw-whitson@dot.gov

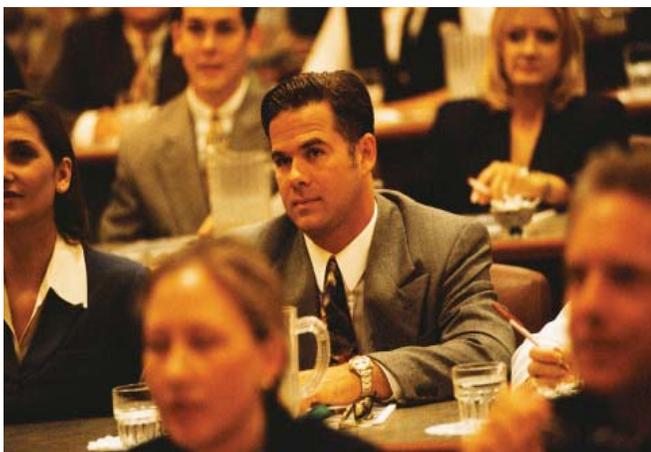
September 17 – 19 - **11th National Tools of the Trade Conference** - Portland, OR - [www.trbtoolsofthetrade.org/conference.html](http://www.trbtoolsofthetrade.org/conference.html)

September 22 - 23 - **TRB's North American Freight Transportation Data Conference** - Irvine, CA - Contact: TRB's Thomas Palmerlee at TPalmerlee@nas.edu or 202-334-2907

October 6 - 7 - **TRB's Northeast Traffic Data Workshop & Exhibit: Successful Strategies in the Collection of Data for Corridors and Planning** - Woods Hole, MA - <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=f03941f8-82db-4bc0-9dc1-17629d3aeb28>

November 15 – 18 - **19th National Trails Symposium & State Trail Administrators Meeting** - Little Rock AR - Contact: Christopher Douwes at (202) 366-5013/christopher.douwes@dot.gov

December 9 - 11 (by invitation only) - **TRB's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Peer Exchange and State DOT Safety Engineer Peer Exchange** - Houston, TX - Contact: TRB's Richard Pain at (202) 334-2964/RPain@nas.edu



For more information, review the calendars posted on the following websites for upcoming transportation events:

**FHWA Planning, Environment and Realty:**  
[www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/calendar.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/calendar.htm)

**FHWA Resource Center:**  
[www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/calendar.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/calendar.htm)

**Transportation Research Board:**  
<http://www.trb.org/calendar/>

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