

**AGENDA ITEM # VIII-B.
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OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST**

Employee Name: Curt Hutchings Date: 8/13/2015

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PLEASE ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

** Registration form and conference agenda

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Other Costs:		:	<u> </u>

Explanation of other costs:

TOTAL ESTIMATED TRAVEL COSTS: : \$1,277.00

Source of travel funds: Dixie MPO

Budget line item: 530-025

CFO Signature: *Auison Myer* Date: 9/22/15

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Deputy Director Signature: *Gary O. Zabiszkie* Date: Sept. 18, 2015

Executive Director Signature: *[Signature]* Date: 18 Sep 2015

Steering Committee Chair Signature: _____ Date: _____

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October 20 – 23, 2015

HOSTED BY

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The AMPO Annual Conference brings together MPO staff, Policy Board members, federal and state employees, and consultants to share information on a variety of MPO issues. For questions related to the conference, contact Rachel Farbman, Program Manager, at rfarbman@ampo.org or (202) 624-3682.

REGISTRATION

To register for the AMPO Annual Conference, [click here](#). Conference attendees are encouraged to register online. For questions related to registration, contact Kelly Moran at kelly@ahi-services.com or (302) 463-4374.

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HOTEL

[The Westin](#) - Clark County, NV
160 East Flamingo Road
Clark County, Nevada, 89109
(702)-836-5900

Rate: \$149 /night

Discounted room rates are available until September 18 and are subject to availability. Reservations may be made, modified, or canceled online by [clicking here](#). To receive the discounted rate, specify that you will be attending the AMPO Conference.

QUESTIONS

Contact or email Rachel Farbman at 202-624-3682 or rfarbman@ampo.org.

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Tuesday, October 20

12:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Registration and Exhibits

12:15 pm – 2:30
Policy and Technical Committee Meetings

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Mobile Workshop: Mobility Training Center
Fee \$20
Speaker: Brj Gulati, RTC of Southern Nevada

The Mobility Training Center (MTC) is designed to help Southern Nevadans, especially senior residents and persons with disabilities, move more independently throughout the community. At the MTC, citizens will learn how to best utilize RTC fixed route transit services, as well as obtain Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit certification. This mobile workshop will provide participants with a closer look at how MTC works to provide independence and the freedom to travel to various destinations around the region.

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Mobile Workshop: F.A.S.T.
Fee \$20
Brian Hoelt, RTC of Southern Nevada

As the administrator of the Freeway & Arterial System of Transportation (FAST), RTC invites you to learn more about some of the innovative tools and technologies that are being utilized to keep vehicles flowing as smoothly as possible for freeway and arterial systems throughout Clark County. FAST is responsible for the coordination of traffic signals throughout the valley and the operation of cameras, signs, ramp meters, and flow detectors along the freeways.

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Board Business Meeting

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Wednesday, October 21

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Registration

8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Exhibits

8:00 am – 10:30 am

Continental Breakfast & Strengthening Connectivity through EJ, Title VI, and Performance Based Planning

Bryna Helfer, USDOT

Please join USDOT for this interactive session to share and explore tools and strategies for advancing ladders of opportunity.

8:30 am – 11:00 am

Mobile Workshop: Bike Tour of Downtown

Fee: \$20

Ron Floth, RTC of Southern Nevada

An e-bike tour of Downtown Las Vegas will be led by RTC Bicycle & Outreach Coordinator Ron Floth. The tour will begin at the Bonneville Transit Center (BTC) and ride on the green bike lanes to the Premium Outlet Mall, World Market Center, Lou Ruvo Brain Center, Symphony Park and Smith Center. The tour will also make a stop at the Molasky Building where Ron will discuss the LEED certification and continue to the Mob Museum, the Zappos campus and finish up at Container Park before making it back to the BTC

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Performance Measures – Part 1

Presenters:

Natalia Leuchanka, SMPO

Christopher Upchurch, Wichita Area MPO

Elizabeth Wemple, CS

In part one of two in a series, presenters will detail quantitative and qualitative tools and techniques used to enhance and support performance based planning. Learn how MPOs in New Hampshire worked with NHDOT, FHWA and FTA to use qualitative research methods, tools, and stakeholder engagement to enhance and support coordinated performance based planning, how the Wichita MPO is tackling the challenges of using NPMRDS data, including analysis techniques to deal with the sheer size of the dataset and produce useful information and options for developing performance measures, and a process used in Alabama for integrating quantitative safety analysis into regional transportation planning processes, identifying benchmarks and safety performance measures, and evaluating trends.

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Freight – Data

Presenters:

Billy Bachman, Westat

Leta Huntsinger, PB

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Vladimir Livshits, MAG
Sreevatsa Nippani, MAG

As the first in a two-part freight series, this session will focus on lessons learned through collection of freight-related data and potential applications of the data. Experience in the Piedmont Triad region, one of the world's largest transportation and logistics clusters, and Arizona, where a list of commercially available data as well as public databases was compiled, will benefit those considering gathering data to support their freight planning analysis and modeling needs. Presenters will highlight their involvement in the SHRP2 Implementation Assistance Program, Freight Demand Modeling and Data Improvement (C20)

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Transportation & Health

Presenters

Don Kostelec, Kostelec Planning
J. Scott Lane, Stantec Consulting Service
Tracy Selin, CS
Melissa Taylor, Chattanooga-Hamilton RPA
Kevin Tilbury, Gresham Smith

This presentation will showcase the importance of addressing human health and safety in planning, and non-traditional Health Impact Analyses in transportation. Speakers will discuss means to integrate health considerations directly into the investment decision-making process, GIS-based methods for analyzing the accessibility of active transportation facilities and destinations that have a significant impact on health outcomes, an overview of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) practices, and options for incorporating safety, security, and health effects in both project and system-level planning

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch & General Membership Meeting

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Performance Measures – Part 2

Presenters:

Rochelle Carpenter, Nashville MPO
Craig Casper, PPACG
Beth Osborne, T4America
Mauraen Paz de Araujo, HDR
Tracy Selin, CS
Melissa Taylor, Chattanooga/N GA TPO

In part two of this series, presenters will draw from various projects and publications to demonstrate how to develop a system for prioritizing projects; discuss investment prioritization approaches that incorporate increasingly more complex goals and metrics; provide recommendations for MPOs to make the transition to a performance-based system of transportation investment; and present recommendations for regional transportation performance measures to improve health, social equity and environmental outcomes

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Freight – Planning

Presenters:

Dan Andersen and Beth Xie, RTC of Southern Nevada
Paul H. Flavien, Broward MPO
Michael T. Williamson, CS
Matt Johns, Alexandria/Pineville MPO

The second half of the freight series will document freight assessments and planning programs in Southern Nevada, Southeast Florida, and New Orleans. Learn how to identify needs and develop strategies that will

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drive investment decisions, improving and enhancing regional mobility, and thereby, increasing economic competitiveness. The relevant information and data shared during this session can be manipulated to fit the needs of any state or region

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Better Planning, Better Projects

Presenters:

Corey Hull, Southern Georgia Regional Commission/ VLMPPO

Gary Jensen and Reena Mathews, FHWA

Receive a brief demonstration and introduction to Federal Highway's new web resource *PlanWorks Better planning Better projects* and take a closer look at an MPO that has found a successful way to collaborate with key partners. The Valdosta-Lowndes MPO found an opportunity to bring together several institutions to achieve a common goal of a more resilient, economically sustainable community. Together, these presenters will demonstrate how and where collaboration tools are the most beneficial.

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Coffee Break

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Implementation & Planning

Presenters:

Todd Brauer, Whitehouse Group

Paul Flevien, Broward MPO

Doray Hill, Jr. and Sina Kahrobabi, San Angelo MPO

Leigh Holt, Space Coast TPO

This presentation will detail a step-by-step process for developing strategic plans, address the challenges and opportunities behind developing a Data Collection Program, and offer a methodology for analyzing traffic safety. Participants will be able to review sample documents, assess risks and benefits, and learn various tools for measuring success in their planning endeavors.

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Scenario Planning 1

Presenters:

Uri Avin, Planning and Design Center, NCSG

Ali Bonakdar, Corvallis Area MPO

Amanda Pietz and Tara Weidner, Oregon DOT

Chris Porter, CS

Oregon legislation requires the reduction of GHG emissions in the state by 75% from the 1990 level by 2050. ODOT has established a successful partnership with other state agencies and local MPOs to use innovative tools to initiate a conversation about the long-term outcome. This session will take a closer look at the innovative tools and methodologies being used to provide quicker feedback, enhance visuals, increase public engagement, and expedite timelines at a cheaper cost.

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Military Bases

Presenters:

Craig Casper, PPACG

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Charlie Howard, PSRC
Kendall Wendling, TRPC

This session explores the complex world of MPO / DoD relationships, drawing on real-world experiences to illustrate the challenges and opportunities facing effective partnerships. There is no "one size fits all" strategy for building strong relationships, each military base is unique in the same way each MPO is unique. But the lessons learned from those MPOs that are successfully cultivating and maintaining these relationships provide useful insights for the many MPOs grappling with how to better incorporate military base considerations into their planning processes.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Poolside Reception with Exhibitors

Thursday, October 22

7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Registration

7:30 am – 6:30 pm
Exhibits

7:30 am – 8:30 am
Continental Breakfast –
Washington Update begins at 8:00 am
Levon Boyagian, Boyagian Consulting LLC
DeLania Hardy, AMPO

This session provides an update on the latest transportation policy happenings in Washington, D.C.

8:30 am – 9:00 am
RTC Showcase

Raymond Hess, RTC of Southern Nevada

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) is a regional entity that oversees public transportation, traffic management, roadway design and construction funding, and transportation planning for Southern Nevada. We are one of the few agencies in the country that serves as both the transit and transportation planning agency. Consequently, the RTC is able to efficiently and effectively plan, manage and implement transportation projects that seamlessly incorporate transit, traffic management and roadway planning, thereby better serving Southern Nevada's residents and tourists. The 30 minute presentation will discuss all of the new initiatives for the agency including the Seeing Orange campaign, Transportation Investment Business Plan and Fuel Revenue Indexing.

9:15 am – 10:45 am
Funding & Investments
Presenters:
Roberto Alvarado and Brian Ten Siethoff, CS

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Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council
Marcelle Jones, Jacobs
Richard Perrin, GTC

Take a deeper look at the legislation and advocacy efforts surrounding the crucial role MPOs play in defining and articulating the transportation infrastructure needs. This discussion will also look at cost-effective tools and various applications to consider developing to assess infrastructure, such as specific bridge networks. Presenters will review how VMT fees have presented an opportunity to educate the public about models to fund transportation.

9:15 am – 10:45 am

Scenario Planning 2

Presenters:

Sam Van Hecke, CS
Leigh Holt, Space Coast TPO
Franco Saraceno, Renaissance

As budgets tighten, federal regulations take shape, local economic drivers change, and performance management takes center stage, MPOs are faced with a variety of factors to consider throughout the planning process. Hear from MPOs utilizing a diverse set of scenario planning practices, including asset management, which can be applied in ways that reflect unique regional needs and governance structures. Presenters will speak to the transformation of long range transportation plans and the extensive process of engaging decision makers, partner agencies, and the general public.

9:15 am – 10:45 am

Public Involvement – Part 1

Presenters:

Ned Baier, Jacobs
Dave Biggs, MetroQuest
Lorna Parkins, Michael Baker Intl
James Rojas, Place II
Shelley Whitworth, H-GAC

Part one of two will provide an easy framework that allows project leaders to select the right tool for their goals and budget. A variety of case studies will demonstrate how agencies are communicating funding issues and options, how they are getting feedback from the public on what they are willing to pay, and how they are engaging under represented communities.

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Land Use

Presenters:

J. Scott Lane, Stantec Consulting Service
Raymond Hess, RTC of Southern Nevada
Carl Miller and Mary Ann Waldinger, COMPASS

A series of case studies will be spotlighted, providing insight on how MPOs have devised processes to make long-range plans valuable resources to link land use and transportation decisions, as well as how they may expand their influence into areas beyond transportation planning. The audience will learn about planning processes to achieve success in a variety of different environments, creating not just complete streets but the complete communities.

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Automated Vehicles

Presenters:

Baruch Feigenbaum, Reason Foundation

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Emily Lindsey, PPACG
Mike Pina, USDOT
Jonny Rotheram, Steer Davies Gleave

Imagine cars that could warn of a potential crash or icy roads ahead, advise of a traffic jam ahead, or help find a parking space. MPOs have just begun to plan for autonomous and connected vehicles. This session will take a look at new technology that is expected to elicit major changes in transportation infrastructure, as well as the benefits and implications of connected vehicles. Presenters will demonstrate how organizations can develop Nonmotorized Transportation System Plans from the ground up- using innovative network audit techniques and engaging residents from all over the region throughout the process using online, interactive tools.

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Public Involvement – Part 2

Presenters:

Mary Craighead, Victoria MPO
Michael Moreno, RTC Washoe

Engaging the public is often a difficulty that MPOs and government agencies face. Hear from two organizations that have found success through a variety of engagement methods to include surveys, involvement in local events, social media plans, television segments, and much more. Presenters will discuss challenges faced, the development of their strategies, their results and how they measured successes.

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch & Keynote Address

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Business Practices: Ethics & Conflict of Interest

Fred Wagner, Beveridge & Diamond

Metropolitan Planning Organizations function under a detailed set of regulations, but the rules guiding the conduct of individual Board members are not quite as well-defined. This session will describe a straightforward list of ethical principles, and the rationales behind them, to guide community and transportation leaders in their crucial role as MPO Board members. Suggested best practices will be offered, as well as a summary of relevant statutory provisions from states around the country.

3:20 pm – 4:05 pm

Business Practices: HR Basics

Randi Frank, Randi Frank Consulting, LLC

This session will cover best practices related to executive searches, issues related to introducing new leadership, staffing transitions, how to handle upcoming retirements, and establishing new hire orientation and goal setting. Randi Frank will be available to answer any of your Human Resources and Recruitment related questions.

4:05 pm – 4:20 pm

Coffee Break with Exhibitors

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4:20 pm – 6:00 pm

Business Practices: MPO Operations

Presenters:

Todd Brauer, Whitehouse Group Inc

Jason Burningham, LYRB

Doray Hill, San Angelo MPO

Andrew Jackson and Vladimir Livshits, MAG

Greg Stuart, Broward MPO

As the final leg of the Business Practices series, this presentation will dive into a variety of the day-to-day operations and best practices of MPOs. Presenters will explore the nuances of becoming a stand-alone MPO, engaging elected officials, managing contracts, working across jurisdictional boundaries and developing business and financial plans. A special spotlight during this segment will feature Utah's successes and will allow presenters to share their financial lessons learned and help others gain a better understanding of an organization's financial picture.

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm

Happy Hour with Exhibitors

Friday, October 23

7:30 am – 9:30 am

Continental Breakfast –

FHWA-FTA Town Hall begins at 8:00 am

9:45 am – 11:15 am

Connected Vehicles

Presenters:

Max Aziz, FHWA

Egan Smith, FHWA

Jonathan Walker, FHWA

Join representatives from FHWA as they explain the vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) technology and its intended role in preventing or mitigating the impact of vehicle crashes. The V2I technology is anticipated to be deployed organically and may yield a wide range of other safety, mobility, and environmental benefits. The planning community will have a significant role in this new connected vehicle environment and will play a big part in determining which intersections, bridges, and other infrastructure will feature this technology.

9:45 am – 11:15 am

Addressing Human Health & Safety

Presenters:

James Garland, FHWA

Tyler Meyer, Greensboro Urban Area MPO

William Schaefer, Madison Area TPB

Gain an understanding of a variety of tools for active living projects and how similar approaches might apply to other communities. This session will highlight the research and identify the keys to success for MPOs to improve their planning for pedestrians and bicyclists. Hear presentations on active living places index mapping, the FHWA's new handbook on planning for pedestrians and bicycles, and GIS based technology.