Welcome to
The Planning Exchange

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING INFORMATION EXCHANGE
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

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TPCB Special Features

New TPCB Webinar Series

The Transportation Planning Information Exchange is a new FHWA/FTA webinar series providing training, technical assistance, and technical support for the transportation community.

Transportation Planning Information Exchange

Kick-off webinar featuring past TPCB peer program participants discussing the many resources offered by TPCB. May 22nd, 12:00 EDT. Register now!

What's New

New Publications:
- Trends in Statewide Transportation Plans Synthesis Report
- Best Practices in Planning: Metropolitan Transportation Plans

Upcoming Conferences/Webinars:
- Bus & Paratransit Conference
- Mobility Management Conference

New Peer Reports Available:
- Financial Planning at the MPO Level: Peer Report
- NVMTC
- Arizona Department of Transportation e-STIP Peer Report

TPCB Key Resources

INFO

The Transportation Planning Process: Key issues

A Briefing Book for Transportation Decisionmakers, Officials, and Staff

DATA

Search the MPO Database

Find the name and contact information of the designated MPO for any metropolitan area over 50,000 in the nation.
Metropolitan Planning Organization Database

Finder MPO (3 search methods)
Criteria Search: Based on sq. mi. area, population, designations year, and/or TMA

State Search: Alabama

Keyword Search: MPO name, urbanized area, or city

For more information about the TPCB program, contact Michelle Noah at FHWA (302-368-9206) or John Sarafis at FTA (302-368-5362).

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Biennial awards program

Individual or organizations that used Federal funds to develop a plan, project, or planning process that demonstrates excellence

Wide-range of categories

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/awards.htm
Tribal Resources

- Tribal transportation planning modules
- Technical assistance
- Tribal focus page
- Tribal planning handbook
- Case studies
Other Program Areas of Interest

- Access to free resources
- Webinar series
- Visualization tools
- Grant opportunities
Has your agency applied for a TPCB peer exchange?
Peer Exchange Program

- Apply for an exchange, workshop or roundtable
- Listen to live and recorded webinars
- Eligible applicants to the peer program include:
  - State DOTs
  - Metropolitan Planning Organizations
  - Transit Operators
  - Tribal Governments
  - Other transportation decision-makers

http://planning.dot.gov/peer_app.asp
Next: Peer Exchange Success Story
Peer Program

Dan Reuter
Land Use Chief
Atlanta Regional Council
Six peer regions will come to Atlanta to engage in detailed discussions regarding their efforts to link land use and transportation initiatives.

1. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), serving San Francisco area
2. Portland Metro
3. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)
4. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
5. Albany Capitol District Transportation Committee (CDTC)
6. Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)
Peer Exchange: Best Practices in MPO Livability Programs

Two primary goals:

1. Identify best practices and lessons learned from MPO livability programs that promote smart growth and TOD in order to inform future program development for ARC’s Livable Centers Initiative (LCI)

2. Provide input on the accomplishments and value of MPO livability programs to inform future U.S. DOT capacity building, technical assistance, guidance, and regulation
Key Findings about MPO Livability Programs

- Creating a livability program can be a unique and effective opportunity for MPOs to build relationships with local officials, staff, and the public to support greater transportation and land use integration.

- There is no “one size fits all” approach to creating a livability program.

- Communication and careful language choice are critical to gain buy-in from elected officials, developers, and the public.
Key Findings (continued)

• Current Federal transportation planning guidance and funding sources provide a good foundation for experimenting with multimodal transportation planning

• Reaching out and building effective inter-agency partnerships is critical to developing a meaningful livability program

• Partnerships with non-transportation agencies and organizations can help MPOs bring new stakeholders to the table
Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Program

- Encourages local governments to implement strategies that link transportation projects with development
- Links implementation actions to receipt of transportation project funding
- Takes advantage of existing infrastructure in centers and corridors

LCI Studies Seek:
- Mix of land uses
- Multiple transportation modes
- Robust stakeholder involvement
11 counties (unincorporated) and 53 cities with an LCI study

- Atlanta: 18
- Cherokee: 4
- Clayton: 6
- Cobb: 12
- DeKalb: 19
- Douglas: 2
- Fayette: 2
- Fulton: 18
- Gwinnett: 15
- Henry: 4
- Rockdale: 2
- Outside: 9
- Total: 111
LCI Funding

- $18 million for studies over 18 years
- $500 million for transportation projects through 2040
- Uses STP-Urban (L230) funds
- 72 Supplemental Studies awarded
- $4,296,500 total funding for Supplemental Studies
- Report available: 
  http://www.planning.dot.gov/Peer/Atlanta/atlanta_2010.pdf
Participating Agencies and Organizations

Federal Government
- U.S. DOT - Volpe Center
- FTA - Office of Planning and Environment
- FHWA - Office of Livability
- FHWA - Office of Planning
- FHWA - Resource Center
- EPA Region 4
- FHWA GA Division
- FTA Region IV
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Georgia
- GDOT - Office of Planning
- MARTA
- Georgia Regional Transportation Authority

Atlanta
- ARC Land Use Division
- ARC Transportation Division
- ARC Governmental Services Division
- ARC Aging Division

Nonprofit
- Reconnecting America
- ULI Atlanta
- Livable Communities Coalition
Submit a question using the chat box

Or

*1 to ask a question by phone
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FTA, Office of Planning and Environment
TPCB, Program Manager
Publications and Resources

- Briefing Book for Transportation Decisionmakers, Officials, and staff
- FTA Transit at the Table Series
- FHWA Scenario Planning Guidebook
- Best Planning Practices: Metro Transportation Plans
- A Guide to Transportation Decisionmaking
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Search for Resources

Transportation Planning Capacity Building (TPCB) Resource Index

The TPCB Resource Index is a database of all resources found on the TPCB website. Search the resource index by selecting a resource type, category, and/or planning level from the list below. Your search results will display a broad range of resources on that topic from a variety of sources including FHWA, other U.S. DOT agencies, other Federal agencies, state and local governments, MPOs, and non-government organizations.

In the boxes below, select one or more terms by holding down the Control <Ctrl> button on your keyboard. You can also select terms in one or more of the boxes. The more terms you select, the fewer resources will be returned.

Resource Type:  Category:  Planning Level:

All  -Past Event  All  Agency Structure and Governance  Statewide
-Current Event  Air Quality-Transportation  Metropolitan
-Legislation, Regulations, and Guidance  Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning  Rural and Small Community

Key Word Search:

Find Results  with all of the words

with the exact phrase

with at least one of the words

Occurrences  Return results where my terms occur in the resource title or description

Submit  Reset

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TPCB Focus Areas

### Focus Areas

#### Statewide Planning
The Statewide Planning focus area page provides information on resources about the statewide transportation planning process.

#### Rural and Small Community Planning
The Rural and Small Community Planning focus area page is a one-stop shop for resources about transportation planning in rural and small communities.

#### Public Lands Planning
The Public Lands Planning focus area page is a one-stop shop for resources about transportation planning for public lands.

#### Performance Based
This focus area page is a one-stop shop for resources about performance-based planning and performance measures on the TPCB website.

#### Metropolitan Transportation Planning
This section of the TPCB website provides information on resources about the metropolitan transportation planning process.

#### Tribal Planning
The Tribal Planning focus area page is a one-stop shop for resources about tribal transportation planning, consultation, and coordination.

#### Transit at the Table
The FTA sponsored a series of publications, supported by peer events and roundtables, called “Transit at the Table” that identifies ways for transit agencies to effectively participate in metropolitan and statewide transportation planning.

#### Public Involvement
The Public Involvement focus area page is a one-stop shop for resources about public involvement and equity in transportation planning on the TPCB website.
Focus Areas

Transit at the Table

In order for transit to play a meaningful role in creating sustainable transportation systems, transit agencies have to become more meaningful and pro-active partners in the Federal transportation planning and programming process. In order to get transit at the table (i.e., included in plans, funded, and built), transit agencies must first make their way to the table and actively participate in transportation decision-making. Recognizing that this may not be a traditional role for many transit agencies, the FTA sponsored a series of publications, supported by peer events and roundtables, called "Transit at the Table" that identifies ways for transit agencies to effectively participate in metropolitan and statewide transportation planning.

RESOURCES and Publications

- **Transit at the Table I** - Explores how transit agencies in larger metropolitan areas (more than 200,000 in population) could be more effective partners with MPOs in the metropolitan transportation planning and programming process.

- **Transit at the Table II** - Explores how transit agencies in smaller metropolitan areas (populations between 50,000 and 200,000) could be more effective partners with MPOs in the metropolitan transportation planning and programming process.

- **Transit at the Table III** - Explores how transit agencies in non-urbanized and rural areas can be more effective partners with state departments of transportation (DOTs) and other entities in the statewide transportation planning and programming process. View the text-only version of Transit at the Table III. You can also view the report by section: Chapter 1 - Chapter 2 - Chapter 3 - Chapter 4 - Appendix A - Appendix B - Appendix C Discussion Guides

- Recent publications on transit planning:
  - **Supporting Sustainable Rural Communities**
  - **Transportation Planning Capacity Building: A Two Year Review, Federal Fiscal Years 2009-2010**
  - **Forging Transit-Bicycle-Pedestrian Partnerships for Livable, Sustainable Communities**
  - **Effective Practices in Title VI Transit Equity Analysis for Major Transit Service and Fare Changes**

- To find existing publications and resources related to Transit at the Table or to add new ones, visit the TPCB Resource Index

CALENDAR of Events

- Upcoming conferences and webinars related to Transit at the Table:
  - **CTAA EXPO**
  - **International Rail Rodeo**
  - **Rail Conference**

To browse all events on the TPCB website or to add new ones, please visit the events calendar or the TPCB Resource Index.
Scenario Planning Program

Offers several resources for transportation agencies:

- Customized training workshops and webinars
- Scenario Planning Guidebook
- Biannual webinar series
- Research on scenario planning trends and best practices
“This was a very informative and useful workshop. These techniques will help us to move Birmingham forward [and make] smarter investments in transportation.”

-Birmingham workshop participant
Introduction to TPCB

- Peer for Birmingham, Alabama
- Topic was Scenario Planning
- SPC adopted a scenario based plan in 2007
- Started explore the process in 2004
- Didn’t know TCBP existed
- Had to figure it out on our own
Process

• Well planned
  – Spend time on the details

• Good Team
  – Team member selection is critical
  – Suited for the recipient’s needs and situation

• Strong recipient input
  – Listen to the recipient
  – Only get out what you put in
Process

• Regular contact
  – Conference calls, emails, etc.
• Active participation
  – Don’t be shy
• Technical session
  – Staff
• Policy session
  – Broader audience
SPC’s Role

• Share our experience
  – Strengths, weaknesses, what we would do different.

• Serve as advisor
  – Listen to recipients concerns offer advice.
Peer Role Benefit

• Networking
  – Met peers in similar situations to ourselves.

• Education
  – Learned as much from them as they learned from us, on multiple topics,

• Experiences
  – Used the experiences of the entire team to improve our own process.
Summary

• Excellent process
• Wish we had held our own peer exchange
• Think it through
• Listen to the pros
• The more you put into it, the more you’ll get out of it
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