

2015 ARKANSAS Transportation Planning Conference

AGENDA

April 29-30, 2015 | Wyndham Riverfront | North Little Rock



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

- 8:30 **Registration**
- 9:30 **Welcome**
Kevin Thornton, PE, Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning - AHTD
- 10:00 **Bringing Performance into Focus - What is Ahead?**
[MODERATOR: Jessie Jones, PE, Division Engineer, Transportation Planning and Policy - AHTD]
FHWA Perspective: Susanna Hughes Reck, Capacity Development Team Leader, Transportation Performance Management - FHWA
FTA Perspective: Ronisha Hodge, Community Planner - FTA
AASHTO Perspective: Matt Hardy, Program Director for Planning and Policy - AASHTO
AMPO Perspective: Levon Boyagian, Managing Principal - Boyagian Consulting, LLC
- 12:00 **Luncheon**
Scott E. Bennett, PE, Director of Highways and Transportation - AHTD
- 1:30 **Decisions, Decisions, Decisions!**
[MODERATOR: Andy Brewer, PE, Staff Planning Engineer, Multimodal and Project Planning - AHTD]
Strategic Planning in Tennessee: Tanisha Hall, AICP, Director of Long Range Planning - Tennessee DOT
Resource Allocation: Michelle Maggiore, PE, Director of the Decision Lens - Transportation Business Group
Local Investment Initiatives: The Honorable Harold Perrin, Mayor of Jonesboro
- 2:45 **Break**
- 3:00 **See You in the Future**
[MODERATOR: Casey Covington, PE, AICP, CARTS Study Director - Metroplan]
Foresight: Julie Lorenz, Senior Strategic Consultant - Burns and McDonnell
Location! Location! Location!: Morris Jenkins, Director of Strategic Planning and Legislative Affairs - AEDC
Keeping Your Head Above Water, Growth in Urban Watersheds: John Flemming, Division Head, Environmental - AHTD
- 4:00 **Break**
- 4:15 **The Future Starts Today - Visioning Workshop for the Statewide Long Range Multimodal Plan**
[FACILITATOR: Julie Lorenz, Senior Strategic Consultant - Burns and McDonnell]
- 6:00 **Reception**

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

7:30 - 8:30 **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 **MPO 101**

[MODERATOR: Paul Simms, PE, Metropolitan Planning Coordinator - AHTD]

MPO Planning Requirements: Valera McDaniel, Transportation Program Coordinator - FHWA Arkansas Division Office

What MPOs Need to Know About Title VI: Joanna P. McFadden, Section Head EEO/DBE - AHTD

Consultant Procurement: Jennifer Williams, PE, Consultant Contracts Administrator - AHTD

Federal Aid 101: Steven Thomas, Assistant Division Head, Program Management - AHTD

9:45 **Break**

10:00 **The Story You Tell vs. The Story That is Heard**

[MODERATOR: Randy Ort, Assistant Chief for Administration - AHTD]

Your Story to Tell: Mara Campbell, Transportation Solutions Manager - HERE

Crafting Your Story: Maggie Doll, Strategic Communications Consultant - Burns and McDonnell

A Case Study: Planning and Environmental Linkage: Jerry Holder, PE, Director of Transportation - Garver

11:15 **Multimodal Performance**

[MODERATOR: Virginia Porta, PE, Senior Planning Engineer, Multimodal and Project Planning - AHTD]

MOVE Central Arkansas Initiative: Jarod Varner, Executive Director - Central Arkansas Transit Authority

Northwest Arkansas Master Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan: Steve Bzomowski, Planner - Alta Planning + Design

Jump Start Program - Central Arkansas: Richard Magee, AICP, Deputy Director - Metroplan

12:00 **Buffet Networking Lunch**

1:00 **Performance Data**

[MODERATOR: Michael Kelly, PE, PS, Division Head, System Information and Research - AHTD]

Infrastructure Performance Data: Greg Nation, System Information Group Leader - AHTD

Safety Performance: Debra Hollis, Highway Safety Manager - Arkansas State Police

Congestion Management Plan: Steve Taylor, PE, PTOE, Partner - CoPlan

Arkansas vs. ARNOLD...Creating an All Public Roads LRS in Razorback Country: Sharon Hawkins, Section Head, GIS and Mapping - AHTD

2:30 **Break**

2:45 **Deep Dive into Data**

[MODERATOR: Tim Conklin, AICP, Transportation Programs Manager - NWARPC]

US Census Data: Penelope Weinberger, CTPP Program Manager - AASHTO

System/Freight Performance Data: Keith Hangland - HERE, Bill King - Air Sage,

Paula Dowell, PhD - Cambridge Systematics

4:00 **MPO Caucus**

[MODERATOR: Antonio Johnson, GISP, Transportation Planner - AHTD]

4:30 **Conference Wrap-Up**