



Transportation Friday

An electronic newsletter concerning regional transportation issues

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Montgomery to Mobile Passenger Rail!!!!!! Pubic meeting next week; plus, Royal Street and St. Francis Street will be closed for 7 days; see *In The News*. Elections are over, Mobile County [Pay-As-You-Go](#) passed, and we can all get back to our regularly scheduled programming without Florida's politics interjected into our TV shows. But see what's new with the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in *Legislative Updates*. Did you know that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) oversees the Nation's time zones and the uniform observance of Daylight Saving Time? See *Just For Fun*, IF YOU HAVE TIME!!!!

Check out [ALGO Traffic](#) before you travel!

Anthony Johnson, Monica Williamson, Tom Piper, and Kevin Harrison, PTP



www.mobilempo.org Check us out on FACEBOOK

Mobile MPO Updates

Mobile MPO meetings

There was a Mobile MPO meeting last week. The *Destination 2040* Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was modified to account for the tolling of the I-10 Mobile River Bridge. When the LRTP was adopted in 2015, tolling was not a financial commitment. To assist in the planning process, the [LRTP will be modified](#) to account for the tolling along with changes to the Bike/Ped Element, the Environmental Justice Element, and the Future Traffic Volumes. Also, the Mobile MPO adopted the PM2 performance measures for bridge and pavement condition, and there were various changes to be made to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Please see our web page for further details www.mobilempo.org

US 45 Feasibility Study

The final stakeholder meeting was held for the *US 45 Feasibility Study*; the presentation and maps can be found [HERE](#)

In FY 2018, we had two public meetings, one in Mobile and one in Prichard with over one hundred citizens participating. In addition to the public meetings, we had four stakeholder meetings. The stakeholder meetings started out strong with over 30 people involved. On August 1st there was a public input meeting at the Prichard City Hall, with an introduction from the City of Prichard Mayor, Mayor Jimmie Gardner. Despite the weather, we had a pretty good turnout. Several comments were made pertaining to the study, and we gained some good input. June 28th was the first public meeting for the US 45 Feasibility Study, and was held at Leflore High School. The meeting was well attended by nearly 70 people. Mobile City Councilman Levon Manzie was on hand to guide the meeting and answer questions. Nick Amberger, the City of Mobile Engineer was also present and assisted in answering questions posed by the public. Mr. Drew Davis with Volkert and Mr. Clifton Lambert with CERM presented the attendees with preliminary ideas developed in previous Advisory Committee meetings. These included road diets, sidewalk improvements, bike lanes, and roundabouts at key intersections. The final document is complete and may be found [HERE](#).

SARPC Transportation Video, this is what we do [HERE](#)

Want to know what other SARPC departments do?

[Planning and Community Development](#)

[Area Agency on Aging](#)

[Employment and Economic Development](#)

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) NOW ONLINE

The TIP represents a four year program (2016-2019) for improvements in the various transportation systems located within the Mobile study area as identified in the Mobile MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the twenty-five year plan for the Mobile Urban area [Destination 2040](#). The LRTP establishes the transportation programs that are needed to meet travel demand by the study year and study area. LRTP projects that become funded are moved into the TIP and submitted to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), where they are programmed into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). For MPO projects, TIP project selection is based on priorities established by MPO member governments and the availability of funds through the Surface Transportation Attributable program. For other projects, ALDOT has discretion of project funding based on availability of funds from various types of funding categories. Most often, projects in the TIP are derived from the LRTP. The TIP guides ALDOT in its annual allocation of funds for transportation improvements and becomes a part of the STIP.

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ArcGIS Online is now being utilized by MPO staff to map all federally funded surface transportation projects within our area. Check it out.

2016-2019 E-TIP [HERE](#)

Stay Up To Date on the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project:

<http://mobileriverbridge.com/>



Recent Scheduling Changes This Week for Mobile

The target start date or project engineers estimated amount has changed for the following:

Project : 100068521 Federal aid number : BR 0016 County : MOBILE Scope : PE
Project Description : BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (BIN 003691) ON SR-16 (US-90) OVER HALLS MILL CREEK
Urban Area : 067 MOBILE
Target Start Date : 11/1/2018
Engineers Estimate : \$900,000.00

Project : 100068523 Federal aid number : BR 0016 County : MOBILE Scope : UT
Project Description : BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (BIN 003691) ON SR-16 (US-90) OVER HALLS MILL CREEK
Urban Area : 067 MOBILE
Target Start Date : 11/1/2021
Engineers Estimate : \$25,757.00

Project : 100068522 Federal aid number : BR 0016 County : MOBILE Scope : CN
Project Description : BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (BIN 003691) ON SR-16 (US-90) OVER HALLS MILL CREEK
Urban Area : 067 MOBILE
Target Start Date : 1/28/2022
Engineers Estimate : \$8,860,588.00

Project : 100068528 Federal aid number : BR 0013 County : MOBILE Scope : CN
Project Description : BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (BIN 005712 AND BIN 005856) ON SR-13 (US-43) OVER COLD CREEK
Urban Area : 567 MOBILE
Target Start Date : 6/25/2021
Engineers Estimate : \$5,100,500.00

Project : 100068526 Federal aid number : BR 0013 County : MOBILE Scope : PE
Project Description : BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (BIN 005712 AND BIN 005856) ON SR-13 (US-43) OVER COLD CREEK
Urban Area : 567 MOBILE
Target Start Date : 1/1/2019
Engineers Estimate : \$500,000.00

RPO Updates

RPO The South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC) held a meeting of the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) in September at the Baldwin County Central Annex in Robertsdale.

The meeting was well attended and there was a lengthy discussion of current and future transportation projects in the rural areas of our region let by the ALDOT Southwest Regional Office. Other items on the agenda include:

- Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting
- Review and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019 Work Program (available for review online at <http://www.mobilempo.org/RPODocuments.html>)
- Updating the RPO Transportation Plan with Project List (available for review online at <http://www.mobilempo.org/RPODocuments.html>)

The Work Program for Fiscal Year 2019 includes a new task. This task involves assisting the Alabama Department of Transportation with hosting public meetings regarding the upcoming 2020-2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Further information about this endeavor will be forthcoming. Please watch our newsletter for more information.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the items mentioned above, please contact us.

Projects in Region Let November 2nd, 2018

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

None at this time.

MOBILE COUNTY

For constructing the Relocation of Movable Barriers and Gate Arms on SR-188 at the J.A. Wintzell Memorial Bridge in Bayou La Batre. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$1,471,184 to \$1,798,114 .

BALDWIN COUNTY

For constructing the Planing, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-182 from the Perdido Pass Bridge (MP 14.818) in Orange Beach to the Florida State Line. Length 2.245 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$978,596 to \$1,196,062 .

[What's Under Construction?](#)

[Project Status](#)

Legislative Updates

Committee Leadership Shuffle

With Democrats set to take control of the U.S. House of Representatives after this week's mid-term elections, Peter DeFazio (D-OR) is poised to become the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman when the 116th Congress is seated in January. The committee's ranking member has yet to be determined, however. Sam Graves (R-MO) has announced he is running for the position – complete with a [campaign website](#) and [leadership blueprint](#). Jeff Denham (R-CA) is a second likely candidate for the position if he holds off his challenger in a yet-to-be-called race.

Though the Senate will remain in Republican control, there will likely be some changes in key transportation committees. Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Chairman John Thune (R-SD) is expected to become Senate Majority Whip in elections to be held next week and will relinquish his gavel to Roger Wicker (R-MS). Ranking Member Bill Nelson (D-FL) is headed to a recount in a close race in Florida, though he is trailing his opponent. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) is next in line, but if she declines the position, Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) would be next up. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee leaders

More Talk about Infrastructure

In the wake of Tuesday's elections, Congressional leaders and the White House have all spoken of the potential for an agreement on infrastructure in the next Congress. Potential Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) mentioned infrastructure in her victory speech on Tuesday night and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) indicated he has already discussed it with Pelosi. President Trump said that he will look to the Democrats for a plan and will negotiate. Incoming Chairman of the House Transportation Committee Pete DeFazio (D-OR) has committed to delivering a major infrastructure package as well, though was quoted as saying he wants a "real" infrastructure bill with "real money," an obvious nod to the administration's proposal which was heavy on leveraging federal funds with private funds or higher requirements for local and state investment.

This confidence is reminiscent of the period after the 2016 presidential election, which was followed by months of uncertainty and continually recurring "infrastructure weeks" and finally an administration plan that was dead on arrival. Perhaps things will be different this time, but the high degree of partisanship and impending presidential election – to say nothing of disagreements over how to pay for such a package – will likely prove to be too much to overcome for something to happen this year.

Airport, Toll Road, And Port Activity All Expected To Increase, Fitch Ratings Says

editor@aaashto.org November 2, 2018

In a report issued Oct. 18, credit agency Fitch Ratings said that airports, toll roads, and ports are all facing "potential increases in borrowing costs" should the Federal Reserve continue to increase interest rates – and it has already increased interest rates three times in 2018 alone and [eight times](#) since 2015.

That, coupled with increasing capital improvement spending needs, has the potential to slow growth in those three transportation sectors, noted Fitch Director Stacey Mawson [in a statement](#).

Yet she added that “the transportation sector’s high ratings, along with high rate of fixed-rate debt, should limit the effects of potential interest rate escalation” as all three of those segments continue to see “healthy growth” that is outpacing that of U.S. gross domestic product growth so far this year.

“As the economy continues to expand, growth is felt across transportation sectors, although higher fuel prices are muting some of that affect,” Mawson added.

For example, growth in passenger boarding at U.S. airports nearly doubled year-over-year, up 5 percent for the first six months of 2018 compared to 2.6 percent growth during the same period in 2017. Fitch said it expects a similar rate of growth for second-half 2018, with medium and small hubs having the potential to outperform.

Strong medium and small hub performers include Rhode Island, San Jose, Cincinnati, Albuquerque and Burbank, while Ft. Lauderdale, San Diego, Tampa and Orlando have been leading the pack for large-hub airports, the firm added.

When it comes to U.S. seaports, Fitch said growth has been “solid” at 4.8 percent through the first six months of 2018, though that is lower as compared with the “robust performance” of 6.9 percent witnessed during the first six months of 2017.

Fitch also noted that traffic and revenue growth for toll roads should stay on an “upward trajectory” in 2018, with facilities in the Southeast and Southwest recovering quickly following hurricane-related travel interruptions in the latter half of 2017, with year-to-date 2018 traffic growth averaging 5 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively – growth that is also easily outpacing the 1.5 percent growth in toll roads throughout the Northeast.

“More people moving to the Southeast and Southwest will add to toll road traffic and revenue over time,” Fitch added in its analysis. “As in past years, one factor that could temper growth for toll roads is an increase in gas prices.

Funding Opportunities

FHWA’s Competitive Highway Bridge Program.

Grants Notice

Funding Opportunity Number: 693JJ318NF-HIBS

Funding Opportunity Title: Competitive Highway Bridge Program

Opportunity Category: Discretionary

Opportunity Category Explanation:

Funding Instrument Type: Other

Category of Funding Activity: Transportation

Category Explanation: Awards will be through allocation to State Departments of Transportation

Expected Number of Awards: 75

CFDA Number(s): 20.205 -- Highway Planning and Construction

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Version: Synopsis 1

Posted Date: Sep 05, 2018

Last Updated Date: Sep 04, 2018

Original Closing Date for Applications: Dec 04, 2018 Due date is 12/04/2018 at 11:59 PM

Current Closing Date for Applications: Dec 04, 2018 Due date is 12/04/2018 at 11:59 PM

Archive Date: Jan 03, 2019

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$225,000,000

Award Ceiling: \$225,000,000

Award Floor: \$0

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: State governments

Additional Information on Eligibility: State Department of Transportations are the only eligible recipients of this program. Local entities are eligible to apply through their State Department of Transportation.

Additional Information

Agency Name: DOT Federal Highway Administration

Description: This notice announces a funding opportunity and requests grant applications for FHWA’s Competitive Highway Bridge Program. Division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, appropriated \$225 million to be awarded by DOT for a competitive highway bridge program. Eligible applicants are States that have a population density of less than 100 individuals per square mile. The funds must be used for highway bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects on public roads that demonstrate cost savings by bundling multiple highway bridge projects. The FHWA will distribute these funds as described in this notice on a competitive basis in a manner consistent with the selection criteria.

Link to Additional Information:

Grantor Contact Information: If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

Douglas Blades Senior Bridge Program Engineer Phone 202-366-4622

CHBPgrant@dot.gov

USDOT Announces \$6.3 Million Funding Opportunity to Improve Access to Healthcare

(deadline November 13, 2018)

FTA announced the availability of \$6.3 million in Access and Mobility Partnership Grants, competitive funds for transit coordination projects that improve non-emergency healthcare accessibility. Through this grant program, FTA encourages innovative partnerships between the healthcare industry and public transportation agencies for improved coordination. These partnerships support the needs of transit-dependent riders and improve options for people with limited transportation choices. [HERE](#)

[Section 5307, 5310, and 5311: Using Non-DOT Funds for Local Match](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Administration for Community Living](#) (ACL) has worked with the [National Aging and Disability Transportation Center](#) to clarify the ability of grantees to use Older Americans Act Title IIIB Supportive Services Funds to match Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs. These FTA programs include Urbanized Area Formula Grants (Section 5307), Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and People with Disabilities (Section 5310), and Formula Grants for Rural Areas (Section 5311). This information has been publicized [HERE](#)

FHWA Offers New Funding for Innovative Demonstration Projects

New funding is available from the Federal Highway Administration's Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration program to encourage the transportation community to adopt proven innovations. [Funding](#) or the AID Demonstration program, launched in 2014 as part of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, was continued by the 2015 [Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act](#). Since AID Demonstration was introduced, FHWA has provided more than \$43 million for 61 awards.

Under the program, funding of up to \$1 million may be awarded for projects that use proven innovations in any project phase, including planning, financing, operation, structures, materials, pavements, environment and construction. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through Grants.gov, the federal government's website for information on funding opportunities. For more information on the AID Demonstration program, contact [Ewa Flom](#) of the FHWA Center for Accelerating Innovation.

The FHWA continues the Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration authorized within the Technology and Innovation Deployment Program (TIDP) under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The AID Demonstration provides incentive funding for any project activities eligible for assistance under title 23, U.S.C. in any phase of a highway transportation project between project planning and project delivery including planning, financing, operation, structures, materials, pavements, environment, and construction that address the TIDP goals. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) published on September 1, 2016 (<https://federalregister.gov/a/2016-21063>) requests grant applications and provides selection criteria, application requirements, and technical assistance with Grants.gov during the grant solicitation period.

Link to Additional Information: [FHWA Center for Accelerating Innovation Grants page](#)

Industrial Access Road and Bridge

Industrial access funds are intended to provide adequate public access to new or expanding distribution, manufacturing and industrial firms. The industry must be committed to new investment and the creation of new jobs. The new access must be on public right of way for public use (state, city or county) and the project sponsor (city or county) must maintain the completed facility unless the facility consists of turn lanes, crossovers, etc., that are located on state highways. Industrial access funds are limited to construction, construction engineering and inspection costs. The project sponsor is responsible for all preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation costs.

Prior to the date the qualifying (new or expanding) project is "placed in service," the sponsoring entity or its local development agency must notify the Alabama Department of Commerce of its intent to claim the incentives under Section 41-9-202.1, Code of Alabama 1975. Effective October 9, 2008, the Industrial Access Road and Bridge Corporation application submittal should include the notification acknowledgment letter from the Secretary of Commerce. For more info, see [HERE](#)

To stay up to date on all of the many grants that are available visit www.grants.gov.

Just For Fun

10 facts about daylight saving time that started/ended this week?

The annual turning back of the clock by one hour was once posed by Benjamin Franklin as a way to preserve candles that served as the main source of light in the 19th century.

However, it didn't actually get implemented until World War I with the [Standard Time Act of 1918](#).



(Photo: KUTV)

1. The U.S. Department of Transportation determines time zones and daylight saving time. Did you know that?
2. In World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt implemented a year-round daylight saving time that was commonly known as "War Time."
3. The transportation industry found the lack of nationwide consistency in time observance confusing enough to push for federal regulation. This drive resulted in the Uniform Time Act of 1966. The federal law was signed by President Lyndon Johnson.
4. Under Johnson's Act, states and territories can opt out of daylight saving. It isn't observed in Arizona, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, according to the [Congressional Research Service](#).
5. There is no s in daylight. The correct term is daylight "saving" - not savings - time. It's also supposed to be lowercase, not uppercase, according to the [Associated Press stylebook](#).
6. The elderly - age 65 and up - may struggle with the time change more than their younger counterparts, [USA Today](#) reported.
7. While 26 states want to make daylight saving time changes, the U.S. Congress would have to approve any such law changes that want daylight saving year-round.
8. Four months of each year are in standard time, which basically means daylight saving time is not in use.
9. During the 1973 oil embargo by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, in an effort to conserve fuel, Congress enacted a trial period of year-round daylight saving time from January 6, 1974, to April 27, 1975.
10. Although the "fall back" by one hour is an annual occurrence to reset clocks, it also serves as a reminder to change carbon monoxide and smoke detector batteries.

In the News

ADECA to hold meeting for public input regarding passenger rail

Nov 6, 2018

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs To Hold A Public Meeting in the Cities of Mobile, Atmore, and Montgomery, Alabama

On November 13, 14, and 15, 2018 For the Montgomery – Mobile Passenger Rail Feasibility Study Phase II

On Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:00 PM local time, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) will hold a public meeting concerning the “Montgomery – Mobile Passenger Rail Feasibility Study Phase II” (the “Study”) at the Government Plaza Multi-Purpose Room (205 Government Street) in the city of Mobile.

On Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM local time, ADECA will hold a public meeting concerning the Study at the Atmore City Auditorium (201 E Louisville Ave) in the city of Atmore.

On Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM local time, ADECA will hold a public meeting concerning the Study at the Montgomery City Hall Auditorium (103 North Perry Street) in the city of Montgomery.

The State of Alabama, by and through ADECA and its Community and Economic Development Division, is preparing a feasibility study (the Study) concerning the return of passenger rail service to the former “Gulf Breeze” corridor between Birmingham, Montgomery, and Mobile, Alabama. The Study is being completed in two phases: Phase I pertains to passenger rail service between Birmingham and Montgomery, and Phase II pertains to passenger rail service between Montgomery and Mobile.

The purpose of the Study’s Phase II is to assess the feasibility of passenger rail service between Montgomery and Mobile, and to determine the necessary elements needed to implement such service. The Study will also consider the combined effects of passenger rail service along the corridor, with rail connections to existing and proposed east-west Amtrak lines in Birmingham and Mobile.

Each public meeting will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The public is invited to attend anytime during these hours at each location on the dates listed above. This public meeting will be held in an open house style format, where citizens will be allowed to review project information and make comments and give input. There will be no formal presentations at these public meetings; however, the public will be allowed opportunities to make verbal comments about the project, and a court reporter will be available to record all such comments. Written statements concerning the Study may also be made. Such written statements will be accepted through 12:00 Noon on Friday, January 4, 2019, and must be submitted to:

Kathleen A. Rasmussen, Ph.D. - Statewide Initiatives Unit Chief
Community and Economic Development Division
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
Post Office Box 5690 Montgomery, AL 36103-5690

ALDOT to hold public hearing on proposed Intracoastal Waterway Bridge

Updated Oct 29, 2018 | Posted on Oct 29, 2018

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Beach Express Bridge in Orange Beach (FOX10 News)

BALDWIN COUNTY, Ala. (WALA) - The Alabama Department of Transportation is hosting a public hearing to discuss a proposal to build a new bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway in Baldwin County.

The meeting will focus on a new bridge to connect State Highway 180 in Orange Beach to the Foley Beach Express.

The public is invited to attend the meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2018. It will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Activity Center on Clubhouse Drive.

ALDOT said people will have a chance to review information about the project. Exhibits will be on display to view. The public will also have a chance to speak to local and state transportation officials.

The meeting format will be formal, where the public may review project information and exhibits on display and will also have an opportunity to publicly speak. People wishing to provide comments during the public hearing should register at the sign-in table.

There is a two (2) minute time limit for each person to speak. Representatives of the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) will be available to answer questions throughout the meeting. A court recorder will be present to record public comments.

Comment sheets will be provided, which you may fill out and turn back in at the meeting, e-mail to us at swinfo@dot.state.al.us, fax them to (251) 473-3624 or send by mail by November 30, 2018. Request for special assistance should be made five (5) business days prior to the hearing.

The mailing address is:

Vincent E. Calametti, P.E.

Region Engineer, Southwest Region

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Royal Street & St. Francis St. Closure

November 07, 2018

Beginning Sunday morning, Nov.11th around 9:00 A.M. the intersection of Royal St & St. Francis St will be closed for approximately 7 days.

This is the ongoing Alabama Power subsurface conduit lines work.

The detour route is shown below and access to the Chick Fil A drive thru will remain open.



The Wave Transit 2018 Stuff the Bus

The Wave Transit System has announced the kick-off the 2018 Christmas Holiday season with our [Annual Stuff the Bus Toy Drive!](#)

The purpose of the event is to make a child's Christmas morning *Memorable, Enjoyable and Festive*.

This year's "Toy Drive" will be held on [Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Midtown Walmart, 101 East I-65 Service Road, Mobile, Alabama.](#)

In an effort to make the holiday season Memorable, Enjoyable and Festive for underprivileged youth, the Wave is soliciting donations (new / unwrapped gifts or toys) from your organization.

Donations may be made the day of the event (at Walmart) or prior at one of the following locations:

Mobile Community Action, Inc.

461 Donald Street, Mobile, Alabama 36610

The Wave Transit System-GM&O Transportation Center

110 Beaugard Street, Suite 104, Mobile, Alabama 36602

Thank you for your consideration and please contact Gerald Alfred at 251.338.0100 or via email, galfred@thewavetransit.com for additional information.

Transportation Research

Announced FHWA-HEP-19-002

STUFF the BUS

Saturday, December 1, 2018, 9a.m.-2p.m.
Midtown WALMART
101 East I-65 Service Road, South, Mobile, Alabama

BENEFITING
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Community Connections Innovations Handbook 7. Authors

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16. Abstract

This publication is a handbook for States, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), local and tribal governments, and other transportation practitioners that includes a toolbox for advancing Community Connections considerations in the transportation planning, project development, and design processes. The toolbox describes the existing analytical tools, public involvement strategies, planning and design techniques, and operational improvements that can be used to implement Community Connections. Additionally, the Handbook includes 16 case studies that highlight projects in urban, suburban, and rural communities where Community Connections considerations have been successfully applied.

[The Data Collected by Dockless Bikes is Helping Cities Map Your Movement](#)

Dockless bikes use a combination of GPS, 3G wireless connections, and solar power to transmit their location to providers and consumers. Providers, and the cities they partner with, have unparalleled access to rider behavior and are leveraging this knowledge to meet the needs of their consumers. In South Bend, IN, Lime is providing aggregate statistics on travel and heat maps showing where most riders occur in the city. South Bend used this data to paint drop-off areas for the bikes and is now hoping to use this information to plan for new bike paths and lanes. Lime is also working with cities to identify a format that makes it easy for them to pull data from multiple operators into their databases to analyze with their own tools.

[Transportation Safety Planning and the Zero Deaths Vision: A Guide for Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Local Communities](#)

FHWA has released this new [guidebook](#) geared towards MPOs and local stakeholders to reduce fatalities and serious injuries across transportation systems. To address this, USDOT seeks to foster collaboration across all stakeholders to improve the behaviors and conditions that impact these safety outcomes. The Guide seeks to assist MPOs, communities, and other transportation agencies to utilize, implement, and evaluate their safety planning processes to further the zero deaths vision.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO): Transportation Partnerships for the 21st Century

This work will deliver a historical review and contemporary analysis of the institutional structures and performance of MPOs, producing conclusions and lessons learned that are relevant to current challenges. This research will address ways in which MPOs can respond more nimbly and effectively to rapidly changing transportation demands, conditions, and technologies. It will provide a range of strategies and tools drawn from cases and practice in order to better equip MPOs and MPO-state partnerships in planning, maintaining, and improving transportation systems for U.S. metropolitan areas and the economies reliant on those systems.

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[Identification of High Pedestrian Crash Locations](#)

This FHWA guidebook presents a process to help state and local agencies identify high pedestrian crash locations and includes a literature review, case studies, and other research needed to develop a five-step process.

New ADA Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Compliance App

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<http://www.vueworks.com/sidewalks-and-curb-ramps-application/>

- Simple to Use
 - Download from Apple Store or Google Play
 - Collect information at your pace
 - Gathers ADA Compliance inventory and condition information
 - Location is automatically collected in GIS
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Transportation Dictionary

The USDOT released a searchable online dictionary that includes over 9,000 transportation terms and acronyms. The terms were collected from a variety of public and private transportation publications and databases. This dictionary presents over 9,000 terms and acronyms related to transportation. The terms and acronyms were obtained from various transportation publications and databases which exist within the federal government, private organizations, Canada and Mexico.

Search Tips

- Sources are listed in parenthesis after the definition.
- None of the searches are case sensitive. Searching for PEDESTRIAN will produce the same results as searching for pedestrian.
- The Dictionary searches for the word, phrase or acronym as it is entered and returns all records that match or contain that word, phrase or acronym. For example, searching for pedestrian will return records for pedestrian and pedestrian walkway.

Click [HERE](#) for the search engine.