



Transportation Friday

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We hope you all are enjoying the holiday season. With New Year's Eve rolling in this weekend, we thought we'd list some of the celebrations occurring in our region. The biggest celebration in Mobile will be the moon pie drop. There will be a New Year's Eve Mardi Gras-like parade at 9:15 p.m. and 38 Special will sing into the New Year with their performance starting at 11 pm. The city of Fairhope will have a celebration starting at 8:30 with music, fireworks, and a ball drop. At the Wind Creek Casino in Atmore the festivities get started at 9:00 pm. The city of Brewton will host its annual Blueberry Drop with the celebration getting started at 6:00 pm. Down at the beach, Lulus is having their annual "Noon Year's Eve" celebration. The family-friendly party kicks off at 10 a.m. and even has the "Beach Ball Drop" at noon. These are just a few of the many celebrations going on around Mobile Bay. We hope you get out and enjoy the festivities and have a safe and happy new year!

Stay warm and have a great weekend! And check out [ALGO Traffic](#) before you travel!

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

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Mobile MPO Updates

MPO Meeting 11/30/2016

There was a meeting of the Mobile MPO on November 30, 2016. Some of the items on the agenda included the CMP (*below*), and the TAP (*below*). Also on the agenda were some minor amendments to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program:

Bridge Funds

- 100054972 Extend Eastbound Bridge on SR-42 (US-98) Over Big Creek; CN; 6/30/2017; \$4,040,000
- 100064691 PE Replace Bridge on SR16 (US90) westbound over Tensaw –Spanish River; \$707,000; 11/1/2016

National Highway Funds

- 100060152 SR-158 Extension from Lott Road (Sr-217) To Schillinger Road. Grade Drain, Base, Pave, and Bridge (EB Seabury Creek, EB Ramp over Seabury Creek Tributary, EB Rogers Road, and Schillinger Road Intersection); CN; 9/29/2017; \$24,048,858
- 100060153 SR-158 Extension from 0.5 Mile East Of Glenwood Road To West of Lott Road (Sr-217). Grade, Drain, And Bridge (Eastbound Collins Creek); CN; 1/26/2018; \$17,721,177
- 100060154 SR-158 Eastbound Extension From 0.5 Miles East Of Glenwood Road to Lott Road (SR-217). Base, Pave, And Bridge (Eastbound McCrary Road and Eastbound Collins Creek Tributary); CN; 5/25/2018; \$15,351,485
- 100052812 Construct Bridge on Glenwood Road Over SR-42 (US-98); CN; 9/29/2017; \$5,372,832

We have Six New Members to the Mobile Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board

- Mayor Tom Williams; City Satsuma
- Mayor Jimmie Gardner; City of Prichard
- Mayor David Baker; City of Semmes
- Mayor Terry Downey; City of Bayou La Batre
- Mayor William Criswell; Town of Creola
- Mr. Bryan Kegley, PE, (*County Engineer's Office*)

INRIX TRUCK DATA

Origin Zone: For this Project, trips were analyzed that started in or initially passed through any of the Origin Zones.

Middle Filter Zone: For the Project, trips were analyzed that went through any of the Middle Filter Zones after starting in or passing through an Origin Zone and before ending in or passing through a Destination Zone.

Destination Zone: For the Project, trips were analyzed that ended in or passed through any of the Destination Zones after starting in or passing through an Origin Zone and then passing through a Middle Filter Zone.

Locations:

Middle Filter zones:

1. Moffet Road – Between Rolf Ridge and I-65
2. I-65 – Between US 90 and Airport Blvd
3. Rangeline Road – Between Hamilton and I-10
4. Cochrane Bridge
5. I-165 – Between
6. Water Street and Bay Bridge Road

7. Broad St – Between I-10 and Virginia Street

Origin and Destination Zones:

These zones are located on the edges of the study area on the following routes:

1. I-65
2. US 43
3. US 45
4. US 98
5. Airport Blvd
6. I-10 at the State Boarder
7. State Route 188
8. I-10 on the Bay Way

Trip Indices:

The StreetLight Trip Index represents trip activity but does not indicate actual number of trips or vehicles. The values are provided on an index. Personal and Commercial values use different indices. The value is normalized by adjusting the number of trips in the data sample to the actual number of trips on a region around Sacramento CA, as derived from the measurements published by the California Department of Transportation. This allows us to capture monthly and seasonal variation more accurately, even as our sample grows.

Congestion Management Process (CMP)

One of the items that was discussed at the TCC/CAC and the MPO meeting is a reinvention of the Mobile Urban Area CMP. Prior to FY 2017, the Mobile CMP was a thorough process for monitoring congestion, developing improvements, and prioritizing improvements; however, it was inefficient, and ineffective. The current federal transportation funding bill, the FAST ACT, has introduced requirements for performance measures for projects and processes. As a performance measure, projects not being implemented through a Congestion Management Process, is an indicator that it is time to reinvent the process.

Our intention is create a new funding program out of the STP Attributable Funds of \$500,000 (federal) annually for strictly intersection type improvements. These can be new adaptive signals, access management strategies, roundabouts, etc. It has to be additional capacity, as that is what the STP Attributable Funds are for, but the new program would concentrate on intersections. The projects would have to be justified, with performance measures. These performance measures would be included in the project ranking process, and would include a travel time index (free flow / congested speed), a roadway congestion index (capacity index), and a rear-end collisions per mile factor. We have developed this for some corridors and presented them to the TCC/CAC on November 9th with a lot of discussion. The Long Range Transportation Plan *Destination 2040* will have to be modified to account for this new program. The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) has to be fiscally constrained, which means this \$500,000 has to come from somewhere. The LRTP identified a grade separated interchange at Azalea Rd and Airport Blvd. Rather than spending \$14 Million on such a large project that may not be well received with the business owners, we are proposing to use that money in the mean time for smaller intersection type improvements all over the Urban Area.

The Mobile MPO approved for staff to move forward with this, so we will be modifying the LRTP and the TIP, which will require MPO adoption, at the next meeting.

Projects Within Region Let December 2nd, 2016

Mobile County

For constructing the Clearing and Grubbing on CR-656 (Zeigler Boulevard) from the junction of Athey Road to the junction of Forest Hill Drive in Mobile. Length 2.764 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$105,386 to \$128,805 .

Baldwin County

For constructing the Resurfacing and Traffic Stripe on SR-3 (US-31) from the junction of SR-16 (US-90) to west of the junction of Spanish Village in Spanish Fort. Length 0.735 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$368,617 to \$450,531 .

Escambia County

None at this time

[What's Under Construction?](#)

[Project Status](#)

Legislative Updates

A Hint at How Transportation Secretary-designate Chao Will Lead

The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee has posted the [completed questionnaire](#) from Transportation Secretary Designate Elaine Chao. The Committee posts the non-confidential portion of these informational forms to increase

transparency in their confirmation process. It includes Chao's personnel information as well as a detailed professional history with employers, association memberships, awards, and speaking engagements. The questionnaire also asks nominees to list political contributions. Chao listed enforcing safety measures, promoting equity between urban and rural areas, addressing planning, and permitting bottlenecks as some of her priorities in the questionnaire.

MPO Coordination Final Rule Released

The [MPO Coordination Final Rule](#) was made available by USDOT today, in advance of its publication in the Federal Register. This final rule makes two major changes to the proposed rule: 1) it includes a process by which MPO(s) and State(s) may seek a waiver if they can successfully demonstrate to the Secretary why it is not feasible to produce a single set of planning documents AND can successfully demonstrate how all MPOs are currently achieving the goals of the rule; and 2) pushes implementation until 2024, or two years after the release of the 2020 Census results. NARC will follow up with a more in-depth analysis after we have reviewed the Final Rule, but it seems likely that these are the only changes.

Trump Reportedly Eyeing 'Task Force' to Implement Infrastructure Investment Plans

President-elect Donald Trump looks to create an infrastructure "task force," [the Washington Post reported](#), to help implement the major infrastructure investment program he has vowed to pursue when he takes office in January.

The Post, citing several sources briefed on the plans, said senior Trump team members are in discussions on the initiative. The story said key members include Trump's "son-in-law Jared Kushner, senior counselor Stephen K. Bannon, senior adviser Stephen Miller and Gary Cohn, whom Trump has tapped to head the National Economic Council."

The report came as some observers had begun to wonder if Trump was moving the infrastructure investment initiative [lower on his priority list of goals to achieve early](#) in his administration.

It also arrived near the 25th anniversary of another major piece of transportation legislation, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act that President George H.W. Bush signed into law on Dec. 18, 1991. That six-year measure, which Congress passed after states had largely built out the initial map of the Interstate Highway System, authorized funding for highway projects, highway safety and transit programs but also provided a sweeping restructuring of federal surface transportation program.

ISTEA devoted more funding to multimodal projects and gave more authority to states and local planning agencies to spend Highway Trust Fund dollars on what they saw as the best mix of transportation projects regardless of the travel modes involved. It mandated installation of airbags in new passenger vehicles, authorized funds for a number of nonmotorized trails and intelligent highway systems, allowed private entities to own toll roads and called for designation of up to five high-speed passenger rail corridors.

After signing the far-reaching bill into law, Bush met the same day in Dallas with the Policy Committee of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas. "This law will make a huge difference for all of us," he told the group. "It will help young fathers rush their wives to a delivery room. It will enable buses to ferry children safely and swiftly to school. It will help just-in-time manufacturers receive the parts they need when they need them. It will keep America where it belongs – in the passing lane."

To put his own mark on transportation with a historic-sized investment program, Trump could reportedly find common ground with many congressional Democrats but might need to overcome reluctance among Republican majority members who either worry about how to pay for it or who want to avoid backing a big new spending plan.

But the Post report said Trump's team has spoken with potential candidates to head the task force, which would operate below the Cabinet level to coordinate among federal, state, local officials and private investors.

AASHTO Executive Director Bud Wright said that organization and state department of transportation officials around the country are ready to help the Trump transition team and the reported task force develop its plans, in order to tackle the major investment needs throughout the transportation system.

Wright said that 25 years ago, "Congress and the president through the ISTEA law were able to craft major transportation legislation that still represents a shining example of what Washington can accomplish to build a stronger economy and a more mobile society."

He added: "We look forward to Washington doing so again, to begin truly investing at the levels needed to fix our aging networks and to curb the time-wasting congestion people face each day. And we look forward to seeing President Trump fulfill his jobs-creating infrastructure promise, and sign into law next year a measure that really fixes the Highway Trust Fund, provides sustainable funding across travel modes and meets the transportation needs of America. That would be a historic legacy for any president."

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Funding Opportunities

FHWA Soliciting INVEST Implementation Projects - Round 3

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is pleased to announce an applied research funding opportunity for transportation agencies to use the Infrastructure Voluntary Evaluation Sustainability Tool (INVEST) to evaluate the sustainability of their projects and programs, identify areas for improvement, analyze options for improving sustainability, and document results.

The funding opportunity is available to State Departments of Transportation (DOTs), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and Federal land management agencies (FLMAs). Funding levels for applied research projects may vary depending on the depth and extent of analysis proposed as well as the potential benefit to FHWA and the recipient. FHWA anticipates making approximately four to six awards.

Agencies that would like to apply should send letters of interest to Robert Hyman (Robert.hyman@dot.gov) and their corresponding FHWA Division Office by January 5, 2017. For more information about eligibility and funding, please visit:

www.sustainablehighways.org.

FY2016 – FY2019 EDA Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program

Through its Planning and Local Technical Assistance programs, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) assists eligible recipients in developing economic development plans and studies designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. The Planning program helps support organizations, including District Organizations, Indian Tribes, and other eligible recipients, with Short Term and State Planning investments designed to guide the eventual creation and retention of high-quality jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the Nation's most economically distressed regions. As part of this program, EDA supports Partnership Planning investments to facilitate the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs), which articulate and prioritize the strategic economic goals of recipients' respective regions. [The Local Technical Assistance program](#) strengthens the capacity of local or state organizations, institutions of higher education, and other eligible recipients to undertake and promote effective economic development programs through projects such as feasibility studies and impact analyses.

DOT seeks proposals for Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers

Posted by Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx

Our release of the draft [Beyond Traffic](#) report in early 2015 launched a national conversation around the critical challenges that our country's transportation system will face over the next 30 years. Our educational institutions are critical to helping us solve these challenges, and today, building on that conversation, I am announcing a call for applications for entities who want to join this effort as officially designated U.S. DOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers.



[Continue Reading DOT seeks proposals](#)

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

Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs

Deadline: Rolling

Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. Through the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) solicits applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. EDA is employing a new two-phase review process for proposals/applications submitted under this FFO. Proposals will be reviewed by EDA within 30 days of receipt; and following the proposal review, full applications will be reviewed within 60 days of receipt.

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](#)

Just For Fun

Department Of Transportation Introduces Padded Bumper Lane for Intoxicated Drivers

WASHINGTON—In an effort to reduce motor vehicle crashes stemming from drunk driving during the New Year's Eve celebrations, officials at the Department of Transportation announced Thursday the opening of new highway lanes lined with padded bumpers, which have been installed on interstates nationwide for use by intoxicated drivers. "It's really quite simple—if you're already behind the wheel and you feel like you've had too much to drink, simply veer into the special lane at the first entry point and careen safely from bumper to bumper until you reach your exit," said department secretary Anthony Foxx, noting that the bumpers were specially constructed to cushion the impact of a swerving vehicle and gently push it back toward the center of the lane. "You can also use your car to lightly nudge other intoxicated motorists out of your way and into the padded barriers, or even doze off for a little bit while you drive if you need to." Foxx said the Transportation Department hopes the new initiative achieves the same level of success as its interstate conveyor-belt lanes in Colorado and Washington, which help prevent backups by accelerating stoned drivers to the normal speed of traffic.

In the News

Continuing Resolution Signed

Early Saturday morning, President Obama signed the continuing resolution (CR) to extend funding for the government until April 28, 2017. Senate Democrats held up the vote until the last minute Friday night because they felt the measure did not do enough to secure health care for retired coal miners. The CR passed 63-36, with thirteen Republicans opposing and twenty-two Democrats supporting.

U.S. Department of Transportation Takes Action to Ensure Equitable Driver License Office Access for Alabama Residents

WASHINGTON — After a year-long investigation, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx today announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has [reached an agreement](#) with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) to ensure that driver licensing services in the state will be available to all residents, regardless of race, color or national origin, in compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

"The U.S. Department of Transportation took on this issue as part of our responsibility under Title VI to prevent discriminatory behavior, and I'm pleased to have reached this agreement with the State of Alabama," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "DMVs play a critical role in the day-to-day functioning of the American people, including ensuring their ability to drive to work and other essential services and to get proper identification needed to vote or open a bank account. No one should be prevented from accessing these services based on their race, color or national origin - Title VI is not optional."

In late 2015, the State of Alabama announced that it planned to close or reduce service to 31 driver license offices throughout the state. Because its preliminary analysis of the closures suggested that the service modifications would disproportionately impact African American residents in the state's "Black Belt" region, USDOT opened an investigation into whether this action violated Title VI, which prohibits entities that receive federal funding from discriminating on the basis of race, color or national origin in their programs and activities. The State of Alabama and ALEA, in particular, receive Federal assistance from the Department and, therefore, are subject to Title VI's nondiscrimination prohibition.

The Department conducted a thorough investigation, including review of data and information related to the operation of the State's driver licensing program, site visits to the affected areas and interviews with residents impacted by the program. The investigation revealed that African Americans residing in the state's Black Belt region are disproportionately underserved by ALEA's driver license services, causing a disparate and adverse impact on the basis of race, in violation of Title VI.

"Today's agreement between USDOT and ALEA is intended to correct this violation by guaranteeing that driver licensing services will be available to all Alabama residents on an equitable basis without regard to race, color or national origin," said Yvette Rivera, Associate Director of the Departmental Office of Civil Rights, which conducted the investigation.

Under the agreement, ALEA will ensure that Alabama residents are not, directly or through other means, underserved by ALEA's driver licensing programs on the basis of race, color or national origin. The agreement also establishes a working relationship between USDOT and ALEA for ensuring that the state's driver licenses services continue to comply with Title VI in the future.

Specifically, ALEA agreed to:

1. Expand the hours of operation for district and field driver license offices throughout the Black Belt region;
2. Appoint a Title VI coordinator who will be responsible for the development and operation of ALEA's Title VI program, as well as for the provision of Title VI training to ALEA's staff;
3. Prepare and submit a Community Participation Plan within 90 days to achieve robust community participation throughout all stages of the planning and decision-making processes for ALEA's programs and activities in connection with licensing services to ensure that communities are informed about potential impacts, that they have meaningful input into the process, and that ALEA officials hear and consider diverse views;

Submit any proposed modifications to field office hours or driver's license services to USDOT for prior approval. **Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act**

The [Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation \(WIIN\) Act](#)—so called as a tribute to President-elect Trump by Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA)—was passed on December 10th as one of the final achievements of the 114th Congress.

The WIIN Act is a broader package that includes the *Water Resources Development Act of 2016* (WRDA), which passed both chambers in September; the *Water and Waste Act of 2016*, which authorizes a more active role for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in safe drinking water infrastructure (including in Flint, Michigan); and drought relief for California. Negotiations for the WIIN Act were carried out at the staff level, rather than in conference committee. Final legislation was released on December 5th.

The final bill includes nearly \$11.7 billion for water infrastructure projects, \$170 million to help Flint, and a 70-page provision to provide drought aid to California. WIIN Act provisions include:

Authorizes thirty new Army Corps of Engineers projects and modifies eight existing projects, and allows the Corps to provide technical assistance to non-federal project sponsors developing their own feasibility study.

Authorizes emergency aid for Flint to support community lead prevention and education programming. Passage of both the CR and WIIN Act were essential in securing \$170 million for safe drinking water access in Flint and other communities. This provision also includes \$20 million for the *Water Infrastructure Financing Innovation Act* (WIFIA) and expands the scope of allowable projects.

Allows additional pumping, desalination, and storage of water in California from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to the Central Valley Project to aid in drought relief.

Authorizes the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, *Lake Tahoe Restoration Act*, Delaware River Basin Conservation Program, and Columbia River Basin Restoration Initiative.

Authorizes significant new funding to help communities expand water supply through investments in water recycling and desalination, and authorizes new water recycling and reuse projects under the Title XVI program.

Builds on the FAST Act commitment to further invest in the nation's freight network, both the surface transportation network and the water transportation network.

Ensures that Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund spending levels are upheld to support the nation's ports, harbors, and waterways, and requires that 10% of annual funding be used for smaller commercial harbors.

Includes a one-year "Buy American" provision for fiscal year 2017 to use American made iron and steel.

WAVE Transit New Year's 2017 Holiday Schedule

December 08, 2016

The Wave Transit System will operate Reduced Service on:

New Year's Eve - Saturday, December 31, 2016

Final Trips on December 31, 2016

GM&O - Last trip will leave GM&O Building at 6:00p.m.

Bel Air Mall - Last trip will leave The Shoppes at Bel Air at 6:10p.m.

Prichard Hub - Last trip will leave at 6:15p.m. going to Atlanta Bread.

There will be NO Service on Monday, January 2, 2017.

Regular service will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

For additional information call 251-344-6600 or visit www.thewavetransit.com

- See more at: <http://www.cityofmobile.org/news.php?view=full&news=2705#sthash.pi1JKHxZ.dpuf>

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- Gathers ADA Compliance inventory and condition information
- Location is automatically collected in GIS

Transportation Research

BTS Releases Geographic Databases for 2016

The U.S. Department of Transportation's [Bureau of Transportation Statistics](#) (BTS) released the 2016 edition of the [National Transportation Atlas Database](#) (NTAD) this week. The NTAD is a compilation of datasets representing the nation's transportation infrastructure, including more than 500,000 miles of roadway, over 600,000 bridges, and in excess of 19,000 airports. This year's NTAD consists of over 60 individual data layers, most of which have been updated within the last year. The NTAD also includes several new features: the U.S. portion of the North American Rail Network, truck parking, and road and airport noise layers. The 2016 NTAD marks the end of the traditional annual update. BTS will now begin using a dynamic publication cycle, making updated data available throughout the year, allowing for more timely delivery to users. Also new this year, NTAD will be available exclusively online. To offer larger and more complex data sets and enhanced functionality, DVDs have been eliminated. The enhanced online NTAD datasets allow for customizable downloads and APIs. They are available as GeoJSON and GeoServices (REST) services and are also available for download as shapefiles, kml and csv files. Contacts: Press: Dave Smalen: (202) 366-5568. For technical information: Dominic Menegus: (202) 366-8717.

NEW FHWA COURSE

A new FHWA course, [Performance-Based Planning and Programming](#), is now available through the National Highway Institute (NHI).

This two-day instructor-led course, FHWA-NHI-138007, familiarizes transportation agencies with the key elements of a performance-based planning and programming (PBPP) framework; how PBPP supports Transportation Performance Management (TPM); and how both PBPP and TPM relate to the requirements for transportation planning and transportation performance.

The course is recommended for transportation professionals at State Departments of Transportation (DOT), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), regional planning organizations (RPOs), transit agencies and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) who are responsible for developing and implementing performance-based plans and programs and those who are responsible for integrating and linking related requirements. Participants should have knowledge of the planning process and the collaboration needed for it.

To host a course or sign up for upcoming session alerts, please visit the NHI site.

You can learn more about other TPM-related courses in development at the FHWA TPM web site; to learn more about PBPP, please visit the FHWA Planning web site.

Pocket Guide to Transportation Statistics

If you need transportation statistics at a moment's notice – for example, if you want to see a list of the most congested urban areas or if you want to find the busiest Amtrak stations – the Bureau of Transportation Statistics has a solution for you.

As we mark the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, BTS is introducing its most innovative product yet – a smartphone app for the [Pocket Guide to Transportation](#).



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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.