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South Alabama Regional

The first round of public meetings for the Mobile MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which we are calling [Destination2040](#), were held last week. Also, we are hosting a Climate Change Regional Workshop on Thursday, February 6th, 2014; please see *Mobile MPO Updates*.

Is there a TIGER Grant in 2014? See *Legislative Updates*. Adaptive traffic signals in Gulf Shores, and in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King JR, Monday is a "National Day of Service". You can help by cleaning up Three Mile Creek; please see *In the News*



Have a good weekend.

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



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Mobile MPO Updates

Regional Climate Change Workshop, February 6th.

Over the past five years, the SARPC has been working in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on an in-depth U.S. DOT study exploring opportunities to increase resilience of Mobile's transportation system to climate change and extreme weather. The project, *Impacts of Climate change and Variability on Transportation Systems and Infrastructure: The Gulf Coast Study, Phase 2*, involved identifying critical transportation systems, projecting the local impacts of climate change, developing scenarios for planning, evaluating vulnerability for key links and assets across all modes of transportation, and evaluating engineering options for adaptation.

Please join the Gulf Coast Phase 2 project team for a day-long workshop to discuss the implications of this study for the communities of the central Gulf Coast. During this workshop, we aim to:

- Share Mobile-specific findings from the study;
- Recount lessons learned during this in-depth analysis;
- Introduce tools and methodologies developed for the study that are designed for use across the country; and
- Host a working session to discuss how the findings of this study may inform your local resiliency planning efforts. The interactive working session will allow attendees to begin developing a plan for local action.

During this workshop, the project team will walk through a series of tools that were developed for the Gulf Coast 2 study. These tools will be available from the U.S. DOT for any agency to use for free, and include:

- **CMIP Climate Data Processing Tool:** An Excel-based tool for utilizing state-of-the-art climate model information in transportation planning. The tool pulls best available climate model information and

translates outputs into terms that are relevant to decision makers (e.g., frequencies of extremes).

- **Vulnerability Assessment Scoring Tool:** This Excel-based tool serves as a framework for conducting a quantitative, indicator-based vulnerability screen. The tool is intended for state DOTs and MPOs interested in assessing how components of their transportation system may be vulnerable to climate stressors.

Register today! The workshop is February 6th from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the GMO building in Mobile and will be open to the **first 40 registrants**. Registration includes a \$15 fee per person for lunch, which will be provided at the workshop. The fee should be paid in full at the time of registration to ensure that food can be ordered in advance.

Please register here <http://mobilempo.org/climatechange.html> and make checks payable to South Alabama Regional Planning Commission and send to Kevin Harrison at 110 Beauregard St. Suite 207, Mobile, AL 36602. To contact the U.S. DOT partner, you can reach Rob Hyman of FHWA at Robert.Hyman@dot.gov or (202) 366-5843.

Destination 2040

The initial Destination 2040 public meetings were held last week. We thank all of those who braved the cold temperatures and took the time to attend. At each meeting Kevin Harrison gave a short presentation on the planning process and afterwards participants were asked to visit stations set up around the room. There were stations addressing Highway, Transit, Bicycle & Pedestrian, Congestion Management, and Socio-economic Forecasting. At each station, manned by a transportation planner, there were surveys pertaining to each category and maps were available for reference and for participants to indicate where they thought roads should be improved, bus routes should be, bike/ped facilities should be, where the most dangerous intersections were located, and where growth is likely to occur in next twenty-five years. The results of all of this public input will be incorporated in the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan and there will be more public meetings held in the coming year.

Of the public comments we received concerning highways, there seems to be slightly more comments favoring interchanges on Airport Boulevard rather than using Snow Road as an Arterial Loop. We received several comments pertaining to the bicycle element of the Destination 2040 LRTP, and others pertaining to growth projections and safety. There was a lot of positive feedback in our early outreach process.

<http://www.destination2040.org/>

Projects Within Region Let January 31st, 2014

BALDWIN COUNTY

- for constructing the Intersection Improvements (Grade, Drain, Base, Pave, Striping, Signing, and Signals) at SR-59 and CR-48 in Robertsdale. Length 0.356 mi.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

- for constructing the Planing, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-21 from 0.2 miles south of I-65 (MP 7.947) to the south abutment of the Little River Bridge. Length 10.760 mi.

MOBILE COUNTY

- for constructing the Resurfacing and Traffic Stripe on SR-16 (US-90) from the Halls Mill Creek Bridge to the Pavement Joint at Pinehill Drive in Mobile. Length 5.203 mi.
- for constructing the Welcome Center Replacement (Grade, Drain, Base, Pave, Demolition, Building, Lighting, Landscaping, Sewer, and Lagoon Removal) on I-10 at the Alabama/Mississippi State Line.
- for constructing the Sidewalks and Crosswalks on 12th Avenue and Kansas Street in Chickasaw. Length 0.794 mi.

What's Under Construction?

Legislative Updates

TIGER Funding Gets 20 Percent Boost in Final 2014 Spending Bill

by [Tanya Snyder](#)

We're less than a third of the way through fiscal year 2014 and we already have a budget! Well, almost — the president still has to sign it. But the House and Senate [unveiled the details](#) of the omnibus budget bill yesterday, and just having a complete bill that both parties and both chambers have agreed to is a pretty big deal.



Senate Appropriations Chair Barbara Mikulski said the omnibus bill takes the transportation budget and other functions of government off “autopilot” for the first time since 2011. Photo: [NASA Goddard Space Flight Center/flickr](#)

For the past few years, Congress has been unable to agree on a budget, so funding levels have essentially been frozen in place, and then various deals and sequesters have taken slices out without much strategy or forethought. “For the first time since 2011, no mission of our government will be left behind on autopilot,” said Senate Appropriations Chair Barbara Mikulski in a statement, noting that all 12 sections of the bill are complete.

The results for multi-modal transportation programs [\[PDF\]](#) are better than we’ve grown accustomed to. TIGER gets a 20 percent jump, from \$500 million in 2013 to \$600 million in 2014. The \$500 million translated into \$474 million in grants last year, with some taken out for planning and administration. A staffer said that \$20 million of the 2014 amount is earmarked for planning, though some of that could go to help grantee communities with their planning.

Amtrak gets \$1.39 billion — about \$80 million more than last year, but the money comes with strings attached. The bill includes “policy reforms” for Amtrak, including overtime limits for employees and a prohibition on federal support for routes where Amtrak offers a discount of 50 percent or more off normal, peak fares — except where the loss from the discount is covered by the state and the state participates in setting the fares.

There’s nothing for high-speed rail. The Office of Sustainable Communities and its Integrated Planning and Investment Grants ([formerly known as Regional Planning and Community Challenge grants](#)) are also zeroed out.

The bill includes \$17.8 billion in discretionary appropriations and \$53.5 billion in “non-discretionary ‘obligation limitation’ funding” for highways, transit and safety, and a little bit for airports. The obligation limitation is the amount the agencies are allowed to spend, partly based on expected receipts from the Highway Trust Fund. The committee notes that these numbers are \$164 million below the fiscal year 2013 enacted level and \$4.9 billion below the president’s request. MAP-21 funding levels for highways and transit are maintained at \$41 billion and \$8.6 billion, respectively. (Much of the “highway” money, it should be noted, can be used by states for transportation projects that aren’t highways.)

U.S. DOT Announces Final Rule to Streamline Environmental Reviews for Transit, Highway Projects: The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced a final rule this week that will significantly cut red tape, while achieving better environmental outcomes, for certain transit and highway projects under the National Environmental Policy Act and spur them towards completion more quickly than in years past. The new rule will expedite the delivery of certain transit and highway projects. Click [HERE](#) for additional information, and [HERE](#) for the Final Rule.

U.S. DOT Secretary Anthony Foxx Outlines Transportation Vision Focused on Overcoming Infrastructure Deficit: In a speech before the Transportation Research Board’s Annual Meeting in Washington DC, Secretary Foxx outlined his top priorities for U.S. DOT, highlighting America’s infrastructure deficit and identifying ways to use innovation and improved planning to stretch transportation dollars as effectively and efficiently as possible. He also discussed his vision for multimodal transportation providing greater economic “ladders of opportunity” to all Americans, and reiterated the Department’s commitment to safety. Click [HERE](#) for the full briefing, and [HERE](#) for Secretary Foxx’s speech.

House Chairman Wants Transportation Bill by August: House Transportation Committee Chairman Rep. Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) said on Tuesday that he wants the House to pass a new transportation funding bill by August. “My hope is to get reauthorization done on time,” Shuster said. “We hope to take committee action in the late spring or early summer with the goal to be on the House floor before the August recess. This way there will be time to conference our bill with the Senate’s bill.” The current funding bill expires in September. Witnesses strongly urged Congress to increase funding and pass a long term deal. Additional information can be found [HERE](#).

House Passes \$1T Spending Bill, Sends to Senate: On Wednesday, the House approved a \$1 trillion omnibus spending bill that funds the government for the rest of 2014, and will let Congress avoid the risk of a shutdown until the end of September. Members voted 359-67 to pass the bill, which was opposed by 64 Republicans and 3 Democrats. The Senate must approve the bill by Saturday, when government funding expires. Final passage is expected by Friday, and then will be sent to the President for an expected signature. Click [HERE](#) for a breakdown and summary of the bill, and [HERE](#) for more information.

Amtrak Chief Advocates Overhaul of Surface Transportation Funding: Amtrak President and Chief Executive Officer, Joseph A. Boardman, called on Congress to discard the current Highway Trust Fund and replace it with a self-perpetuating mechanism to finance roads, transit and rail. The next surface transportation authorization will give Congress an opportunity to devise a new model for funding all modes of surface transportation. “The Highway Trust Fund is dead,” Boardman said in an address delivered at the National Press Club in Washington. “It’s built on an outmoded vision for transportation... We have to replace the notion of a highway program with the idea of a surface transportation program.” Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Funding Opportunities

GRANT: U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Availability of \$24.9 Million to Put More Zero-Emission Buses into Service Across America

1/9/2014

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WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Transit Administration (FTA) today [announced the availability of \\$24.9 million](#) through its brand new Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Program (LoNo) that will put a new generation of advanced, non-polluting transit buses on the road in communities nationwide. The funds are intended to encourage more widespread adoption of reliable “green energy” buses into transit fleets. Additional information can be found [HERE](#).

GRANT: Projects to Improve Air Quality at Ports 2013 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Funding Opportunity

Deadline: February 13, 2014

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) is soliciting proposals that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, from fleets operating at marine and inland water ports. Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include verified emission control technologies such as exhaust controls and engine upgrades, verified idle reduction technologies, certified engine repowers, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement. Additional information can be found [HERE](#).

Resiliency funds available for resilience projects that is at risk of being damaged or destroyed by a future natural disaster

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$3 Billion in funds under the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program and the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013. This announcement solicits proposals for resilience projects – defined as those projects designed and built to address current and future vulnerabilities to a public transportation facility or system. This resilience funding is intended to protect public transportation infrastructure that has been repaired or rebuilt after Hurricane Sandy or that is at risk of being damaged or destroyed by a future natural disaster. These investments reduce the likelihood that U.S. taxpayers are asked to repair the same infrastructure after a future major storm or natural disaster. Furthermore, the activities funded under this notice will help strengthen and build more resilient communities to better withstand future disasters. The Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 was enacted on January 29, 2013, and provided \$10.9 Billion for FTA’s Emergency Relief Program. FTA has previously allocated \$5.7 Billion for recovery and resilience projects to public transportation agencies impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Additionally, the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 permits the Secretary to transfer up to \$5.383 Billion to other agencies to fund programs authorized under titles 23 and 49, United States Code, in order to carry out resilience projects in areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) authorized the Emergency Relief Program. With the authorization of this program, Congress provided FTA with primary responsibility for Federal reimbursements for emergency response and recovery costs after an emergency or major disaster that affects public transportation systems. The Emergency Relief Program allows FTA to make grants for eligible public transportation capital and operating costs in the event of a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, that affects a wide area, including projects to protect public transportation assets from damage. Beginning in late October 2012, President Obama issued major disaster declarations for specified counties in the following States: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, and West Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia as a result of the impacts Hurricane Sandy and its remnants. Providers of public transportation in the affected areas as defined by these Presidential declarations are eligible to apply for funding for public transportation resilience projects. This notice includes a description of eligible projects, the criteria FTA will use to identify projects for funding, and a description of how to apply for funding. This announcement is available on the FTA Web site at: <http://www.fta.dot.gov>. A synopsis of the funding opportunity will be posted in the FIND module of the government wide electronic grants Web site at <http://www.GRANTS.GOV>. FTA will announce final allocations in a **Federal Register** notice and on the FTA Web site.

Round 3 of the Implementation Assistance Program SHRP2, Deadline February 14, 2014:

FHWA recently released the recipients of [Round 2 grants](#) and announced the schedule for rounds 3 and 4. These grants are intended to help transportation agencies deploy new products developed under the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2). If you would like additional information or have questions about the program, please contact Carin Michel, FHWA SHRP2 Implementation Manager at goSHRP2@dot.gov or 410-962-2530. Click [HERE](#) to read the release about the upcoming rounds.

Economic Development Administration

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

EDA provides strategic investments that foster job creation and attract private investment to support development in economically distressed areas of the United States. Under this FFO, EDA solicits applications from both rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets to support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. Link to Additional Information: [EDA's website](#) Please contact Diane Burnett of SARPC staff for questions 706-4621. Also, don't forget SARPC has a revolving fund loan program. <http://www.sarpc.org/rlf.asp> The RLF is a locally controlled source of capital used to finance small business start-up and expansion whose projects will create permanent jobs. By combining RLF and bank financing the borrower can realize an effective rate well below market rates.

Just For Fun

With the Transit Development Plan (TDP) underway, this week's *Just For Fun* is dedicated to the bus. More importantly, the bus driver; an unsung hero...in most cases.



New meaning to the WAVE TRANSIT



In the News

Gulf Shores aims to help relieve road congestion with adaptive traffic signals



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Beach-bound traffic on Ala. 59 is backed up on the W.C. Holmes Bridge on Saturday, July 20, 2013. The City Council has approved a project to construct an adaptive traffic signal system at its major intersections along Ala. 59 in order to improve traffic flow during its peak summer season. (Marc D. Anderson/manderson@al.com)

GULF SHORES, Alabama -- Coming off another [record-breaking tourism season](#) that had its share of [rainy day traffic nightmares](#), city officials aim to have signal improvements in place along Ala. 59 by spring break. The Gulf Shores City Council on Monday approved a \$290,000 contract with Theodore-based Bagby & Russell Electric Company Inc. for responsive traffic signal upgrades at four intersections along the state highway -- Beach Boulevard/Ala. 182, Fort Morgan Road/Ala. 180, 20th Avenue and north of the Intracoastal Waterway on Baldwin County 4. The Alabama Department of Transportation will cover 60 percent of the cost. "This is the interim step we're taking to get us from where we are today with preprogrammed signals to a signal system that will -- at critical intersections -- count and detect the number of vehicles and adjust the timing plans for the whole system," Public Works Director Mark Acreman said to the council during last week's work session. "This is a huge step forward for the city as far as the traffic controls." The city's contract with Bagby & Russell covers the installation of cameras for traffic counts only -- not for law enforcement ticketing purposes -- and hardware and software upgrades to manage the system. Annual software fees will likely be in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range, according to Acreman. Continue reading [\[HERE\]](#)

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP THREE MILE CREEK

**COMMUNITY CLEAN UP
THREE MILE CREEK**
January 20, 2014 9:30am-12:30pm

DETAILS
When: Monday, January 20
Time: Meet on Site @ 9:30 AM
Where: SIMINGTON DRIVE & DR. MLK AVENUE
CLEAN UP SITE IS AT THE PARK BEHIND ROGER WILLIAMS HOUSING ON THE BANKS OF 3 MILE CREEK (HEADING WEST ON MLK CROSS THE 3 MILE BRIDGE)
GLOVES, TRASH GRABBERS, WATER
ENJOY LUNCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLEAN UP

JOIN US
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "It's not just justice and equity that matter -- what are you doing for others?"
Each year, Americans across the country wonder what question is coming together on the King holiday to solve their neighbors' and communities'.
The MLK Day of Service is a part of United We Serve, the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing problems.
We invite and encourage religious, educational, group, individual, neighbors and friends to join us as we embrace the national culture of Three Mile Creek.
Volunteers will receive: Gloves, water, trash grabbers, cleanup bags, and great satisfaction for community stewardship.

For more information and to sign up contact:
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Alabama Mayors Share Ideas, Solutions at Historic Retreat

January 13, 2014

MOBILE, Ala. - Mayors from Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery and Tuscaloosa completed a two-day retreat today in Clarke County that was designed to strengthen ties between Alabama's five major cities.

Participants included Mayor William Bell of Birmingham, Mayor Tommy Battle of Huntsville, Mayor Sandy Stimpson of Mobile, Mayor Todd Strange of Montgomery and Mayor Walt Maddox of Tuscaloosa.

The retreat was hosted by Stimpson at his family lodge near Jackson, Ala. The retreat opened at 2 p.m. Sunday and concluded at 11 a.m. today.

The group had no formal agenda but shared ideas and best practices on significant challenges facing their communities, from public safety and municipal finance to regulatory and economic issues.

Stimpson, who took office on Nov. 4, said he was pleased to host the meeting after the idea was suggested by Strange and Maddox.

"Being the newest mayor, I had more to gain than anyone else simply by listening to some of their experiences," Stimpson said. "It was very enlightening for me to hear how each of the mayors handles the difficult, day-to-day challenges that each of us must face."

Continue [HERE](#)

FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program: Final Circular

FTA is updating its Circular 9030.1D, to incorporate changes made to the section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program (section 5307 Program) by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, signed into law on July 6, 2012. Many of the changes have cross-cutting impacts across all of FTA's programs and further several important goals of the Department of Transportation (DOT). Most notably, MAP-21 grants FTA significant new authority to oversee and regulate the safety of public transportation systems throughout the United States. The Act also puts new emphasis on restoring and replacing the Nation's aging public transportation infrastructure by establishing a new State of Good Repair Formula Program and new asset management requirements. In addition, it aligns Federal funding with key performance goals and tracks recipients' progress towards these goals. Finally, MAP-21 improves the efficiency of program administration through program consolidation and streamlining. The final Circular reflects changes in the law to the section 5307 Program and, where applicable, changes to other programs and provisions. The final Circular has also been reorganized and revised to improve clarity and to achieve consistency with FTA's other guidance documents. The final Circular will apply to all new grants made on or after the effective date of the final Circular with FY 2013 or later funds. In accordance with FTA's Master Agreement, MAP-21 cross cutting provisions will apply to each new grant, despite funding year.

The subject Federal Register Notice (FRN) is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-01-16/pdf/2014-00666.pdf>

[Transportation Research](#)

WEBINAR: Reshaping Rural Highways for Livability

January 21, 3:00 – 4:30 PM EST

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty *and* Project for Public Spaces will focus this webinar on the U.S. Route 50 project in Virginia, to discuss how Virginia DOT and stakeholders worked together to balance the role of Route 50 as a major national highway with the reality that it is also the heart of the rural communities it binds together. Register [HERE](#).

Free Webinar Ped/Bike Facility Costs

CHAPEL HILL, NC — The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC) is pleased to announce the next free webinar in its Livable Communities Webinar Series:

Countermeasure Costs: Putting a price on pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014

2:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time

To register, please visit: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/877877642>.

Nationwide, the demand for walkable and bikeable communities is growing, and creating such communities starts with the built environment. Having appropriate pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure reduces the risk of crashes and injuries, as well as encourages healthier lifestyles through more walking and biking for health and transportation.

Yet, with transportation budgets continually stretched, finding dollars to build walking and bicycling facilities and improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety can be a challenge.

This webinar provides an overview of the cost for installing a variety of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and facilities. It provides meaningful estimates of infrastructure costs based on up-to-date cost information from states and cities across the country. With this information, researchers, engineers, planners, and the

general public can better understand the cost of pedestrian and bicycle treatments in their communities and, in doing so, make more informed planning, prioritization, and budgeting decisions.

Presenters include Mike Griffith and Shari Schafflein with the Federal Highway Administration, Deborah Lou with Active Living Research at the University of California, San Diego, and Charlie Zegeer and Bryan Poole with the UNC Highway Safety Research Center.

PBIC offers free, public webinars approximately every month. To register for upcoming webinars and to access archived presentations, please visit www.pedbikeinfo.org/webinars.

SDITE 2014 Annual Meeting in GA - Hotel filling up fast!

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The Southern District ITE 2014 Annual Meeting is being held on March 30 - April 2 in Greensboro, GA at the Ritz-Carlton Lodge (Reynolds Plantation). For information on the meeting, visit www.sdite2014.org.

The hotel rooms at the Ritz-Carlton Lodge are actually filling up very fast, so if you are planning on attending the meeting, you will want to go ahead and reserve your hotel room very soon! Visit www.sdite2014.org and click on "Conference Hotel" at the top of the page, or simply click [here](#)

ITE 2014 Technical Conference and Exhibit

ITE is pleased to invite you to attend our 2014 Technical Conference and Exhibit, taking place March 9-12, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Miami, Miami, FL, USA. This is a not-to-be missed conference of 2014 for anyone in the transportation profession seeking to learn about how to address the critical topics in our industry and grow their professional skills.

This year's conference – ***Applying Innovation and Technology to Transportation*** - will focus on the challenges and opportunities of working with multidisciplinary teams to meet customer, community and political expectations for the creation of vibrant regions to safely live, commute, work, and play. The program will include plenary sessions from nationally recognized transportation and policy professionals as well as presentations, peer-to-peer exchanges, technology showcases and workshops focused on safety, design, operations and planning considerations.

The ITE 2014 Technical Conference and Exhibit delivers significant return on investment. Over four days, attendees will receive the immediately actionable tools and techniques and hear about latest industry trends and topics shaping and transforming the transportation landscape. As a focal point of the conference, the ITE Exhibit Hall showcases the latest technology, products, and services for the transportation industry. In addition, technical tours allow participants to see first-hand the practical application of some of the topics presented in the sessions. These technical tours are being finalized. Watch your inbox for an email update shortly.