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The Mobile MPO *Technical Coordinating / Citizens Advisory Committee will be meeting on November 9th*, followed by a meeting of the *Mobile MPO Policy Board on November 30th*. Please put those dates on your calendars, agendas will go out soon. Some workshops coming up for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) (see *Funding Opportunities*). Next week is the I-10 Mobile River Bike Project Workshop (see *Mobile MPO Updates*). This week's *Just For Fun* is a contest of sorts, we will give you an inch....

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

BIKE PED of the I-10 Mobile River Bridge Project Workshop

The Alabama Department of Transportation has requested that the public and members of the Mobile MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) attend a workshop to solicit input on the location of the bicycle and pedestrian river crossing that will be included as part of the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project. The workshop will be held on Thursday, October 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the James M. Seals Jr. Community Center located at 540 Texas Street in Mobile. We hope to see you there.

TIP Projects modified this week

Project : 100065368 (CN)

Project Description : CLEARING AND GRUBBING ON CR-656 (ZEIGLER BOULEVARD) FROM ATHEY ROAD TO FORREST HILL DRIVE
 Old Engineers Estimate : \$360,000.00
 New Engineers Estimate : \$137,407.75

Project : 100064590 (CN)

Project Description : RAILROAD CROSSING IMPROVEMENT, REF# 1292(XIV-R), CN/IC DOT#304262YATGLENWOOD ROAD IN WILMER, MOBILE COUNTY
 Old Engineers Estimate : \$200,000.00
 New Engineers Estimate : \$247,899.76

Project : 100064499 (CN)

Project Description : SIDEWALKS ALONG DAUPHIN ISLAND PARKWAY FROM LEVENE ROAD TO CEDAR PARK DRIVE IN THE CITY OF MOBILE.
 Old Target start date : December 15, 2016
 New Target start date : November 15, 2016

Project : 100065840 (FM)

Project Description : RESURFACING ON SR-16 (US-90) FROM JOINT JUST EAST OF RAMSEY ROAD TO WEST END OF FOWL RIVER BRIDGE
 Old Target start date : November 04, 2016
 New Target start date : February 24, 2017

Project : 100065840 (FM)

Project Description : RESURFACING ON SR-16 (US-90) FROM JOINT JUST EAST OF RAMSEY ROAD TO WEST END OF FOWL RIVER BRIDGE
 Old Target start date : February 24, 2017
 New Target start date : November 04, 2016

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End of the Fiscal Year

We just wrapped up Fiscal Year 2016, and the Mobile MPO had four projects totaling over **\$8.6 Million** authorized to be spent in FY 2016 out of the STP Attributable Funds. Considering we can program \$8.9 Million per year, I would say we are doing pretty good. Those four projects are:

- CR-372 (SCHILLINGER RD) ADD LANES FROM SR-42 (US-98) TO SR-217 (LOTT RD), UT, \$243,946
- CR-372 (SCHILLINGER RD) ADD LANES FROM SR-42 (US-98) TO SR-217 (LOTT RD), CN \$2,440,547
- CR-372 (SCHILLINGER RD) ADD LANES FROM SR-42 (US-98) TO SR-217 (LOTT RD), CN, \$5,105,061
- CR-656 (ZEIGLER BLVD) ADD LANES FROM CR-372 (SCHILLINGER RD) TO CR-429 (CODY RD),RW, \$835,000

The MPO met 4 times in FY 2016 approving federal spending in the Mobile Urbanized Area with funds spent at the State's discretion,

from: Interstate Maintenance Funds, Surface Transportation Funds, National Highway Funds, High Priority Funding, Bridge Funds and Transportation Alternative Program Funding. The total amount approved by the Mobile MPO to be included in the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was **\$56,781,580**.

Of those funding categories above, there were 37 projects that were already in the TIP that were authorized to be spent in FY 2016 in the Mobile Urbanized Area totaling **\$50,268,574**.

FTA 5310 FUNDING

The SARPC Transportation Planning Department has managed to successfully award over **\$875,000** worth of projects to the Mobile Urbanized area with the FTA 5310 program, to include funding for the following:

MARC; Capital; 4 buses; Cost \$204,858 (\$163,886 Federal; \$40,972 Local)
City of Prichard; Capital; 1 bus; Cost \$54,000 (\$43,200 Federal; \$10,800 Local)
City of Saraland; Capital; 1 bus; Cost \$54,000 (\$43,200 Federal; \$10,800 Local)
Goodwill Easter Seals; Capital; 1 bus; Cost \$54,000 (\$43,200 Federal; \$10,800 Local)
City of Satsuma; Capital; GPS System; Cost \$31,000 (\$24,800 Federal; \$6,200 Local)
MARC; Operating; Cost; \$376,996 (\$188,498 Federal; \$188,498 Local)
Independent Living Center; Operating; Cost \$44,940 (\$22,470 Federal; \$22,470 Local)
Mobile Bay Transportation; Operating; Cost \$19,960 (\$9,980 Federal; \$9,980 Local)
SARPC; Administration Cost \$36,015 (\$36,015 Federal)

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FUNDING

TAP Funding Open Discussion

On September 27th there was an open discussion with the FHWA concerning the Mobile Urban Area Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. The group talked about the FHWA Certification Recommendation to have a multi-year scheduling of TAP projects. What came out of the meeting, was that there was an agreement to have a two year award for a call for projects that will have a June, 2017 deadline. This call for projects will be for FY 2017 and FY 2018. It will give us the ability to move a project up if another project has fallen behind. There will be no extensions for the Preliminary Engineering to be completed within the two year time frame. Also, the group talked about the criteria that ranks the projects and that a local government can apply for more than one project, but only be funded one per year with the Mobile Urbanized Area TAP (this does not apply to ALDOT TAP). The amount of points given to a project that has multiple funding sources (donated) was also discussed to be decreased.

These modifications to the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) process, will be vetted back to the group prior to TCC/CAC comment and MPO approval. We will keep you posted.

ADA TRANSITION PLANS

As part of ALDOT Certification Review, FHWA noted a deficiency of ADA Transition Plans for Public ROW among Urban Areas. Since that time, all Urban Areas in the State have, or should have, completed ADA Transition Plans for Public ROW for all local governments over 50 employees. There are fewer requirements for those local governments that have less than 50 employees. Some of our rural local governments have recently adopted ADA Plans as well. These plans are a requirement of the ADA Act of 1990, and all local governments were supposed to have had an ADA Transition Plan starting in 1993. Here is [a primer for an ADA Transition Plan](#). A lot can happen in 25 years, change of staff, change of administration, and some local governments may have had a Plan, and it just needs to be updated.

For all ADA Transition Plans for Public ROW for the local Governments of the Mobile Urbanized area, please see [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please call Kevin Harrison.

MPO Safety Performance Measures Fact Sheet

FHWA recently announced the availability of four new resources online to help states and other stakeholders implement the Safety Performance Management Measures Final Rule. The resources include a safety performance targets timeline and a list of data resources and training support. In addition, the [MPO Safety Performance Measures Fact Sheet](#) summarizes the requirements for MPOs and compares the different responsibilities with state DOTs.

South Alabama RPO Updates

SARPC's RPO Program is finalizing the list of the current transportation projects and safety needs for the RPO area. This list is broken down by County and by Category (roadways, bridges, bike/ped, and transit). If there is anything you would like to add or delete or if there is a project listed that has been completed please let us know.

This list is an amendment to the RPO Transportation Plan and list of safety needs that we update each September. This comprehensive list of projects will be submitted to the Alabama Department of Transportation as a list of prioritized transportation needs for the rural areas of our region.

Further information is available on our [website](#).

Projects Within Region Let November 4th, 2016

Mobile County

None at this time

Baldwin County

- For constructing the Bridge Replacement and Approaches on CR-10 (Keller Road) over Boggy Branch south of Foley. Length 0.063 mi. the Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$294,543 to \$359,997

Escambia County

None at this time

[What's Under Construction?](#)

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Legislative Updates

Feds create advisory panel for self-driving cars

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By [Melanie Zanona](#) - 10/19/16 12:05 PM EDT



The Department of Transportation (DOT) announced Wednesday that it is establishing an advisory committee for automated vehicles that will serve as a critical resource for the agency as it continues its push to put self-driving cars on U.S. roads.

The panel will be responsible for assessing the DOT's research and policies related to the safe development and deployment of autonomous vehicles.

Committee members will gather information, develop technical advice and present recommendations to the department. Other areas of discussion may include connected vehicles, automated railroad and aviation technologies and drones.

The announcement comes after the agency released the first-ever federal guidelines for driverless cars last month.

"This committee will help determine how, when, and where automated technology will transform the way we move," said Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "The Department has advanced some of the life-saving benefits of automated technologies, including automated vehicle policy, but we are looking outside the government for innovative and thoughtful leaders to uncover its full potential across all modes."

The DOT is looking for 15 individuals with "cross-modal perspectives" on issues including intelligent transportation systems, robotics, enhanced freight movement, air traffic control, next-generation technology and advanced transportation technology deployment.

Committee members will serve two-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive term reappointments, the DOT said.

Feds award \$65M for advanced technology, driverless cars

By [Melanie Zanona](#) - 10/13/16 09:24 AM EDT

Thursday's announcement comes as the administration continues its push to bring automated vehicles to U.S. roads in an effort to improve safety, enhance mobility, and reduce traffic and fuel use. The DOT issued its first-ever federal guidelines for driverless cars and is expected to issue a rule by the end of this year requiring all new cars to have vehicle-to-vehicle communication. "From automated vehicles to connected infrastructure to data analytics, technology is transforming how we move around our country, and some of the most exciting innovation is happening at the local level," Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said in a statement.

"These grants will enable cities and rural communities to harness new technologies to tackle hard problems like reducing congestion, connecting people to mass transit, and enhancing safety."

The grants are being provided through two different DOT initiatives. The "advanced transportation and congestion management technologies deployment" program doles out grants designed to help communities improve mobility and access to opportunity through advanced technology, while the "mobility on demand" sandbox program supports transit agencies using new mobility tools like smartphone apps and ride-sharing services. Some of the grants include \$11 million for Pittsburgh to install smart traffic-signal technology along major travel corridors; \$6 million for Denver to use connected vehicles to alleviate congestion; and \$1.2 million for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit to integrate ride-sharing services into its ticketing app.

Research on Bicycle Boxes: Agencies around the country have shown significant interest in intersection bicycle boxes, with over 25 experiments approved under the 2009 Edition of the MUTCD for a variety of State, County, and local government agencies including the Minnesota Department of Transportation; the District of Columbia Department of Transportation; and the cities of Austin, TX; Columbus, OH; Madison, WI; Missoula, MT; and Portland, OR.

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Funding Opportunities

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Workshops

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is sponsoring two application workshops on **Tuesday, November 15, 2016**, at the Center for Commerce, 401 Adams Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama in the 7th Floor Auditorium.

The first workshop is for the **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end by 12 noon.

The second workshop is for **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the workshop will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end by 5:00 p.m.

Participants can access the Center for Commerce parking deck from the South Decatur Street entrance by entering the code 2133#. Everyone interested in competing for LWCF or RTP grant assistance during this funding cycle is encouraged to attend.

Registration is required. To register for either workshop, please call Kim Martin at (334) 353-3151 or email her at kim.martin@adeca.alabama.gov by Friday, November 4, 2016. Please provide the name(s) of the workshop attendees and the organization they will be representing. The maximum capacity for each workshop is 100. Should registration exceed 100, a second workshop will be scheduled.

The workshops will be accessible to all persons. If you have a disability that requires special services, materials, or assistance please notify Ms. Martin when you preregister. We look forward to working with you during the next funding cycle.

ALDOT TAP FUNDING (*deadline December 16th, 2016*)

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) is soliciting applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for FY 2017.

The TAP application and instructions are located on the ALDOT website at: http://www.dot.state.al.us/moweb/specialprograms_section.htm

The TAP application is available on this page and on page two (2) of the instructional information is a listing of eligible improvement projects for TAP funding. The deadline for submission of FY 2017 TAP applications including support documentation is Friday, December 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Some major application requirements of the TAP are:

1. Only cities, towns and county commissions can apply for funding;
2. Due to limited funding, there is a \$400,000 cap on the amount of federal funds that a sponsor can apply for;
3. Only one application can be submitted by an eligible sponsor due to limited funding;
4. The funding ratio for TAP projects is 80% federal funds and 20% sponsor funds. The sponsor is responsible for the cost of required preliminary engineering;
5. Public involvement is optional;
6. Fifty (50) percent of the TAP funds are sub-allocated to the MPO's by population
 1. and fifty (50) percent is distributed to any area of the state by ALDOT ;
7. All TAP projects are selected by a competitive application process administered by ALDOT ;
8. Independent landscaping projects are not eligible;
9. Transportation museums are not eligible;
10. For cities/towns located within the six (6) largest MPO's (Birmingham, Huntsville, Montgomery , Mobile, Columbus, GA, and Pensacola, FL), the TAP funds that are being administered by ALDOT are completely separate from the TAP funds that are dedicated to the aforementioned MPO's.

Please contact Bob Kratzer at (334) 353-6442 if you have questions regarding this matter.

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 Big Jump Project

[The Big Jump Project](#) applications Due: *October 28, 2016*

Building on the momentum of the Green Lane Project, The Big Jump will put bikes at the center of connecting people to the places where they live, learn, work and play. Through a mix of on-the-ground infrastructure, smart outreach and community engagement, The Big Jump will partner with community leaders in the U.S. to identify opportunities for improvements specifically tailored to each community's needs. The Big Jump Project is a three-year effort to help 10 places achieve a big jump in biking – a doubling or tripling of people riding – by building a network of safe and comfortable places to ride and engaging the community. The goal is also to validate a core concept: that if a city does all the right things, more people will ride and the community will be a better place to live, work and play. The Big Jump team is looking for 10 places that will achieve great things for biking between now and 2020.

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

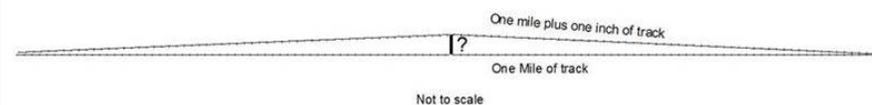
All Aboard!!!

Did you know that in bad fog, trains will continually blow their dang horn, while people are trying to work? We found that out yesterday morning. For you music nerds, the factory tuning of a Leslie S-5T train horn was: 255, 311, 370, 440, and 554 Hz (approximately the notes C,D#,F#,A,C#). That created some pretty weird and unbalanced sound waves. The rocks under the track are called ballast. Track ballast forms the track bed upon which railroad ties (sleepers) are laid. The miles of railroad in the U.S. reached its peak in 1916, and thanks to the railroad, we now have standardized time zones.



Here is a math problem presented to us by Mr. Matthew Brown of Baldwin County.

Let's say there is a train track that is 1 mile long, completely flat and straight, and made of the world's strongest steel. The steel is very ridged and strong; however, being exposed to the elements, the rail expands by one inch. Using the Pythagorean Theorem, how high in the air is the rail line going to try and buckle?



Not to scale

The first person to email kharrison@sarpc.org the correct answer gets a free pen. It's not a good pen, it's just a pen, but you would be a winner. (disclaimer- Those that attended the Alabama Section of Institute of Transportation Engineers (ALSITE) conference this week are disqualified. So is Matthew Brown, and anyone that is really, really, good at math).

In the News

Airport Boulevard Getting New Traffic Signal System

The City of Mobile is currently in the design phase for a new traffic signal system on Airport Boulevard that will extend from Bel Air Boulevard to McGregor Avenue. The controllers that service the Airport corridor are currently the most outdated models on the streets of Mobile. Not only is the City updating its controllers, it is reconnecting all of the intersections that currently only have a partial connection. Once the design phase is complete, we will be able to full implement the new system and provide Airport Boulevard with the leading edge technology in traffic engineering.

During the Map for Mobile planning process, citizens made it known that addressing the Airport Boulevard traffic issues needed to be a priority. We hope these upgrades will drastically improve everyone's experience on one of Mobile's busiest thoroughfares. Overall, these changes will significantly reduce drivers' time on the road.

ALDOT Gives Tips to Avoid Deer-Vehicle Collisions

Matt Boster

Posted by: Matt Boster

Date: Oct 19 2016 8:00 AM

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Transportation is warning drivers that the fall and winter months present an increased danger of vehicle collisions involving deer.

According to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, one reason for increased vehicle collisions with deer during this time of the year is that the deer are more active due to the start of their breeding season. "Deer will be much more prevalent during these months in Alabama's woodlands as bucks begin roaming and pursuing potential mates," said Wildlife Chief Keith Gauldin. "While much of their activity is observed between dusk and dawn, they can also be seen during the day. Drivers should be extra cautious behind the wheel during this time of peak activity to avoid such collisions."

ALDOT offers the following tips to help avoid deer-vehicle collisions:

- Drive defensively and expect the unexpected. Scan the sides of the road and use other vehicles' headlights to watch for deer. Think ahead about how you might react if you encounter a deer. Be prepared to quickly slow down, brake suddenly or turn down headlights.
- Know when not to swerve. If you suddenly have a deer in your path, brake firmly. Do not swerve or leave your lane. Many deer-related accidents are the result of colliding with another vehicle in the opposite lane or losing control of the vehicle while trying to avoid the animal.
- Deer travel in herds and gather near water sources. If you see one deer, there are more nearby. Watch for deer gathered near creeks, swamps and wetlands that are near roadways.
- Always obey speed limits and wear seat belts.

Map For Mobile

Mayor Stimpson shared a quick video of all the future "corridors" envisioned by the Map for Mobile with renderings. The vision includes Urban Corridor, Traditional Corridor with a Traditional Center, a Suburban Corridor with Suburban Center and an Edge Corridor. <https://www.facebook.com/SandyStimpsonMobile/videos/1209361305787716/>

SAVE the DATE
NEW CITY-WIDE ZONING CODE OPEN HOUSES

November 16
West I-65 & north of Airport Boulevard
Mobile Museum of Art, Larkins Auditorium
4632 Museum Drive

November 17
Downtown, the waterfront & adjacent industrial area, Midtown
Shiloh Baptist Church
2756 Old Shell Road

November 15
West I-65 & south of Airport Boulevard
Connie Hudson Senior Center
3201 Hillcrest Road

November 14
I-10 corridor extending south to Dog River
James Seals Recreation Center
540 Texas Street

NOVEMBER 14 - 17, 2016
OPEN HOUSE 3-8 PM | PRESENTATION 6:30 PM

What is the event?
This open house serves as a continuation of Map for Mobile, the City's Comprehensive Plan. The City's current zoning and development ordinances date back to the 1950s, and in order to implement the vision outlined in Map for Mobile, we need to adopt new regulations. These new ordinances will help to preserve, revitalize, and grow the city -- enhancing the overall quality of life in Mobile.

Why should you attend?
Every property in the city is zoned and subject to regulations which affect land uses, parking, street features, and building design. Your input and feedback will be instrumental as we update these regulations.

What will happen at the open house?
Residents and stakeholders will give their input and ask questions about topics using exercises and informal conversation with the zoning code authors.

SEE MAPFORMOBILE.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS
E-MAIL - MAPFORMOBILE@CITYOFMOBILE.ORG | PHONE - 251-208-5894

The Future of our Freight Economy

By Federal Highway Administrator Gregory Nadeau

Recently, I participated in the 24th and final roundtable to talk about moving our Freight Economy Forward. Our last meeting took place in St. Louis, Missouri, a city strategically located for freight movement. These community conversations have provided valuable feedback about our future freight infrastructure needs, helping to inform Secretary Foxx's [Beyond Traffic](#) Framework, a look ahead at our transportation needs for the next 30 years.



[Click Here to continue reading The Future of our Freight Economy](#)



HISTORIC WHISTLER BIKE TRAIL GROUNDBREAKING

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 18, 2016

Prichard, AL, October 18, 2016-On Thursday, October 20th, 2016 at the intersection of Howard Clark Drive and Rebel Road, at 10:00 a.m.; the City of Prichard employees will break ground for the Historic Whistler Bike Trail. The Whistler Bike Trail was proposed as one of the paths to enhance and increase the quality of recreational trails throughout Mobile County in the Mobile County Area Transportation Study 2025. Through this project, a pedestrian friendly environment will promote recreation and physical activity as well as facilitate historic preservation and scenic beautification.

The Whistler Bike trail Project is primarily located in the Whistler historic district of Prichard, Alabama. The overall length of the trail is approximately 2.7 miles. The trail will also increase activity between neighboring Eight Mile and Whistler communities. The location of the trail is the old DeRiddler Chemical Company site which was once proposed to be remodeled as a train station in recognition of famous train engineer, Casey Jones.

In early September 2016, Mayor Troy Ephriam and the City Council resolved to move forward with the Historic Whistler Bike Trail. According to Mayor Ephriam, "We are completing a project that began when I served as Council President in 2006 and it is a gratifying experience to see the actual trail come into fruition." As Mayor Ephriam has previously stated, a memorial to Hiwayi Robinson will be placed along the trail to remember our fallen angel.

Transportation Research

SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND THE NEW SERIOUS INJURY DEFINITION WEBINAR

FHWA and NHTSA will host a webinar on Safety Performance Measures and the requirements for the new serious injury definition. **November 2, 2016 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM (CST)** Presenters will discuss: | Safety Performance Management regulations and the need for coordination | Identical safety performance measures in the HSIP & HSP | New national definition for serious injuries

Registration is required to attend this free webinar. To register, please visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safety-performance-measures-serious-injury-reporting-requirement-webinar-registration-27886628657>

Please share this webinar with your colleagues, as it is open to the public.

State Departments of Transportation, State Highway Safety Offices, MPOs, State Motor Vehicle Crash Database Managers and Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Members are encouraged to register.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)'s Office of Freight Management and Operations is hosting its next Quarterly Technical Assistance Webinar for the **National Performance Measures Research Data Set (NPMRDS)** on **Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. (EST)**.

The November webinar will include a brief review of the forthcoming update to the NPMRDS. The webinar also will feature speakers

from TRANSCOM discussing methods for using NPMRDS data to evaluate bottleneck locations. This webinar is open to U.S. DOT, State DOT, MPO, academic, and private sector participants – please feel free to distribute the invitation widely.

To register for this event, please go to: <https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/dot/fhwa/WC/Lists/Seminars/DispForm.aspx?ID=1088>.

Please note the registration process for non-U.S. DOT participants: Those without an '@dot.gov' email address will need to set up an account with the [FHWA External Portal](#) in order to complete the registration process. The registration process may take up to two full business days. The registration form is compatible with Internet Explorer 8, 9, or 10 (using compatibility mode). New users may request an account at <https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/FBA/Membershiprequest.aspx>. If you have any questions about registration, please send an e-mail to Webconference@dot.gov.

Visit http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/perf_measurement/index.htm for more information on the data set as well as archived recordings of prior webinars.

Please send any logistical questions to Andrew.Reovan@dot.gov and any technical questions concerning the data set to NPMRDSHelp@dot.gov, and any questions concerning registration to Webconference@dot.gov.

Thank you, we look forward to your participation.

SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Office of Safety is pleased to announce the availability of several new resources to help States implement the [Safety Performance Management Measures](#) Final Rule under 23 CFR 490. These resources, available at <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/spm/>, include:

- **State Serious Injury Conversion Tables:** assist States in reporting serious injuries per the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) 4th Edition attribute for "Suspected Serious Injury (A)." States that do not currently use the MMUCC 4th Edition attribute should use the conversion tables to convert the equivalent data from their State's Motor Vehicle Crash Database. The conversion tables also provide the equivalent definitions for pedestrian and pedalcyclist as defined in the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) D16.1-2007 for States to report the required number of non-motorized serious injuries.
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Safety Performance Measures Fact Sheet:** highlights the requirements specific to MPOs and provides a comparison of MPO and State DOT responsibilities.
- **2018-2019 HSIP Safety Performance Targets Timeline:** provides important dates for the safety performance target process, including coordination, target establishment, reports, and assessment of significant progress.
- **Safety Performance Measures Resources and Support:** provides a list of training opportunities, tools, and capacity-building resources.

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

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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.

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