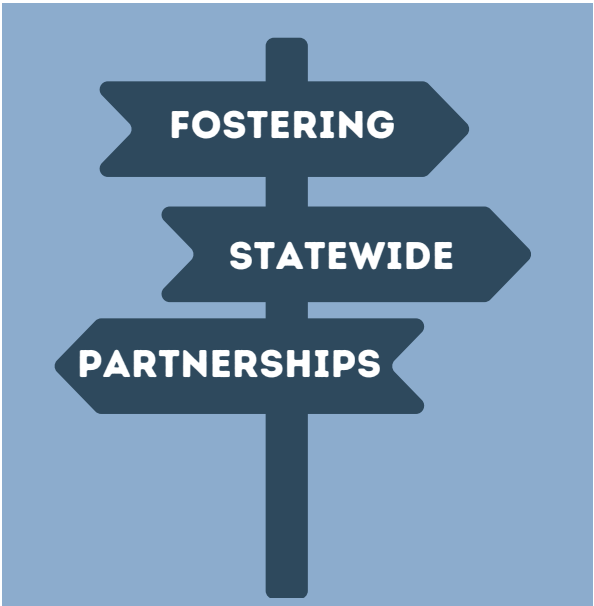
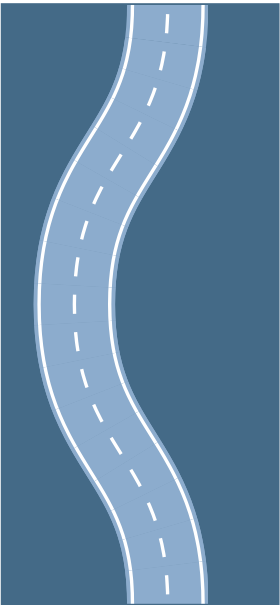




MPO CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

- 7:00 am–8:30 am **Breakfast/Registration**
- 8:30 am–9:00 am Conference Welcome
- 9:00 am–9:20 am Introduction of New MPO Coordinators
- 9:20 am–9:45 am Mid-South Freight Study – Methods & Lessons Learned
- 9:45 am–10:15 am TDOT Active Transportation Office: An Overview & Ways to Collaborate
- 10:15 am–10:30 am **Break**
- 10:30 am–11:00 am PROTECT Program Update
- 11:00 am–11:30 am D.R.I.V.E: Developing Research & Innovation toward Vision Execution
- 11:30 am–12:30 pm **Lunch**
- 12:30 pm–1:15 pm TDOT Leadership Updates
- 1:15 pm–1:45 pm Grant Administration & Invoicing
- 1:45 pm–2:15 pm AMPO Updates
- 2:15 pm–2:30 pm **Break**
- 2:30 pm–3:15 pm To the Sticky Dot & Beyond: Innovative Public Engagement Strategies
- 3:15 pm–3:45 pm eTIP/STIP Update
- 3:45 pm–4:15 pm TDOT Project Management Updates
- 5:00 pm–6:30 pm **Opening Reception, hosted by the MPO Association**
- 6:30 pm **Dinner on your own**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

- 7:00 am–8:30 am **Breakfast**
- 8:30 am–9:00 am Local Programs & Community Investments Division
- 9:00 am–9:45 am Successful Sunbelt–Atlantic Connector Corridor: FRA Passenger Rail
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- 1:15 pm–1:30 pm Tennessee Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers
- 1:30 pm–2:00 pm TN Statewide Urban Household Travel Survey: Progress & Plans
- 2:00 pm–2:30 pm TDOT Forecasting Updates
- 2:30 pm–3:00pm **Wellness Break**
- 3:00 pm–3:30 pm Planning & Data Systems
- 3:30 pm–4:00 pm Planning Resources to Make Your Life Easier
- 4:00 pm–4:30 pm TN TREC Project – Statewide Parks & Trails
- 6:30 pm–7:30 pm **Dinner**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

- 7:00 am–8:30 am **Breakfast/Check Out**
- 8:30 am–10:00 am Roundtable Discussion with MPO Coordinators
- 10:00 am–10:45 am TN MPO Association Meeting, TDOT Staff Meeting
- 11:00 am Farewell & Departure

7:00 am-8:30 am

Registration in Conference Area/Breakfast in the Hotel Atrium

8:30 am-9:00 am

Conference Welcome

Matt Meservy, PE, TDM-CP, TDOT Planning Division Director
Stacy Morrison, TDOT OCT Manager

9:00 am-9:20 am

Introduction of New MPO Coordinators

Doug Burton, Knoxville TPO *Tina Whitaker, Lakeway MTPO* *Stephen Patchan, Nashville MPO*
Melissa Taylor, Chattanooga TPO *Mike Ziarnek, Clarksville MPO*

9:20 am-9:45 am

Mid-South Freight Study - Methods and Lessons Learned

Mavrick Fitzgerald, AICP, Memphis MPO Transportation Planner

This presentation will showcase the Mid-South Region Freight Flows & Industry Analysis, coordinated through TDOT's on-call consultant process. Attendees will gain insights into the importance of freight in MPO planning, the use of data at large and small scales, and State-MPO partnerships.

9:45 am-10:15 am

TDOT Active Transportation Office: An Overview & Ways to Collaborate

Will Rogers III, Program Monitor II, TDOT Active Transportation Office

An overview of the office, how the office currently engages with MPOs and how we'd like to improve our engagement.

10:15 am-10:30 am

Break

10:30 am-11:00 am

PROTECT Program Updates

Andrea Noel, TDOT Air Quality Programs Supervisor
Jordan Clark, AICP, Transportation Planner, CDM Smith
Stephanie Hargrove, ITS and Data Solutions Discipline Leader, CDM Smith
Melody Butler, PE, AICP, PMP, CDM Smith

Through the PROTECT Program, CDM Smith will lead a workshop designed to shape the development of the TN MPO Resilience Guidance Document. This interactive session aims to gather valuable insights from MPOs across Tennessee, focusing on integrating resilience into urban and regional planning processes. As TDOT and CDM Smith build this vital resilience resource, local MPO expertise is crucial in crafting a document that is not only comprehensive but also practical and aligned with the latest best practices in resilience planning.

11:00 am-11:30 am

D.R.I.V.E: Developing Research and Innovation toward Vision Execution

Julie Carmean, TDOT Director of Strategic Planning, Research, and Innovation Division
Jordan Rock, TDOT Strategic Planning Specialist
Pamela Boyd-Walker, TDOT Research Coordinator

The TDOT EPIC reorganization has created a lot of change to how TDOT's divisions are structured. One of the goals of EPIC is to support a culture that focuses on bringing new ideas and innovations forward to advance TDOT's common goals. Merging strategic planning with the research office and incorporating innovation will help the organization leverage its resources to achieve our vision more efficiently. We'll explain how and give some updates on FHWA performance measures.

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30 pm-1:15 pm

TDOT Leadership Updates

Will Reid, PE, TDOT, Deputy Commissioner & Chief Engineer

Preston Elliott, AICP, TDOT Deputy Commissioner & Chief of Planning Bureau

1:15 pm-1:45 pm

Grant Administration & Invoicing

Ann Marie Anway, TDOT Planning Division Administration Office, Program Coordinator

Tips, tricks, and fixes to create a payable invoices with the initial submission, and updates on grant administration.

1:45 pm-2:15 pm

AMPO Updates

Ellen Zavisca, PTP, AMPO Transportation Planning Manager

AMPO has been engaging with MPOs across the U.S. about their policy priorities as we head into reauthorization of the surface transportation bill. You'll hear about what AMPO has learned and how we distilled it into a policy agenda, our Roadmap to Reauthorization. You'll also get a sneak peek of the MPO Institute, our newest program with offers trainings aimed specifically at MPO staff and those working closely with MPOs.

2:15 pm-2:30 pm

Break

2:30 pm-3:15 pm

To the Sticky Dot & Beyond: Innovative Public Engagement Strategies

Melody Butler, PE, AICP, PMP, CDM Smith Transportation Engineer

Social Pinpoint is an online survey tool that TDOT has recently subscribed to for public engagement efforts. It provides several of the easy to use components of MetroQuest, without the restrictions often encountered. The user interface is modern and can be tailored to look and feel like a project website, not just an online survey. Melody will walk through some of the survey components CDM Smith has used on recent projects with TDOT.

Michelle Christian, TDOT OCT Region 1

Michelle will briefly detail how the MPOs can get access to Social Pinpoint, gauge interest in Social Pinpoint training for the MPOs, and provide a few examples of Social Pinpoint sites to showcase what Social Pinpoint has to offer.

Timothy Tresohlavy, AICP, GISP, Stantec Senior Associate, Senior Transportation Planner

Virtual engagement is here to stay. Let's use some of our new online tools to involve our stakeholders in fun, interesting ways. Mural is one of several online platforms that offer a digital whiteboard space to be filled with perspectives, opinions, and lively discussion. Using a recent case study example (Knoxville / Lakeway MTP updates) this session will cover the 'what-and-why' basics for facilitating a successful stakeholder "listening session" using Mural. We will review the best uses, limitations, and similar tools that can be utilized by MPOs, local governments, or your consultant partners.

Mike Rutkowski, PE, AICP, Senior Principal, Complete Streets Leader, Stantec

Design Charrette - more than a fancy French word. How can they help us collaborate on design projects?

3:15 pm-3:45 pm eTIP/STIP Updates

Matt Meservy, PE, TDM-CP, TDOT Planning Division Director

Stacy Morrison, TDOT OCT Manager

Brian Terrell, TDOT Transportation Manager 1

Discussion of the new eTIP/STIP vendor and timeline for the new eTIP/STIP implementation.

3:45 pm-4:15 pm TDOT Project Management Updates

Jon Storey, PE, PTOE, TDOT Region 3 Project Management Director

Jon will provide updates from the Project Management Division including our organizational structure, contacts, roles and responsibilities, and successes. He will be available for questions.

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Opening Reception, hosted by the Tennessee MPO Association**6:30 pm Dinner on your own**

7:00 am-8:30 am **Breakfast in the Hotel Atrium**

8:30 am-9:00 am **Local Programs & Community Investments Division**
Steve Allen, TDOT Local Programs & Community Investments Division Director

Overview of the new Local Programs & Community Investments Division

9:00 am-9:45 am **Successful Sunbelt-Atlantic Connector Corridor for Atlanta-Chattanooga-Nashville-Memphis FRA Passenger Rail**
Melissa Taylor, Chattanooga TPO

This presentation will focus on the impetus for the application and nuances around why the City of Chattanooga became the lead applicant. It will also briefly cover what the Corridor ID program is, the planning approach, those involved, details of what will be completed for this grant phase, and current status of the project.

9:45 am-10:00 am **Break**

10:00 am-10:45 am **Equity Screening Tools**
Sean Santalla, AICP, FHWA TN Division Program Development Team Leader
Zack Coleman, FHWA TN Division Transportation Planning Specialist

Executive Order (EO) 13985 establishes equity as a priority for the Federal government and requires all agencies to pursue a comprehensive approach to advancing equity for all. This session will include conversation on how equity is defined, how USDOT and FHWA are incorporating equity into our programs, and the variety of data analysis tools available to consider equity in the transportation planning and project development process.

10:45 am-11:30 am **Advancing the Safe System Approach & Complete Streets**
Sonya Baker, FHWA TN Division Safety Engineer
Zack Coleman, FHWA TN Division Transportation Planning Specialist

This presentation will introduce new tools for implementing the Safe System Approach: the Safe System Roadway Design Hierarchy (project level and policy level) and discuss Complete Streets Safety Analysis Report.

11:30 am-12:30 pm **Lunch**

12:30 pm-1:15 pm **TDOT & FHWA Leadership Updates**
Preston Elliott, AICP, TDOT Deputy Commissioner & Chief of Planning Bureau
Dan Hinton, FHWA TN Division Administrator

Introduction of Dan Hinton, new FHWA TN Division Administrator, and updates on the TDOT Planning Division.

1:15 pm-1:30 pm **Tennessee Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers**
Lauren Gaines, PE, Barge Design Associate Project Manager & ITE Tennessee Section President

For over 90 years, the Institute of Transportation Engineers has been the leading the transportation professionals industry in research and resources. Through its products and services, ITE promotes professional development and career advancement for its members, supports and encourages education, identifies necessary research, develops technical resources including standards and recommended practices, develops public awareness programs, and serves as a conduit for the exchange of professional information. With more than 18,000 members across 78 countries, the ITE community advances transportation.

1:30 pm-2:00 pm

TN Statewide Urban Household Travel Survey: Progress and Plans

NOTE: FHWA, TDOT & MPO staff only

Dr. Jerry Everett, Associate Director of the Center for Transportation Research at the University of Tennessee

It has been more than a decade since Household Travel Survey Data were collected for any of the MPOs in Tennessee and some have never had local data collected for their area. Rather than each MPO administering their own survey, an effort is underway to create a cooperative statewide Household Travel Survey program in which any TN MPO can participate. Since January of 2024 UTK has been working on behalf of the MPOs to assess the state-of-the practice in HH travel survey data collection to develop a recommended survey approach for TN MPOs. An overview of progress to-date will be presented along with discussion of potential next steps for this process.

2:00 pm-2:30 pm

TDOT Forecasting Updates

Mohammad Molla, TDOT Forecasting Office Planning Supervisor

This presentation will briefly update everyone on the current projects underway in TDOT Forecasting Office.

2:30 pm-3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm-3:30 pm

Planning Data & Systems: Let's Discuss Traffic, Functional Classification and Urban Boundary Changes

Annette Brooks, TDOT GIS Tech

Joe Roach, TDOT Transportation Specialist

Ashley Hunter Mason, TDOT Planning Specialist Advanced

We all use traffic data at some point for analysis and reporting. TDOT collects traffic data at numerous sites annually and those counts are stored in TN-TIMES. Why do we have a traffic count program? What are the checks and balances used to ensure that counts are accurate? Functional Classification and Urban Boundary changes are also products of our processes, and most times changes are initiated by MPOs and other agencies. Let's discuss how and why changes are made from a Planning Data and Systems perspective.

3:30 pm-4:00 pm

Planning Resources to Make your Lives Easier

Chris McPhilamy, GISP, TDOT Data Visualization/Forecasting Planning Manager

A presentation of the products and services the Planning Divisions Data Visualization Offices manage in order to facilitate better decision making across the State.

4:00 pm-4:30 pm

TN TREC Project - Statewide Parks and Trails

Paul Dudley, Tennessee Department of Finance & Administration Location Intelligence Analyst

The TN TREC (Trails, Recreation, Environment and Community) Project is an effort to inventory all of the parks, recreation areas, greenways and trails in the state. Spearheaded by the Department of Health and engineered by the Department of Finance and Administration, Strategic Technology Solutions GIS Services (STS-GIS), the presentation will give an update on how the project has progressed, provide an overview of what is available to the planning community, and touch on the future of the project. Paul will also highlight a couple of additional geospatial resources available to the planning community.

6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Dinner

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