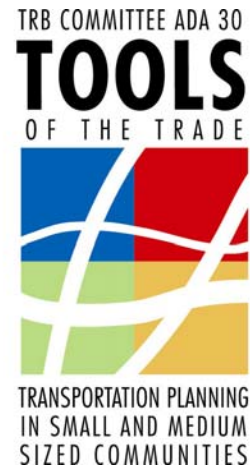


CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

12th NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMMUNITIES

"TOOLS OF THE TRADE"



Tools of the Trade is a national conference providing practical techniques for transportation professionals in small (under 50,000) and medium – sized (50,000 - 250,000) communities. You are invited to participate in the 12th National “Tools of the Trade” Conference:

SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2010
Crown Plaza, Williamsburg, Virginia

Sponsored by: Transportation Research Board Committee ADA30 “Transportation Planning for Small and Medium-Sized Communities”, the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The Conference Committee seeks quality papers or presentations on the following topics, or any other transportation planning topics and tools that are applicable to small and medium-sized communities:

- **Transit Planning** – park and ride, small systems planning, innovative services, TOD land use integration, coordination of human services transportation, new starts and “small starts”, small scale systems
- **Small Urban System Planning** – access management, multimodal studies, sub-area studies, traffic circulation
- **Livable Communities** – traffic calming, linking land use and transportation, bicycles and pedestrians, Safe Routes to School, roundabouts
- **Financial Strategies** – funding estimates, asset management, innovative financing, partnerships
- **Rural Transportation** – long range plans, rural ITS and safety, corridor management, satellite communities
- **Technology Sharing** – travel demand modeling, data collection and analysis, performance measures, GIS
- **Historic Preservation** – streamlining, mitigation projects, enhancement projects, stewardship of historic roads and bridges, tribal and archeological issues
- **Tourism** – planning for special event traffic, way finding systems, alternative modes, seasonal congestion
- **Local Transportation Issues** – regional coordination, growth management policy and property rights, land use and growth management, funding for local transportation improvements
- **Project Programming Process** – TIP and STIP development, prioritizing, fiscal constraint
- **Public Involvement** – outreach techniques, media, dispute resolution, non-traditional stakeholders, using public input in decisions, visualization
- **Transportation Logistics** – freight issues, trade corridors, intermodal connectors, hazardous materials
- **Environmental Issues** – integrating NEPA, environmental justice, conformity, legal issues
- **Reauthorization** – guidance for new MPO’s, revenue options, impacts of the global economy, climate change, issues and opportunities with stimulus money
- **Project Planning and Air Quality Issues** – linkages between the transportation project process and air quality, emission inventories/modeling, dealing with non-attainment

Other topics will be considered. Papers are desired, but not required. Accepted and presented papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings and authors who meet certain criteria may receive an honorarium of \$400.

If you are interested in making a presentation or preparing a paper, please submit a one-page abstract in Word by October 1, 2009.

Only one-page abstracts will be accepted. Abstracts must include:

1. Title of Paper/Presentation
2. Presenter/Title (please list main author first)
3. Agency affiliation
4. Address, phone, fax, and e-mail (all required)
5. Indication of whether submittal is for presentation only or presentation and written paper
6. Description of paper/presentation
7. Key words
8. Indication of student status

Abstracts will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Proposal directed toward the special circumstances of small (under 50,000) and/or medium-sized (50,000 – 250,000) communities.

Proposal provides evidence of a successful application in a setting comparable to small and medium-sized communities.

Proposal provides off-the-shelf, economical techniques, which can be readily applied at the local level.

Proposal summarizes work directly applicable to or useful for small and medium-sized communities.

Planned Student Paper Competition

The committee will offer a student paper competition highlighting research being conducted by tomorrow's transportation professionals. Students are encouraged to submit abstracts for consideration. **A monetary prize will be awarded for the best paper.**

Abstracts will be reviewed by members of TRB Committee ADA30. All submitters will be notified of the Committee's decision by March 2010.

Please e-mail or fax abstract to:

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