



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

"TOOLS OF THE TRADE"

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

A national conference providing ready-to-use, economical and 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 9th National "Tools of the Trade" Conference:

SEPTEMBER 22 - 24, 2004
Doubletree Hotel
Colorado Springs, CO

Deadline for Submittal of Abstracts: October 1, 2003

Sponsored by: Transportation Research Board Committee A1D05, Transportation Planning Needs and Requirements for Small and Medium-Sized Communities, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Colorado DOT, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, and the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council.

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

- **Financial Strategies** - funding estimates, benefit/cost, asset management, innovative financing, public/private partnerships, successful funding strategies, fiscal constraint
- **Small Urban Systems Planning** - major streets, multimodal studies, integrated corridor planning, sub-area studies, traffic circulation studies
- **Project Programming Process** - TIP and STIP development, multimodal trade-offs, prioritizing, decision-making, working with elected officials
- **Transit Planning** - park & ride, commuter rail, light rail, paratransit, bus transit planning, integrated transit and long range planning
- **Rural Transportation** - long range plans, rural ITS, small agency management, satellite communities, sprawl, rural public transportation
- **Technology Sharing** - travel demand modeling, data collection & analysis, forecasting, Census 2000, performance measures, GIS
- **Transportation for Liveable Communities** - traffic calming, linking land use and transportation, density, growth policies, bicycle & pedestrian facilities, parking enhancements, access management
- **Transportation Logistics** - freight issues, trade corridors, intermodal connectors, hazardous materials
- **Public Involvement** - outreach techniques, media, focus groups, private sector involvement, using public comments in decision making, dispute resolution, non-

traditional stakeholders

- **Environmental Issues** - integrating NEPA into planning, environmental justice, air quality conformity, streamlined processes, legal issues, noise

- **Emerging Planning Issues** – transportation security, safety, project management, operations & management, access to jobs, SAFETEA, new MPO issues

Other topics will be considered. Papers are desired, but are not required. Accepted and presented papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings and authors who meet certain criteria may receive an honorarium of \$400.00. (over)

If you are interested in making a presentation or preparing a paper, please submit a one-page abstract in Word or WordPerfect by October 1, 2003.

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

1. Title of Paper/Presentation
2. Presenter/Title (please list main author/presenter 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

Abstracts will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

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

Abstracts will be reviewed by Committee A1D05. All submitters will be notified of the Committee's decision by March 1, 2004.

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