17th National ‘Tools of the Trade’ Conference on Transportation Planning in Small & Medium-sized Communities

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ADA40 Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands
with the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS)

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. This year the conference is co-sponsored with the Committee on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands. All practitioners, researchers, academics, and others involved in transportation planning are encouraged to attend.

The conference seeks easy-to-implement, cost-effective, and innovative tools, data, models, processes, and techniques that address current federal planning factors in small and medium sized communities and public lands. In addition to traditional transportation planning issues, we seek answers to the following questions:

- How do you efficiently execute performance-based planning?
- How do you improve public involvement in the planning process?
- How do you promote safe, active transportation options?
- How do you build effective partnerships among agencies, communities and public lands?
- How do you support transit, shared, and micro-mobility solutions to urban areas and public lands?
- How do you plan, prioritize and implement emerging and innovative technologies?
- How do you deal with freight demand, traffic, and parking?
- How do public lands and gateway communities work collaboratively to plan for or react to catastrophic weather events or address visitation spikes?

A range of presentation styles will be supported, including podium sessions, panel discussions, “lightning sessions,” posters and workshops. Papers are desired but not required. Accepted papers will be published in conference proceedings. Students are encouraged to submit abstracts on their practical/analytical work to be considered for a best student poster award of $500.

Please submit your abstract to the website submittal link located at: https://trb.secure-platform.com/a/page/ToolsoftheTrade2020

Learn more about the conference and the committee at http://www.trbtoolsofthetrade.org/