



2008 California Transportation Planning Conference

**February 6-8, 2008
Long Beach Renaissance Hotel
Long Beach, California**

Final Agenda

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm Plenary Session

Master of Ceremony: Joan Sollenberger, Division Chief, California Department of Transportation

1:00 pm to 1:30 pm Welcome (Renaissance I, II, V)

- The Honorable Bob Foster, Mayor of Long Beach
- Hasan Ikhata, Director of Southern California Association of Governments
- Gregg Albright, Deputy Director Planning and Modal Programs, California Department of Transportation

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm SAFETEA-LU and Reauthorization General Session followed by an Interactive Question & Answer Exchange (Renaissance I, II, V)

Learn about examples of effective practice from around the United States in implementing the planning provisions of SAFETEA-LU and be prepared to share with the United States Department of Transportation “what is” and “what isn’t” working in current law and regulation. You will also learn about current Reauthorization efforts from State and Local representatives.

Moderator: Gregg Albright

- Charlie Goodman, Director of the Office of Planning & Environment, Federal Transit Administration, Washington, D.C.
- Ken De Crescenzo, Federal Relations Representative, California Department of Transportation
- Rusty Selix, Executive Director, California Association of Councils of Governments
- Rich Macias, Interim Director of Planning and Policy, Southern California Association of Governments

3:30 pm to 4:00 pm Break (Second Floor Foyer)

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

Session 1 **Overview of Models & Tools for Land Use and Transportation Planning (Renaissance III)**

This non-technical overview of old and new models and analysis tools will provide a general understanding of how they can help in creating and assessing regional-scale transportation and land use "scenarios" (including smart growth, multi-modal, market-based, and climate change strategies). This panel will also explain how such analysis tools and models can assist with local planning processes (including public meetings), and how they can also be used for transportation corridor planning and implementation. The three presenters are nationally-known experts and leading innovators.

Moderator: Terry Parker, California Department of Transportation

- Mike McCoy, University of California Davis
- Jerry Walters, Fehr & Peers
- Gordon Garry, Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Session 2 **Air Quality: Addressing the Transportation Conformity Process (Renaissance IV)**

This panel will review current issues and guidance related to the Clean Air Act conformity process, and air quality analysis in general for transportation projects and plans. The latest information regarding conformity analysis, and air quality planning requirements related to transportation, will be described. The presenters are recognized experts in conformity and air quality analysis for California transportation plans and projects.

Moderator: Steve Luxenberg, California Department of Transportation

- Steve Luxenberg, Federal Highway Administration
- Jonathan Nadler, Southern California Association of Governments

Session 3 **New Approaches to Innovative Financing (Renaissance I, II, V)**

What is innovative finance? Are we organized to manage transportation mega-projects? Join this expert panel for an informative conversation about financing.

Moderator: Michelle Noch, Federal Highway Administration

- Jennifer Mayer, Federal Highway Administration Resource Center
- Norma Ortega, California Department of Transportation
- Richard Little, The Keston Institute for Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm **Welcoming Reception (Naples Ballroom)**

Networking can be a supportive system of sharing information and services among individuals and groups having a common interest. Come join us for a fun social networking affair and make some new acquaintances.

Thursday, February 7, 2008

7:45 am to 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast (Second Floor Foyer)**

8:30 am to 10:15 am **Plenary Session**

Master of Ceremony: Gregg Albright, California Department of Transportation

8:30 am to 10:15 am **SAFETEA-LU: The Next Steps from an Environmental Perspective General Session (Renaissance I, II, V)**

Come listen to lively discussion on the importance of linking Environmental and Transportation Planning practices early in the process. SAFETEA-LU: The Next Steps will also cover discussion on the national importance of NEPA delegation efforts as well as effective pilot projects.

Moderator: Gregg Albright, California Department of Transportation

- Nathan Smith, California Department of Transportation
- Kelly Dunlap, California Department of Transportation
- Cindy Adams, California Department of Transportation
- Gregg Erickson, California Department of Transportation
- Amy Pettler, California Department of Transportation

10:15 am to 10:45 am **Break**

10:45 am to 12:15 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1 **Effective Visualization Techniques for Transportation Planners (Renaissance III)**

Take a look at some of the best examples of visualization techniques in the nation. This session covers both the processes and the products of visualization as required by SAFETEA-LU.

Moderator: Michelle Noch, Federal Highway Administration

- Ben Williams, Federal Highway Administration Resource Center
- Mark Griffin, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
- Marnie Tenden, Southern California Association of Governments

Session 2 **Freight Mobility: Current National, State and Local Efforts (Renaissance IV)**

Our nation's economy relies on California's system of seaports, airports, railways, highways, logistics centers, and border crossings. The State's economy and quality of life depend upon the efficient, safe delivery of goods to and from our ports and borders. At the same time, the environmental impacts from goods movement activities must be reduced to ensure protection of public health. The Goods Movement session will discuss current trends and issues to help planners understand the roles and responsibilities of all agencies involved in making improvements to these systems.

- Moderator: Jeff Spencer, California Department of Transportation**
- Richard Nordahl, California Department of Transportation
 - Lisa Randall, Federal Highway Administration
 - Tina Casgar, San Diego Association of Governments
 - Doug MacIvor, California Department of Transportation Freight Mobility Model

Session 3 **Public Participation for Planning and Federal Programming
(Renaissance I, II, V)**

SAFETEA-LU revised the requirements for public involvement and consultation. This panel will provide an overview of the Federal requirements, state outreach efforts for the long-range plan and STIP, and a regional "best practice" example. Highlights include various approaches to meet the requirements, opportunities to streamline efforts, and the benefits of developing a comprehensive plan.

- Moderator: Penny Gray, California Department of Transportation**
- Steve Luxenberg, Federal Highway Administration
 - Nathan Smith, California Department of Transportation
 - Craig Goldblatt, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
 - Cathy Gomes, California Department of Transportation

12:15 pm to 1:30 pm **Lunch (Naples Ballroom)**

Speaker: Rick Cole, City Manager for Ventura

"Planning for Tomorrow's Communities, Starting Today"

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1 **Tribal Transportation Planning: The importance of Government-to-Government Coordination (Renaissance III)**

Transportation partnerships are important among State and Tribal governments, this has been achieved through relationships between Tribal Governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Tribal consortiums. The Honorable Chris Devers, Chairman for the Pauma/Yuima Band of Mission Indians will give the political perspective from the Tribal Government point of view, as well as working with the Reservation Transportation Authority (RTA). The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) will discuss their efforts working with Tribal Governments and Tribal consortiums. These relationships have improved transportation planning among regions throughout California.

- Moderator: Cynthia Gomez, California Department of Transportation**
- Honorable Chris Devers, Chairman, Pauma/Yuima Band of Mission Indians
 - Kim Yearyean, General Manager, Reservation Transportation Authority
 - Jane Clough-Riquelme, Tribal Liaison, San Diego Association of Governments

Session 2 **Congestion Management: A Look at the Current Initiative from FHWA and Corridor System Management Plans (Renaissance IV)**

Traffic traffic traffic! Learn about the USDOT's Congestion Initiative, Caltrans' Corridor Management Plan, and other efforts to combat congestion.

- Moderator: Michelle Noch, Federal Highway Administration**
- Ben Williams, Federal Highway Administration Resource Center
 - Fred Dial, California Department of Transportation
 - Jesse Glazer, Federal Highway Administration

Session 3 Regional Blueprint Planning: California's Current Efforts will serve as a National Model (Renaissance I, II, V)

The California Regional Blueprint Planning Program was started in 2005 to provide grants to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to do comprehensive collaborative regional planning leading to consensus on a regional growth scenario or "blueprint" plan for the future. Nine blueprint planning efforts are taking place around the State now, each with a unique approach to their region's growth and development issues, transportation system, housing need, environmental considerations and economy. The Southern California Council of Governments (SCAG) is one of the largest efforts underway. SCAG's regional blueprint effort is working to engage the communities, stakeholders and governments in this complex region to plan for the future. SCAG staff will discuss some of the innovative approaches they are using to engage local governments in their blueprint effort.

- Moderator: Katie Benouar, California Department of Transportation**
- Joe Carreras, Southern California Association of Governments
 - Mark Butala, Southern California Association of Governments
 - Peter Brandenburg, Southern California Association of Governments

3:00 pm to 3:30 pm **Break (Second Floor Foyer)**

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1 Financial Planning: What is Financial Constraint and What Does a Good Financial Plan Look Like? (Renaissance III)

With the passage of SAFETEA-LU, financial constraint has become a major factor in transportation planning. This panel will guide you through the federal requirements, identify approaches and techniques for improving the documentation of financial information in the TIP and long range plan, and provide you with examples of what constitutes a good financial plan. The four panel members bring a wealth of experience in the transportation planning process and financial constraint.

- Moderator: Cathy Gomes, California Department of Transportation**
- Penny Gray, California Department of Transportation
 - Brian Betlyon, Federal Highway Administration
 - Lisa Randall, Federal Highway Administration
 - Sookyung Kim, San Diego Association of Governments

Session 2 Transit Plans & Programs Panel: A Look at What's New (Renaissance IV)

Population growth, congestion, global warming, mobility issues, and high fuel prices are just a few of the challenges facing transportation. Combine those issues with the inability to infinitely expand highways to meet transportation demand and it is obvious we need to think creatively on how to build for the future. Come join in our discussion on

what is new and innovative in the field of transit. Transit is the wave of the future and we all need to get on-board to make a better tomorrow!

Moderator: Alexander Smith, Federal Transit Administration

- Wendy Johnsen, California Department of Transportation
- Jim Cunradi, Alameda Contra Costa Transit Agency
- Anthony Loui, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Rex Gephart, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Kimberly Gayle, California Department of Transportation

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Field Trip: Port of Long Beach – Harbor Side Tour

If you registered to go on this field trip, plan on meeting Jeffrey Spencer in the 1st floor hotel lobby at 3:15 pm for a short walk over to the pier. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a jacket. Boat will depart promptly at 3:30.

The best way to learn about the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach is with a close-up look, especially from out on the water. Enjoy seeing the nation's busiest container-port facilities from the water as part of the free harbor boat tour. A fully-narrated tour of the nation's busiest port complex will inform you of what's happening at the Ports and learn about their vital role in international trade. An impressive array of ships, machinery, wildlife and other sights unique to the harbor provide a fascinating sightseeing adventure. The port tour is approximately two (2) hours.

Friday, February 8, 2008

7:45 am to 8:15 am **Continental Breakfast (Second Floor Foyer)**

8:15 am to 9:45 am **Plenary Session**

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8:15 am to 9:45 am **How is California Addressing Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Transportation Planning? (General Session) (Renaissance I, II, V)**

Global warming issues is becoming an ever increasing factor is transportation planning decisions. The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (commonly referred to as AB 32) is a large step forward to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from a wide range of sources in this State. This panel will provide an overview of the transportation related greenhouse gas sources, how the State of California is attempting to reduce these emission levels and how it has impacted the regional transportation planning process in several regions of California.

Moderator: Garth Hopkins, California Department of Transportation

- Reza Navai, California Department of Transportation
- Sandra Goldberg, Attorney Generals Office
- Brian Holland, San Diego Association of Governments

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

10:00 am to 11:30 am **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1 **You Are The Future of Planning (Renaissance III)**

Continuing education and membership in professional organizations are excellent ways to advance your career in planning. Learn about the valuable advantages of joining APA or WTS, including career related programs, alumni networks, job banks and other information and services that support and advance the profession of planning. If continuing your education is important to you, whether your goal is a Masters Degree, a certificate program or simply remaining current in planning laws and regulations, hear from professionals in three continuing education programs that will allow you to further your education on your own timetable.

Moderator: Chris Hatfield, California Department of Transportation

- Peter J. Haas, Mineta Transportation Institute
- Catherine L. Showalter, University of California Los Angeles Extension Public Policy Program
- Katie Eastham, Parson's Brinkerhoff
- Nancy Barker, University of California Davis Extension, Land Use and Natural Resources
- Kurt Christiansen, California Chapter of the American Planning Association

**Session 2 Addressing Response to Wide Scale Emergencies in Regional Plans
(Renaissance I, II, V)**

The latest federal regulations require regional transportation planning agencies to address transportation safety and security issues throughout the planning process. This panel will discuss current wide scale emergency planning at both the state and regional level and how these issues should be addressed in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Moderator: Garth Hopkins, California Department of Transportation

- Brian Michael Jenkins, Mineta Transportation Institute
- Donald Pinegar, Governor's Office of Emergency Services
- Radiah Taylor Victor, Metropolitan Transportation Commission

11:30 am to noon Closing Plenary Session (Renaissance I, II, V)

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