

Infrastructure Finance Conference, October 28th
Transportation Track

8:00 am: ***Why is Contact Sensitive Solutions/Contact Sensitive Design (CSS/CSD) so important? What's in it for you and your community?***

Information needed to successfully complete the CSS / CSD process – case studies from around the state.

Speakers: invited – Bill Hutchinson – NMDOT; Community leader(s)...

10:30 am: ***Transportation Funding Outlook. What does the future hold for State and federal transportation legislation? What action is the Legislature and Congress expected to take to assure the viability of our transportation system? What will you need to know to assure that our transportation needs will be addressed?***

Speaker: Representative – Pat Oliver-Wright, NMDOT - Planning Director;
Representative - FHWA,

1:30 pm: ***Future funding focus on sustainable design – Planning for and Designing Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure***

Emerging global concerns regarding climate change, energy use, environmental impacts, and limits to financial resources for transportation infrastructure requires that we take a new and different approach to planning and design of transportation solutions. Most of the current transportation infrastructure was developed based on guidelines that emphasize vehicle mobility and safety and minimizing short-term upfront capital costs, with less consideration given to social and environmental aspects. Also, solutions to travel needs usually focused upon expanding capacity rather than addressing demand management and operational efficiency.

This presentation identifies a two-step framework for developing sustainable transportation solutions and infrastructure. By defining sustainability in a broader context, a case is made for reviewing a broader range of solutions to enhance the sustainability of transportation infrastructure. Step-1 is to consider the full range of demand management, system efficiency, and infrastructure capacity solutions should be considered for addressing mobility needs. When infrastructure solutions are selected to meet mobility needs, Step-2 is to develop the projects in more sustainable ways by aligning to five broad objectives: Reduce Energy Consumption; Reduce Consumption of Material Resources; Reduce Impacts to Environmental Resources; Support Healthy Urban Communities; and Support Sustainability During Implementation.

Guidelines for assessing sustainable options for transportation infrastructure projects will be discussed along with key challenges facing the widespread adoption of these principles. Considering and assessing sustainable options will allow meeting mobility needs in a manner that is more beneficial to people, communities, the economy and the environment.

Speakers: Tim Bevan, P.E., CH2M HILL

3:00 pm: **The Role of the RPO in Transportation Planning**

Who are they? Where are they located? How they can help you to access Transportation dollars for your projects. This session will emphasize Regional Transportation Program Recommendations (RTIPR), Regional Long Range Plan (RPRP) and local government, tribal government and public involvement in the transportation planning process.

Speaker: RPO Planners from around the state