

## AMPO PLANNING TOOLS & TRAINING SYMPOSIUM

### MOBILE WORKSHOP

*Hosted by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments*

St. Louis City has enjoyed the boom and wealth of being a transportation, trade, and manufacturing center. It has also endured significant suburbanization, the largest investment of Urban Renewal funds in the United States, and loss of national prominence.

Join us for a walking tour and discussion of the development and transportation history of the City of St. Louis as highlighted by a handful of singular sites and projects. See the remaining elements of the original wharf mercantile hub, the adjacent national monument grounds, the iconic Eads Bridge and MetroLink, and the recent park extension over Interstate 44, connecting the waterfront to downtown.

5:45pm Meet in the hotel lobby (**Stop 1**).

6pm Hear a brief orientation on the route of the walking tour.

6:10pm Depart for Laclede's Landing.

Stop at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Avenue (**Stop 2**).

Learn about the Mansion House development and Interstate separating downtown from the river. Discuss the alignment of the Eads Bridge and the Washington Avenue garment district.

Next, enter Laclede's Landing to see remnants of the commercial hub. Discuss the development patterns and architectural significance (**Stop 3**).

Then, walk to Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard (**Stop 4**) to learn about the history, significance, and constraint of the Eads Bridge on the development of the city, and its evolved role in the transportation system.

The tour will then head south to Arch Grounds.

7pm Walk the north arch grounds to top of the central steps (**Stop 5**). Learn about the history of the site – City founding, original downtown, deterioration, urban renewal, and development of the national monument. Hear about the current arch grounds project and efforts to better connect to downtown. Look east across the river and discuss the relevance and history of East St. Louis in the region.

7:20pm Depart for park bridge over the highway (**Stop 6**).

7:30pm Discuss the bridge and formal urbanism of the arch grounds, old courthouse, and mall.

7:45pm Arrive back at the hotel lobby.

Note: the route distance is about 1.4 miles and includes steps, inclines, and areas of rough pavement.

