FHWA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM ROUNDTABLE

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Brief Overview and Purpose

- Why are we here?
- What would we like from you?
- How will we use the information gathered today?
TPCB Program Purpose

• **Goals**
  – Strengthen understanding of the Federally-defined transportation planning process
  – Build skills, knowledge
    • Experienced and newer organizations
  – Disseminate best practices

• **How do we meet these goals?**
  – Website
  – Training
  – Peer Exchanges
TPCB Program Purpose

- Is the program still meeting your needs?
- What we want to accomplish today
  - What are we doing well?
  - What do we need to do better?
- How today’s information and input will be used
  - Improvements to website
  - Technical Assistance/Training
  - Strategic/Targeted Stakeholder Engagement
Mission, Goals and Objectives

• The Transportation Planning Capacity Building (TPCB) Program is designed to help decision makers, transportation officials, and staff resolve the increasingly complex issues they face when addressing transportation needs in their communities. This comprehensive program for training, technical assistance, and support targets State, local, regional, and Tribal governments, transit operators, and community leaders.
Focus for Today’s Session

• Engage with critical partners and stakeholders that have utilized the program and/or benefitted from the program
• Discuss the current TPCB program’s mission and focus – and receive feedback from partners and stakeholders regarding the alignment of the TPCB mission/focus with current practitioner needs
• Discuss emerging planning trends and topics, along with recommendations for capacity building efforts to address these challenges
• Share and discuss TPCB efforts underway: update of website, current trends and activities affecting transportation planning
Brief Agenda

• Overview of TPCB Program and Goals
• Guided Exercise- Feedback Carousel
  – Planning Topics
  – Technical Assistance Activities and Peer Exchanges
  – MPO Challenges
• Live Demo of TPCB Website
• Open Discussion and Feedback
How Can We Help You?

• Current challenges in the MPO community
• Emerging Hot Topics/Risk Areas
• Peer Programs
• Resources Utilized by your organization
• Research Completed/Research Needs
• Other Thoughts
What resources and/or tools have you utilized from FHWA in the past?

- Peer Exchange hosts and peers
- Scenario Planning
- EDC Initiatives
- Megaregions research and workshops
- TPEA Awards
- INVEST
- SHRP2 IAP recipients
- Resiliency Pilots
- Expert Task Groups
- Case studies and best practices
GUIDED EXERCISE: FEEDBACK CAROUSEL

Facilitated by:
Sharon Chan Edmiston and Patrick Welch
US DOT Volpe Center
TPCB WEBSITE UPGRades: LIVE DEMO AND WALK THROUGH

Facilitated by:
Reena Mathews, Transportation Specialist
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OPEN DISCUSSION