
Sustainable Transportation: On the Road to Better Communities

July 21 – 22, 2010
The Hotel Viking
Newport, Rhode Island



Agenda

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Dinner Reception**

6:30 pm – 6:35 pm **Welcome**

Mary Brooks Beatty
President, Women In Government

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm **Welcoming Remarks**

The Honorable Roy W. Kienitz (INVITED)
Under Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation

Thursday, July 22, 2010

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast**

9:00 am – 9:10 am **Welcoming Remarks**

Mary Brooks Beatty
President, Women In Government

9:10 am – 9:40 am

Keynote Address: Innovations in European Union Transportation Policy

Brian Simpson, MEP

Chair, Committee for Transport and Tourism
European Parliament

Transportation plays a critical role in people's lives and in creating jobs and economic growth. A leader in developing high-speed rail and sustainability, the European Union Transport and Tourism Committee continues to pursue innovations in sustainable transportation policies that create better communities across Europe. What can we learn from them?

Q&A – 10 minutes

9:40 am – 10:30 am

Sustainable Transportation: It's About People, Not Concrete and Steel

John Robert Smith

President and CEO
Reconnecting America

Barbara McCann

Executive Director
National Complete Streets Coalition

Integrating transportation networks can create energy efficiency and better mobility, but it also adds value to the local community, economy and public health. Sustainable transportation policies spur affordable housing and economic development, encourage healthier lifestyles, and enhance pedestrian and school zone safety.

Q&A – 10 minutes

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Morning Break

10:45 am – 11:30 am **Setting State Transportation Priorities – Federal, State Regulatory and State Legislative Roles**

Michael Sanders

Connecticut Department of Transportation

The federal government provides more than \$50 billion a year to the states for national infrastructure, allowing states to set priorities and objectives. How these priorities are set differs from state to state, but cooperation is essential. The session will provide an overview of the importance of this funding to states and how state legislatures and state agencies can work together to guide priorities for spending these funds.

Q&A – 10 minutes

11:30 am – 12:15 pm **The Roadmap: Opportunities for Sustainable Transportation Through Legislation**

Annie Finkenbinder

Program Associate

Reconnecting America

Sean Slone

Policy Analyst

Council of State Governments

While transportation agencies implement initiatives, state legislators play a vital role in setting the direction for transportation policy. In this session we will discuss specific examples of legislatures that are leading their states toward more sustainable transportation choices.

Q&A – 10 minutes

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm **Networking Lunch**

1:15 pm – 1:45 pm **Can You Give Me a Lift? Strategies for Commuter Transportation**

Julie Bond

Senior Research Associate
Center for Urban Transportation Research
College of Engineering, University of South Florida

By supporting and funding programs for emergency rides home, ridematching, public transportation, bicycling, and telework, states can mitigate congestion, improve air quality, and enhance quality of life and worker satisfaction. What can state legislators do to support these programs?

Q&A – 10 minutes

1:45 pm – 2:15 pm **Sustainable Communities: More Than Brick and Mortar**

Ellen Dunham-Jones, AIA

Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology
Co-author of *Retrofitting Suburbia*

If one could design a sustainable community, what would it look like and how would the planning process work? Integrating architecture, infrastructure, and transportation can reinvigorate communities and revitalize the economy. How can states work with communities to foster sustainable design and planning?

Q&A – 10 minutes

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm **Land Use and Compact Development**

Smart growth projects may have originally started in response to growing environmental and traffic congestion concerns, but increasingly public health officials are recognizing the interconnected benefits of sustainable transportation and compact growth. This session will feature policy options that promote healthy communities and reduce reliance on driving.

Q&A – 10 minutes

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Connecting All the Parts: Good Transportation Networks Mean Good Jobs

In today's global marketplace, being able to move products efficiently makes the difference in maintaining a competitive edge. Businesses – and workers – often make decisions to locate in a state based on whether it has a strong transportation system. Freight and railroad networks can also play a vital role in economic development, road safety and environmental conservation. What can state legislators do to support integrated transit systems and spur economic development?

Q&A – 10 minutes

3:00 pm – 3:05 pm

Wrap Up & Adjourn

Mary Brooks Beatty

President, Women In Government
