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43rd Annual Conference and Exhibition – Denver, CO
Transportation and Evacuation Planning Workshop
June 1, 2009 – 9am-12pm

In cooperation with the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) will explore the impacts data collection, analysis and implementation have on cross-linking transportation-evacuation planning work at the federal, regional and local levels. NARC, FHWA and its participating members and partners will create a general baseline for data collection and tools that informs transportation-evacuation planning and execution on the local and regional levels. The workshop in general will explore answering a variety of questions that feed into transportation and evacuation planning process, including:

- What are the available federal data and data tools? How are they used at the regional level for planning purposes?
- How and what data is compiled at the federal, local and regional levels?
- How will the next census impact this data?
- What are the best practices/replicable methods for regional data collection, analysis and implementation?

Moderator: **Hon. Patti Kay-Clapper**, Commissioner, Pitkin County, Colorado

Panel I: Federal Resources and Tools

Robin Smith, *Transportation Planner, FHWA, Office of Planning* will address how FHWA can serve as a resource in assessing and collecting data available through the federal government.

Jeremy Wu, Ph.D., *Manager/Assistant Division Chief, U.S. Census Bureau* will demonstrate the Census Bureau's Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) and Local Employment Dynamics (LED) as data tools for regional councils and local governments to use in informing their transportation and evacuation planning process with in-depth employment and job information.

Panel II: Regional Examples and Activities

Scott Kellar, *Homeland Security Coordinator, North Central Colorado All-Hazards Region* will explain how his region undertook creating a multi-jurisdictional transportation-evacuation plan – the successes, challenges and data needs.

Marlene Nagel, *Director of Community Development, Mid-America Regional Council* will discuss how their joint planning, communications and collaboration is assisted by collecting and using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data through a regional server.

Walter Diggles, *Executive Director, Deep East Texas Council of Governments* will detail the \$4 million dollar grant his organization received from FEMA to create a pilot Regional Hurricane Response project for development of a Hurricane/Disaster Recovery Model, which includes the various elements necessary for long term recovery prior to and immediately following a catastrophic event.

Bob Hamm, *Senior Transportation Planner, Wilbur Smith Associates* will describe the Florida Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program (SRESP) – the role the regional councils are playing in this effort and how and what data is being collected, analyzed and implemented to inform transportation and evacuation planning at the regional and local levels.

Colby Brown, PTP, *Training Director, Citilabs* will discuss his experiences in building an evacuation model with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, particularly focusing on the types of data used in the model and other types of data that would be applicable when building similar models.

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