

EXECUTIVE BRIEF

To make NARC and its publications easier to navigate, you will notice a new look and feel; going forward communications will be email and/or web based. Click around this eRegions and you will find it interactive. We are also offering Transportation Thursdays, The Washington Daily, and The Washington Weekly updates—you can subscribe or unsubscribe by contacting lindsey@narc.org. Your staff and elected officials can also receive these updates—just tell us who.

We are happy to announce the [Mentor Exchange](#).



If you are a seasoned professional who desires to help your colleagues or are new director or staff member needing on-going assistance you can register here by clicking on the logo above. We know this addition to our growing list of member services adds value to your membership and expands opportunities of professionals in regional practice.

Two good friends of NARC, Barbara Goodwin of the [Council of Fresno County Governments](#) and Doug Taylor of the [Western Piedmont Council of Governments](#), have announced retirements. We sincerely wish them the best and thank them for all they have done for regionalism and NARC.

Erika and I participated in the [American Association of Port Authorities Partners in Planning Conference](#) in San Diego (co-sponsored by NARC). We are excited by the receptiveness of our modal partners to engage and how we can continue to work to serve meet our transportation needs. Presentations and materials will be available from the [AAPA website](#).

I also spoke at the [Ohio Leadership Forum](#) sponsored by [MORPC](#). It was an honor to be included in an agenda with Senator George Voinovich, ODOT Secretary James Beasley, Jack Schenendorf, and other distinguished speakers in supporting our regions. Thank you to MORPC for the invitation.



I hope you are all coming to Des Moines. We believe



(and with thanks to our planning committee) you will find this event highly informative and engaging. We

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The focus of our 2008 Annual Conference and Exhibition will be innovative funding and finance. At the NCR, we discussed the unsustainable nature of funding for infrastructure, social programs, and general revenue for local and state governments. We understand that our regions and your constituents need a new paradigm to secure our future. In Des Moines, we will discuss how states and regions (urban and rural) are responding to fiscal uncertainty and how to better engage the private sector across all program areas.

Early-bird registration ends on Monday, March 31st. [Register Today!](#)

NARC Awards: Nominations for General Achievement or Leadership Awards must be received no later than April 18th.

Elections: We are now accepting nominations for both Board elections and the Executive Directors Council. Nominations for the EDC must be received no later than May 15th.

[Board Elections Information](#) [Executive Director Nomination Information](#)
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HOMELAND SECURITY BRIEF

NARC Board Members, Commissioner Patti Clapper (NARC Region XIII) and Commissioner Dave Danielson (NARC Region I) Submit Applications to the FEMA National Advisory Council. For additional details, visit [NARC's website](#).

DHS Releases Grant Application Guidance for Over \$3 Billion in Programs. [Click here to access the guidance.](#)

Overview of FY2009 Presidential Budget Request for Homeland Security. [Click here for the details.](#)

DEVELOPMENT BRIEF

Toledo Blade: Ohio Again Tops National Development List. For the second year in a row, Ohio has the most economic development projects. [Click here for the complete article.](#)

The Reinvestment Fund releases report, "Creativity and Neighborhood Development: Strategies for Community Investment." For more information about

committee) you will find this event highly informative and engaging. We have a fantastic group of sessions and Tom Kane and the [Des Moines Area MPO](#) (our host) are excited to have us.

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Overview of FY2009 Presidential Budget Request for Economic & Community Development. [Click here for the details](#).

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Federal Railroad Administration Launches New Intercity Passenger Rail Service Grant Program. For the latest information about this grant opportunity, [visit FRA's website](#).

NARC joins representatives of the aviation community in calling on the Senate to make FAA reauthorization a priority for this year. [Click here to access the letter](#).

Overview of FY2009 Presidential Budget Request for Transportation. [Click here for the details](#).

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MWCOG Releases: *National Capital Region: Best Practices and Policies to Reduce Greenhouse Gases*. For additional information about the publication, [visit MWCOG's website](#).

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Chairman Dingell Releases Climate Change White Paper. To view the white paper, [visit the Committee's website](#).

Overview of FY2009 Presidential Budget Request for Energy and the Environment. [Click here for the details](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 28: The Transportation Research Board will be hosting a free webinar entitled, “*Climate Change, Impacts on US Transportation, and Adaptation Strategies*.” For additional information and registration, [visit TRB's website](#).

April 8-11: 2008 National Fair Housing Policy Conference will be held in Atlanta, GA. Additional information and to register for this free event, [visit the conference website](#).

April 9-11: Regional Economic Models, Inc will host a seminar, “Regions as Building Blocks of the Global Economy” in NJ, MD, and DE. For additional information or to register online, [visit REMI's website](#).

May 18-21: The National Roundabout Conference will be held in Kansas City, MO with more than 300 people expected to attend. Program, hotel, and registration information is available by [visiting the event website](#).

May 22: US Secretary of Commerce, Carlos M. Gutierrez will host the 2008 National Summit on American Competitiveness. For additional information about the summit, [visit the American Competitiveness' website](#).

September 16-18: Mark your calendars! TMACOG will be hosting the 2008 Ohio Conference on Freight. Information about the conference is available on [TMACOG's website](#).

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