

MAP-21 Implementation Roundtable

Sacramento, California - January 28, 2013

Hosted by the National Association of Regional Councils

- 10:45 am** **Welcome, Introductions and Overview**
NARC staff will welcome participants, describe the structure of the meeting and goals for the discussion. Staff will also update participants on federal efforts and discussions regarding MAP-21 implementation efforts.
- 11:00 am** **Metropolitan and Statewide Planning**
What is the California perspective on the new planning requirements? And how do they related to existing state requirements? What are the state issues related to new board structures for TMAs, new roles for transit, the role for local elected officials, and increased recognition for RTPOs? What are the concerns (or opportunities) related to the new performance-based planning requirements, what are the challenges exist for those above and below 200 thousand population, among other topics.
- 12:00 pm** **Distribution of Federal Funding**
What is the state experience to date in allocating the new federal transportation funding streams? What kind of considerations are being taken as this process continues? How are your regions and state Departments of Transportation addressing traditional set-aside funding for programs in the new performance-based federal transportation mindset? What challenges are emerging as a result?
- 12:30 pm** **30-Minute Break** *(Boxed lunches will be provided.)*
- 1:00 pm** **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality**
Regions will discuss their main air quality challenges. What kind of issues exist in larger areas (more than one million) with the new Congestion Performance Plans? How do the new plan requirements to existing Congestion Mitigation Plans? (e.g., for and cost-effectiveness). Additionally, all regions will discuss the new prioritized role for PM 2.5 and other pollutants.
- 1:30 pm** **Surface Transportation Program**
What are the issues related to the increased STP eligibilities and sub-allocation of federal funds? In addition, a specific focus on the relationship between performance based planning and set-aside programs, like the off-system bridge program and what challenges and opportunities exist to address the goals and requirements.
- 2:15 pm** **15-Minute Break**
- 2:30 pm** **Transportation Alternatives**
This session will provide regions an opportunity to discuss the newly-created Transportation Alternatives program in depth. This discussion can include the decision of the state to opt-out of the program, How the newly created competitions are influencing your relationships with relevant stakeholder groups? What are the effects of the new FHWA guidelines for California? What changes would you recommend in subsequent.
- 3:00 pm** **Freight Policy**
MAP-21 created a new defined role for freight policy and stakeholders, but it did not give a direct role for MPOs. This session is intended to give regions an opportunity to discuss how the process to create state freight advisory committees is progressing and also how MPOs and RPOs are being included in this process. In addition, how are MPOs and RPOs working with their local governments to adhere to the regional transportation process and any specific freight plans or projects therein?
- 3:30 pm** **NHPP and Safety**
This session will examine the impact of the expanded National Highway System and how this expansion impacts the ability of MPOs and RPOs to plan and program projects on these assets. This session will also provide regions an opportunity to discuss the relationship between NHPP funding and performance-based planning. Additionally, this session will give regions the opportunity to discuss their roles in the Highway Safety Improvement Program development and update.
- 4:00 pm** **Open Discussion**
This session is designed to allow regions to revisit a topic either not covered with enough time or address a topic not yet covered.
- 4:30 pm** **Concluding Remarks and Follow-Up**



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