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CONGRESS BRIEF

Opposition Launched Against Privatizing Air Traffic Control System

As debate begins over reauthorization of federal air programs, with a bill to be released in February, privatization of the nation's air traffic control (ATC) system is sure to be a controversial topic. A new organization – Americans Against Air Traffic Privatization – held a conference call yesterday attended by Representatives Elijah Cummings (D-MD) and Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) during which they indicated they had **130,000 signatures garnered through an online poll** opposing any move to privatize the ATC system. The group is made up of liberal advocacy groups and is intended to counter **calls from Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) to privatize the nation's ATC.**

ADMINISTRATION BRIEF

Applying Safety Data and Analysis to Performance-Based Transportation Planning

A new FHWA e-guidebook provides information on the use of safety data and analysis tools in performance-based transportation planning for MPOs and state DOTs. This guidebook will help state and regional transportation planners determine their safety data needs, questions to consider, and opportunities to use the data and analysis to inform planning and programming decisions.

With a Year Left, U.S. Transportation Secretary Sets New Goals

Secretary Foxx added two locally-focused goals that resonate with him personally for the last year of the Obama Administration. As the former mayor of Charlotte, NC, Foxx wants to help cities receive more federal transportation money directly rather than through states. He also hopes to improve communities that have highways, railways, and airports cutting through them resulting in lower

housing standards and available services.

REGIONS BRIEF

California to Test Taxing Drivers by the Mile

This summer, California will launch a nine-month pilot program for 5,000 drivers to test taxing vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Participants will track their mileage in one of five ways, using existing technology such as a smartphone or vehicle odometer. The study will be used to create a set of recommendations for California legislators.

JOBS

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Transportation Planning Manager

Central Arizona Governments, Apache Junction, AZ

Research Analyst III

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, Cleveland, OH

Manager of Research

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, Cleveland, OH

Services Coordination Mentor

Alamo Area Council of Governments, San Antonio, TX

Transportation Engineer/Planner

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Detroit, MI

OPPORTUNITIES

[View full list of grants and events!](#)

FTA ADA Circular Training: ADA & Paratransit

February 3, 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET

This session will discuss ADA complementary paratransit. It will address service requirements related to paratransit service criteria, capacity constraints, and trip reservations. For eligibility, it will look at types of eligibility, the eligibility process, and no-show policies.

(SRFreight) NPMRDS Quarterly Webinar

February 10, 1:00 – 3:00 PM ET

The National Performance Management Research Data Set (NPMRDS) is the probe data that FHWA uses internally for passenger and freight analysis and is made available to states and MPOs. FHWA and its contractors will provide an overview of the probe data set, demonstrate data applications, and respond to technical assistance questions. This webinar is open to U.S. DOT, state DOT, MPO, academic, and private sector participants.

TMIP Webinar: introduction to GreenSTEP, the RSPM, and Related Strategic Planning Models

February 11, 2:00 – 4:00 PM ET

This is the first of three webinars on the GreenSTEP and Regional Strategic Planning Model (RSPM). GreenSTEP is an open-source model that was developed at the Oregon DOT to enable state planners and policy makers to analyze the effects of alternative strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. RSPM was developed from GreenSTEP to model metropolitan areas. These models operate in the middle ground between advanced travel demand models and simpler sketch planning tools. This webinar will focus on the motivation for building the GreenSTEP model and the policy issues it was built to analyze, design overview and major features, other related models and more.

Inclusive Transportation Planning Grants

Application deadline: March 18

Your organization can now apply for a new round of ACL-funded demonstration grants. The grants seek to make transportation more responsive to the needs of people with disabilities and older adults by giving consumers a voice in the design and implementation of coordinated transportation systems.

Survey Opportunity: Employment Data for Planning

Do you use ACS, QCEW, Census Transportation Planning Products, or other data sources for planning, modelling, or policy? The National Cooperative Highway Research Program is asking for your insights on how and when you use employment data. Your responses to this survey will help us all better understand how and when to use employment data. This survey is being performed to develop a resource guide for transportation professionals. This guide will provide information on the best data sources for specific purposes, frequently asked data questions, and a library of examples of innovative applications of employment data.

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