

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) is organizing the 2nd Annual Border to Border Transportation Conference. The conference is scheduled for November 18-20, 2008 at the McAllen Convention Center, McAllen, Texas. The speakers do not need to pay the \$75 registration fee to attend the conference. If you are interested in being a speaker, please email as soon as possible to mchampine@hcmpo.org your name, title, organization, contact information and theme & topic name along with a brief description of your paper. The paper/presentation and your biography will not be due until November 5, 2008. Should there be any questions or comments, please do not hesitate in contacting Maria Champine at (956) 969-5778 or (956) 279-7909. For more information, please visit our website at www.hcmpo.org/conference.

Theme: Freight Transportation

Topics for Consideration:

- Enhancing Freight Movements through MPO Boundaries & Beyond
- Global Freight Trends
- Freight Data Collection
- Integrating Freight into Transportation
- International Rail Road Project(s)
- National Freight Initiatives
- Integrating Freight & Travel Model

Theme: Land Use

Topics for Consideration:

- Scenario Planning and the Role of Visualization
- Getting Involved in Land Use Decisions at the MPO Level
- Travel Demand Forecasting with Land Use Allocations

Theme: Multi-Modal

Topics for Consideration:

- Effectively Integrating all Transportation Modes into your Planning
- Walkable Communities
- Bike Friendly Communities

Theme: Transit

Topics for Consideration:

- Incorporating Transit into Your Plans
- Development & Incorporating Bus Rapid Transit
- How to Motivate Communities to Support & Ride Public Transportation
- Regional Public Transportation Coordination

Theme: Regionalism

Topics for Consideration:

- Working Through the Political and Competitive Struggles inherent to the Regional Approach
- MPO effectiveness at the regional level – metropolitan authorities and more

Theme: International Planning

Topics for Consideration:

- Cooperative Efforts at International Borders
- Cross Border Transportation & Infrastructure
- Bi-National Transportation Planning Perspective (Canada, Mexico & US)
- Bi-National Initiatives (Canada, Mexico & US)
- Bi-National Coordination Efforts
- Border Planning for Southern & Northern Borders
- Bi-National Initiatives
- Emergency Management Coordination (Canada, Mexico & US)

Theme: International Business

Topics for Consideration:

- International Business on the Borders (Canada, Mexico & US)
- Collaborative Marketing Efforts
- Border Trade

Theme: International Border Crossing

Topics for Consideration:

- Border Crossing Improvements
- Border Crossing Improvements (Canada, Mexico & US)
- Regional Cross Border ITS Coordination
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Theme: GIS

Topics for Consideration:

- Tools & Technology
- Visualization Technology & Applications
- Mapping Accident Data & Use of GIS Application
- Census & Demographics
- Linking NEPA and Planning
- Vehicle Classification Data
- Travel Time
- Transportation Data Management
- Travel Demand Modeling

Theme: Safety

Topics for Consideration:

- Overview of Safety Initiatives (Canada, Mexico & US)
- Border Accident Prevention Activities
- Strategic Safety Plan
- Safety Corridor Initiatives
- Border Emergency Response



- Incorporating Traffic Safety Planning Program
- Transportation Safety Project Implementation

Theme: Finance

Topics for Consideration:

- Decreased Reliance on Federal Funds – Creative Finance
- Understanding Future Financial Needs at all Levels
- Financing Techniques Guide for Border Project Sponsors
- Potential Private & Public Partnership
- Funding and Agreement Coordination Program Area

Theme: Next Transportation Bill

Topics for Consideration:

- AMPO's Preparation for Next Transportation Bill
- National Surface Transportation Policy & Revenue Study Commission
- Transit Legislative Agenda

Theme: Integrating Technology & Studies

Topics for Consideration:

- Technology Integration
- Congestion Management Process
- Transportation System Management

