

*Every other year since 1987*, hundreds of transportation planners from around the county and abroad have gathered to celebrate their successes, lament their challenges, and share their experiences at TRB's National Transportation Planning Applications Conference (<u>www.trbappcon.org</u>).

The conference committee invites you to not only attend but participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> conference next spring (May 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2017) in Raleigh, North Carolina. The success of the conference depends on planners and engineers like you sharing your stories! Therefore, the conference committee is soliciting abstracts on any policy, procedural or technical transportation planning topic including but not limited to:

- Air Quality and Climate Change Modeling and Planning
- Travel Forecasting for Transit Planning
- Integrated Transportation-Land Use Modeling and Planning
- Planning and Modeling for Biking and Walking
- Travel Demand Modeling Validation, Application, and Analysis
- Planning and Forecasting for Tolling and Public Private Partnerships
- Incorporating GIS in Transportation Planning
- Transportation Data Collection and Management – Surveys, Counts and More
- Measuring and Planning for Livability, Sustainability, & Environmental Justice
- Freight Planning, Modeling, and Non-Freight Commercial Vehicle Issues

- Consideration of Automated and Connected Vehicles/New Technologies in Transportation Planning
  - Experiences and Innovations in Environmental, Corridor, and Other Project Studies
  - Planning for Management and Operations, ITS, and Traffic Microsimulation
  - Statewide Modeling and Planning
  - Public Involvement for Successful Projects and Visioning for Long Range Transportation Planning
  - Applications of "Big Data" in Transportation Planning and Analysis
  - Performance Based Planning and Programming
  - Performance Measures Indicators, Process, Tools, and Application / Implementation
  - Data Visualization for Planning, Operations, Public Outreach, and More

The conference will feature presentations chosen from abstract submittals that offer practical and innovative solutions to contemporary planning challenges. Please submit your abstracts of 350 words or less online at **www.trbappcon.org** prior to midnight on **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2016**. Graphics may be included for data visualization abstracts **only**. Each graphic counts for 50 words towards the 350 word limit.

When submitting, please identify a general topic from the list above as well as a session type(s) that would be a good fit for the presentation. The session types include 20 minute podium presentations, shorter 5 to 10 minute lightning talks, and panel/discussion sessions.

Authors of accepted abstracts are encouraged but not required to prepare a complete paper. The abstract, presentation and paper will be posted online after the conference. Authors with best papers from the conference may be invited to re-present their paper in a session at the next TRB annual meeting.

Also, the conference committee is soliciting 1-page proposals on ideas related to tools, tutorials and training that will be considered for workshop and/or discussion sessions. Please submit proposals as well as questions regarding abstract submittal to Liza Amar, Conference Technical Chair at <u>TechChair.AppsConf@gmail.com</u>.