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CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS/PAPERS

For a Conference/workshop Sponsored by the Transportation Research Board (TRB)

Best Practices:

Coordination of Transit, Regional Transportation Planning and Land Use;

Date and Location: **Denver, August 26-28, 2007**

Co-sponsors for the Conference include:

- The U.S. Federal Transit Administration
- The Center for Transit Oriented Development
- The American Public Transportation Association
- TRB Committees:
 - Public Transportation Planning and Development (APO25)
 - Bus Transit Systems (AP050)
 - Major Activity Center Circulation Systems (APO40)
 - Transportation Planning for Small and Medium Sized Communities (ADA30)
 - Transportation and Land Development (ADD30)
 - Transportation Programming, Planning and Systems evaluation (ADA50)
 - Metropolitan Policy, Planning, and Processes (ADA20)

In recent years, there have been many efforts to increase transit's role in an integrated transportation and land use system, including: smart growth, regional transportation visioning, sustainable transportation, new urbanism, transit-oriented development, healthy community planning, etc. These efforts are all part of creating "**Transit Regions**" –**areas where transit is a key element of the future**. Although there are some successful examples, the promise of these activities is often unfulfilled. It is clear that much still needs to be done to promote more active participation by transit systems in regional transportation planning and land use decision making. TRB is sponsoring a specialty conference that would bring together experts to share experiences that lead to successful efforts to involve transit in the metropolitan planning process and land use decisions. The conference will include presentations of best practices as well as opportunities to discuss ideas with others in workshops. Potential topics include:

- **Successful Transit Involvement in Regional Planning Processes**
 - Transit Regions – How to make transit a comprehensive part of a regional future
 - Active transit involvement in metropolitan transportation planning processes and the MPO (this has been the focus of a recent FTA study entitled "Transit at the Table")
 - Successes in integrating transportation and regional land use planning
 - Efforts to develop community-based visioning efforts that integrate transit and land use
 - Transit-supportive smart growth
 - Relationships between land use densities, policies and transit cost effectiveness.
 - Transit-supportive land use policies, zoning requirements and procedures
 - Engagement of local officials in transit-supportive planning
 - Travel demand model improvements sensitive to micro-scale land use factors
- **Successful Transit and Land-Use Initiatives**
 - Transit involvement in conventional development and low density suburbs.
 - Transit planning in areas the are 'transit unfriendly'
 - Transit agency involvement in the land use decision making process at municipalities
 - Innovations – complete streets, transit boulevards, others?
 - Transit overlay districts created to support new transit infrastructure
 - Financial incentive programs for transit-supportive livable communities
 - Transit-Oriented Development in practice
 - Development-Oriented Transit in practice
 - Engaging the developer community in transit-supportive development
 - Engaging the financial community in transit-supportive development
 - Transit-supportive design guidelines for developers
 - Operational constraints of transit services and their impact on land use
 - Coordination of transit access with trip generators
 - Financing new transit services warranted by new development

For more information, see: <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/CUTS/trb/conf/>

Please submit the abstract of about 100 words describing your presentation or paper by **January 17, 2007** to Brendon Hemily brendon.hemily@sympatico.ca and Edward Beimborn (beimborn@uwm.edu)