



North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
North Carolina Institute of Traffic Engineers
2009 NCAMPO Conference and NCSITE Annual Meeting

Call for Presentations



Conference: Nov. 4-6, 2009, downtown Raleigh
Proposal deadline: July 20, 2009

About the Conference/Annual Meeting

The North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NCAMPO) and North Carolina Institute of Traffic Engineers (NCSITE) will host a joint conference and annual meeting at the Sheraton in downtown Raleigh on November 5-7, 2009. The NCAMPO Conference and NCSITE annual meeting will attract a diverse range of transportation planning/engineering professionals to the Triangle area. The NCAMPO Conference and NCSITE annual meetings feature a comprehensive array of high quality technical sessions, special speakers, and timely agency updates. For 2009, we expect over 300 participants from municipal and county governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Rural Planning Organizations, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), the consultant community, university students and other organizations. Transportation planners, engineers, and consultants make up the core audience, and the conference is also of interest to transit administrators, elected officials, land-use planners, students, and others.

The conference is a great value, too. Registration costs and hotel rates are being finalized, but for budgeting purposes, we anticipate registration costs to be approximately \$95 for one-day and \$150 for the full program and a hotel cost of \$139/night, with a substantial discount for students. All presenters must register for the conference and pay the conference registration fee; being accepted as a presenter does not register you.

Most of the technical sessions will occur on November 6th, with two 90-minute time slots in the morning and two in the afternoon. Four sessions will run concurrently during each time slot, for a total of 16 sessions. Each session is typically 90 minutes and features three speakers and time for questions, so each presentation should be less than 30 minutes. Additionally, we plan to offer several mobile sessions throughout the conference.



The conference and annual meeting are presented by NCAMPO and NCSITE in cooperation with the NC Association of Rural Planning Organizations, and NCDOT. This year's conference host is the Capital Area MPO.

When available, more detailed conference information will be posted at www.campo-nc.us.

Proposal Guidelines

We are seeking presentation proposals for the conference's technical sessions. Your proposal should summarize the topic of your presentation and should be no more than one page in length. Please include a title, the topic (see below), and the name and organization of the presenter. E-mail your submissions to Diane Wilson at Diane.Wilson@ci.raleigh.nc.us by July 20th. We hope to notify you by mid August if your proposal has been selected.

Questions?

Contact Diane Wilson at Diane.Wilson@ci.raleigh.nc.us or (919)996-4404.

Suggested Topics

We are particularly interested in presentations related to the following topics, but we will also consider proposals on topics not listed here.

Linking land use and transportation: Balancing multimodal needs, scenario planning, innovative corridor plans

Best Practices: Successful planning and/or public involvement initiatives that involve some of the elements of other topics, MPO/RPO case studies and best practices not addressed by other topics, and new approaches to old problems.

Navigating the regulatory environment: Meeting new requirements of SAFETEA-LU, such as visualizations, or other relevant legislation, reauthorization

Finance: Public-private partnerships, legislative opportunities, local funding

Planning process: Regional planning and coordination, community involvement, political issues, planning for implementation

Technical methods: GIS, transportation models, and other tools to support planning and decision-making

Nonmotorized transportation: Bicycle and pedestrian planning and implementation

Public Transportation: Funding, coordinated planning, best practices, transit-oriented development

Environment: Air quality, public health, social issues/environmental justice

Design: Complete streets, context-sensitive solutions, innovative projects, safety, security

Freight: Congestion, ports, economics

Project development: Environmental study issues, permitting, stakeholder involvement, integration with the transportation systems planning process, and meeting community needs

State Transportation Issues: Statewide planning, strategic highway corridors, investment, and implementation

Traffic Engineering Issues: Roundabouts, innovative signal timing, all-way stops, traffic signal warrants, coordinating timing on pedestrian movements, neighborhood traffic management, feasibility studies, access management plans, parking studies