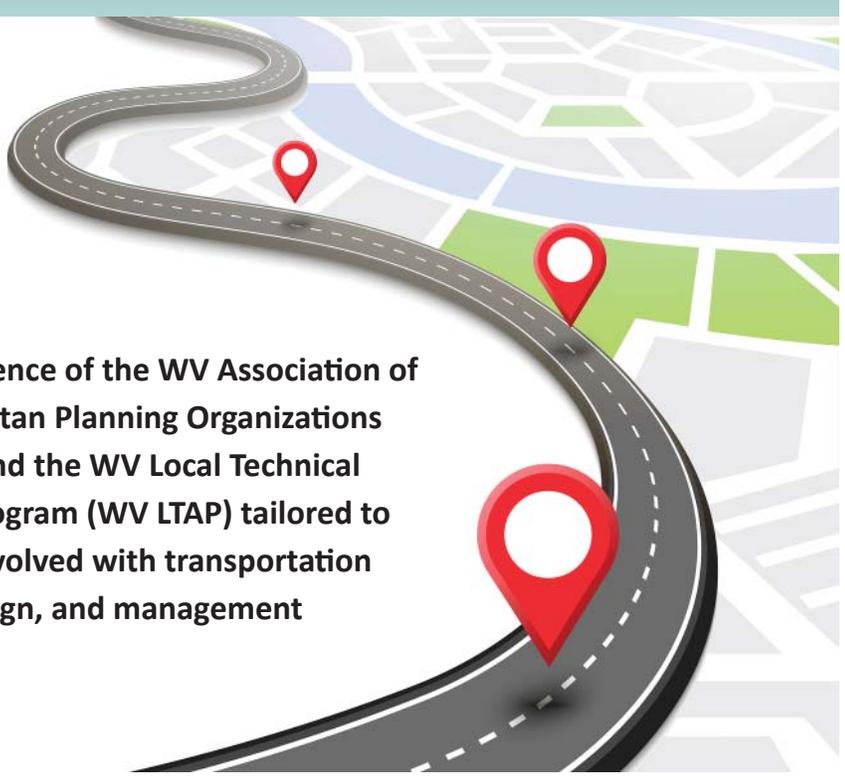


# Partnering for a Better Future

April 18 & 19, 2018

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## Agenda

### Day 1: Wednesday, April 18, 2018

**11:00 AM**      **Registration and Exhibits Open**

**1:00 PM**      **Welcome**

*Bill Kawecki, Mayor, City of Morgantown*  
*Edward E. Stephen, Division Administrator, FHWA-WV*

**1:30 PM**      **Panel and General Discussion of Our Roles and Available Services**

*Bill Austin, MMMPO; Perry Keller, WVDOH; and Andrew Morgan, WV LTAP*

**2:10 PM**      **Break (20 Minutes)**

**2:30 PM**      **General Session - Autonomous Vehicles: Are We Ready?**

*Andy Alden, Virginia Tech/I-81 Corridor Coalition*

Automation can be a tool for solving transportation problems such as improving safety, reducing and mitigating crashes, increasing mobility and accessibility, expanding capacity of roadway infrastructure, enhancing traffic flow dynamics, providing more personal mobility options for the disabled and aging population, reducing energy use and emissions, and improving traffic flow dynamics. The U.S. Department of Transportation is partnering with a broad coalition, including industry, academia, state and local governments, safety advocates, and transportation stakeholders to encourage the safe development, testing, and deployment of automated vehicle technology.

**3:00 PM**      **General Session - Safety Targets and the Strategic Highway Safety Plan**

*Pamela Beer, Cambridge Systematics, Inc.*

Federal law requires all states to develop, update, and evaluate a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) that identifies a state's most serious traffic safety problems and the strategies and actions to solve them. West Virginia used a data-driven, coordinated, collaborative approach involving federal, state, regional, and local safety professionals and stakeholders to develop the SHSP and reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries. In compliance with federal requirements, the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) developed specific safety targets for the number and rate of fatalities and serious injuries and the number of fatalities for non-motorized users (pedestrians and bicyclists).

**3:30 PM**      **General Session - Proven Safety Countermeasures**

*Shaneka Owens, FHWA*

In 2008, FHWA began promoting certain infrastructure-oriented safety treatments and strategies, chosen based on proven effectiveness and benefits, to encourage widespread implementation by state, tribal, and local transportation agencies to reduce serious injuries and fatalities on American highways. This became known as the *Proven Safety Countermeasures* initiative. This list of proven safety countermeasures has now reached a total of twenty treatments and strategies that practitioners can implement to successfully address roadway departure, intersection, and pedestrian and bicycle crashes. Among the twenty proven safety countermeasures are several crosscutting strategies that address multiple safety focus areas.

**4:00 PM**      **Day One of Conference Concludes**

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### Day 2: Thursday, April 19, 2018

**7:00 AM**      **Breakfast & Exhibits Open**

**8:00 AM**      **Breakout Sessions**

**1A. Asset Management on a State and Local Level:** *Billy Varney, WVDOH & Damien Davis, City of Morgantown*

Do you know how many signs you own and their condition? When is the last time your culverts were inspected? Where do you have missing or non-compliant curb ramps? Knowing what assets you have and documenting them can make the task of maintaining them more manageable. This session will look at the importance and good characteristics of an asset management plan, whether you are a state or local agency.

**1B. A District Level View of the Road Bond Implementation:** *Donny Williams, WVDOH*

With the recent increases in revenue through legislative and referendum actions, implementation of the *Roads to Prosperity Highway Program* is well underway. Learn how the “rubber meets the road” at the Division of Highways district level for project completion.

**9:00 AM**      **Breakout Sessions**

**2A. Extending the Life of Your Roads:** *John Zaniewski, WVU/WV LTAP*

Tackling pavement problems without a plan can be a losing battle. Resources are always limited and there never seems to be enough to address all of the needs. Partnering this with an approach that focuses on the worst roads, which have the costliest repairs, can lead to a growing problem as other roads continue to deteriorate. This session will discuss the key elements of a pavement preservation plan and how planning, merged with a variety of pavement treatment strategies, can stretch your dollars, extend the life of your roads, and increase the overall quality of your roadway network.

**2B. Resources to Make Your Community More Livable:** *Bill Austin, MMMPO and Chandra Inglis-Smith, FHWA*

This presentation will discuss Federal Highway Administration and other resources identifying how to accommodate both vehicular and pedestrian traffic in small communities impacted by a state highway. This presentation will focus on how improvements such as resurfacing projects can be designed in a manner that enhances both traffic operations and the viability of pedestrian traffic when a state route goes through the center of a small town.

**10:00 AM**      **Break (30 Minutes)**

**10:30 AM**      **Breakout Sessions**

**3A. Statewide Planning Process:** *Perry Keller, WVDOH*

The Statewide & Urban Planning Unit of the Transportation Planning Section works to identify system needs throughout the state for the preparation and updating of the Statewide Multi-modal Long Range Transportation Plan that incorporates all modes of transportation, including the Statewide Bicycle Connectivity Plan. Through the statewide planning process, the Planning Unit works alongside MPOs to develop long-range, fiscally-constrained plans to address needs in urbanized areas in a cost-effective manner. Learn about the planning process and how projects are first developed.

**3B. Fairfax Boulevard Complete Street:** *Edward Erfurt, City of Ranson*

Fairfax Boulevard is a complete/green corridor that will connect the four-lane WV Route 9 at the intersection of the Potomac Marketplace to the City of Ranson’s downtown and commerce corridor. The Complete Street Project is the recipient of two federal TIGER grant awards that incorporate innovative design elements and green infrastructure. Design elements include narrow travel lanes, reverse angle on-street parking, bulb-outs/curb extensions, abundant and visible crosswalks, safety strips, increased curb-sidewalk distance, bicycle facilities, shared-lane markings, and u-racks. The project’s green infrastructure stormwater elements include silva cells, modular flow-through planters, and micro-pool weir system.

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### 11:15 AM Breakout Sessions

#### **4A. Can I Get There from Here? Public Works Role in Pedestrian Mobility:** *Ron Eck, WV LTAP*

Currently, there is considerable interest in providing complete streets and pedestrian friendly environments in cities and towns. This also means providing access for individuals with disabilities. This session examines challenges that individuals with mobility, sensory, and cognitive disabilities face in moving about in the built environment. A series of snapshots from West Virginia and beyond, depicting actual barriers regularly encountered by disabled pedestrians, will be reviewed, illustrating how, with a little awareness, design, construction, and maintenance personnel can help to remove these barriers.

#### **4B. Huntington Transit Impact Study:** *Saleem Salameh, KYOVA*

The Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA), in partnership with KYOVA, conducted a comprehensive analysis of bus service in Huntington, West Virginia. The goals of this study were to identify strengths and weaknesses of the existing system, review travel patterns, assess system efficiency, and identify unmet transit needs, as well as recommend service improvements, serve existing riders better, attract new riders, and improve overall system productivity.

### 12:15 PM Lunch with Keynote Speaker: **Thomas J. Smith, P.E., Cabinet Secretary, WVDOT**

#### **1:30 PM General Session - City of Dunbar ADA Transition Plan**

*Kara Greathouse and Kelsey Tucker, RIC*

Learn about engaging with municipalities and local officials on the development and adoption of ADA Transition Plans/Self-Evaluations. An ADA overview will be covered, as well as the basics of Transition Plans/Self-Evaluations, including actions to complete modifications and alterations, schedule for completion, and prioritization process for planned improvements. The City of Dunbar's recently completed ADA Transition Plan/Self-Evaluation will be reviewed, from development to completion to implementation.

### 2:00 PM Break (10 Minutes)

#### **2:10 PM General Session - A Shared Approach to Improving Roadway Safety**

*Ron Eck, WV LTAP*

Many different entities, including planning, public works (design, construction, and maintenance), law enforcement, emergency responders, and the community (including pedestrians and bicyclists) are linked to the safety of our roadways. Each entity may perceive safety concerns and solutions differently based on their background and experiences. Bringing these different perspectives together in a formal fashion can help improve roadway safety. A Road Safety Audit (RSA) is a formal safety performance examination of an existing or future road or intersection by an independent multi-disciplinary team. The aim of a RSA is to answer the following: 1. What elements of the road may present a safety concern? (To what extent? To which users? Under what circumstances?) 2. What opportunities exist to eliminate or mitigate identified safety concerns?

#### **2:40 PM General Session - Show Me the Money: Local Public Agency Projects**

*Tim Sedosky, WVDOH*

Learn about WVDOT's initiatives for the delivery of the Federal-Aid Highway Program through Local Public Agencies (LPAs). Information on approaches, implementation, costs, stewardship, and oversight will be discussed. Specific programs such as Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails grants will be highlighted.

### 3:10 PM Conference Wrap-up - Where Do We Go From Here?

### 3:30 PM Conference Concludes

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### Sessions:

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	2:30 PM to 3:00 PM	Autonomous Vehicles: Are We Ready?	0.5	
	3:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Safety Targets and the Strategic Highway Safety Plan	0.5	
	3:30 PM to 4:00 PM	Proven Safety Countermeasures	0.5	
Thursday April 19, 2018	8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	<b>Breakout Session 1A:</b> Asset Management on a State and Local Level	1.0	
		<b>Breakout Session 1B:</b> A District Level View of the Road Bond Implementation		
	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	<b>Breakout Session 2A:</b> Extending the Life of Your Roads	1.0	
		<b>Breakout Session 2B:</b> Resources to Make Your Community More Livable		
	10:30 AM to 11:15 AM	<b>Breakout Session 3A:</b> Statewide Planning Process	0.75	
		<b>Breakout Session 3B:</b> Fairfax Boulevard Complete Street		
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	1:00 PM to 1:30 PM	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Thomas J. Smith, P.E., Cabinet Secretary, WVDOT	0.5	
	1:30 PM to 2:00 PM	City of Dunbar ADA Transition Plan	0.5	
2:10 PM to 2:40 PM	A Shared Approach to Improving Roadway Safety	0.5		
2:40 PM to 3:10 PM	Show Me the Money: Local Public Agency Projects	0.5		
<b>Total (not to exceed 8.00 hours)</b>				

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