



University of Tennessee Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
Transportation Seminar Series

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Why Plan for Mobility?

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The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) coordinates a comprehensive transportation planning process for the entire Knoxville Region. The safe, efficient mobility of people and goods by all modes of transportation is critical to achieving a high quality of life and economic vitality in our region. The TPO provides a regional decision-making forum; the goal is to maximize scarce transportation funding resources that will achieve the region's shared vision for the future. The speakers will discuss the TPO's transportation planning process, covering both technical and non-technical aspects of transportation planning required to provide the information, tools, and public involvement needed for improving overall regional mobility. They will emphasize the importance of taking a balanced approach that considers the impacts both on and by transportation on land use, the environment, and overall livability.



Jeff Welch has over 30 years experience in transportation planning and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He has directed the Knoxville Regional TPO since 1985. From 2006 to 2013, Jeff served on TRB's Strategic Highway Research Program 2 - Technical Coordinating Committee for Capacity. He has also served on the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Policy Committee.

Michael Conger is a Senior Transportation Engineer with the Knoxville Regional TPO. His chief responsibilities include maintaining a regional travel demand forecasting model and ensuring the TPO's plans and programs meet air quality conformity requirements. Mike is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Tennessee and is currently Vice President of TSITE, and President of the Tennessee Model Users Group.

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