2027 New York State Transportation Planning Conference

Hosted by the New York State Association of MPOs

April 27-28, 2027
Syracuse, NY

Call for Presentations

We are pleased to invite transportation planners, researchers, and policymakers to submit presentation proposals for the 2027 New York State Transportation Planning Conference. The conference is New York's premier peer-learning event for transportation professionals, where practitioners exchange ideas, solve problems together, and leave with practical tools they can use.

Do you have a noteworthy practice, interesting approach, or research you want to share with your transportation planning colleagues? If so, please view the information below and submit a presentation proposal.

Conference Dates: April 27-28, 2027
Location: Marriott Syracuse Downtown, 100 E Onondaga St, Syracuse, NY 13202

Due Date for Submissions: November 23, 2026
Selections will be made by: January 2027

About the Conference:

NYSAMPO is a coalition of the fourteen Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in New York State that have committed to work together and with New York State and federal partners toward common goals. Ensuring that MPO staff and member agency personnel have strong technical skills and broad transportation knowledge is critical to fulfilling our collective mission of maximizing transportation's contribution to quality of life and economic development in New York State's metropolitan areas and beyond.

The conference will showcase noteworthy planning initiatives by its members and other planners to facilitate the exchange of ideas. The goal is to impart practical planning knowledge and techniques that improve the state of the practice.

Participants:

All 14 NY MPOs, the New York State DOT (Main Office and regions), other NY State partner agencies, USDOT partners, local governments, and consultants.

Presentation Topics:

The conference will feature plenary and topical sessions on a range of transportation planning subjects. We invite presentations on the list of topic areas on page 3 and on other relevant subjects.

Interactive Sessions Encouraged

The conference planning committee welcomes a variety of session formats and encourages proposals that engage participants as active contributors. In addition to traditional presentations, we are interested in providing sessions that foster discussion, hands-on learning, or exchange of ideas and solutions. Examples include mini-workshops, facilitated or interactive discussions, participant exercises, lightning talks, software or GIS demonstrations with participant interaction, Bring Your Challenge clinics, Ask the Experts sessions, and Walkshops/field-based learning experiences.

Plenary Sessions (2 to 4 anticipated)

- Proposed plenary sessions should be of interest and relevance to MPOs
- Sessions will be 45-90 minutes in length, including Q&A and discussion
- A plenary session could be structured with more than one presentation followed by a roundtable discussion
- If proposing a plenary session, include the topic and speakers to fill the full time slot

Topical Sessions (approximately 15 anticipated)

- Topical sessions will run concurrently with other sessions
- Topical sessions will be 60-90 minutes, including Q&A and discussion
- Expected length of each presentation in a topical session is 15-20 minutes
- Proposers may suggest a full topical session or an individual presentation to be grouped with related presentations

Guidelines for submitting a proposal:

- Submit your proposal using the **Presentation Proposal Form** by November 23, 2026.
    - (Also available at NYSAMPO's Conference webpage)
- In the presentation description, address the following:
    - How the presentation will benefit MPOs and planning partners
    - Whether the presentation will incorporate opportunities for participant interaction, discussion, collaboration, or hands-on learning

For questions, please contact Rich Denbow, NYSAMPO Staff Consultant Manager, at rdenbow@camsys.com

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Session Topic Areas

Presentations are sought on the topics below. We also invite proposals on additional topics that are of interest to MPO planners and partners.

- Artificial Intelligence and technology in transportation planning
- Automated vehicles
- Big data and transportation analytics
- Community-focused transportation and multimodal networks
- Collaboration with planning partners
- Curb management and parking
- Federal transportation legislation and the next transportation bill
- Freight and logistics planning
- GIS and visualization
- Housing and transportation planning coordination
- Infrastructure condition, asset management, and resilience
- Micromobility – trends and legal issues
- MPO core products (developing the TIP, LRTP, and other MPO products)
- MPO administration, staffing, and operations
- Performance-based planning
- Planning and Environmental Linkages
- Project development and delivery
- Project prioritization
- Public engagement
- Public transportation innovations and challenges
- Safety planning/SS4A lessons learned
- Transportation and land use planning
- Transportation funding and fiscal constraint
- Transportation Systems Management & Operations/ITS
- Travel demand modeling and forecasting
- Workforce issues