



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs 2025 Conference

Call for Presentations for Topical and Plenary Sessions

We are pleased to invite transportation planners, researchers, and policymakers to submit presentation proposals for the 2025 NYSAMPO Conference. 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.

Conference Dates: May 13-14, 2025

Location: Marriott Syracuse Downtown, 100 E Onondaga St, Syracuse, NY 13202

Due Date for Submissions: December 4, 2024

Selections will be made by: Early 2025

About the Conference:

NYSAMPO is a coalition of the fourteen MPOs in New York State that have committed to work together 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.

NYSAMPO's conference will showcase noteworthy planning initiatives by its members and other planners from across the country to facilitate the exchange of ideas. The goal is to impart practical planning knowledge and techniques that improve the state of the practice, allowing the MPOs of New York State and planning partners to meet and exceed their federal mandates and be exemplary regional planning entities that better serve residents, business, and visitors.

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 topics attached and on other relevant and interesting subjects.

Plenary Sessions (2 to 4 anticipated)

- Proposed Plenary Sessions should be of interest/relevance to all MPOs
- Each session will be 45-90 minutes in length, including Q&A and discussion
- A Plenary Session could be structured with 2-3 associated presentations (20-40 minutes each) or a facilitated roundtable discussion
- If proposing a Plenary Session, include the topic and all speakers/presenters to fill the full time slot

Topical Sessions (approximately 10 anticipated)

- Topical sessions will run concurrently with at least one other topical session
- Each topical session will be 60-90 minutes, including Q&A and discussion
- Expected length of each presentation in a topical session is 15-20 minutes
- Interactive approaches and engaging or unique session formats are encouraged
- Proposers may suggest an entire session, or propose an individual presentation to be grouped with other presentations on a similar topic

Guidelines for submitting a proposal:

- To submit a presentation proposal, complete the online form available at: www.nysmpo.org/2025-nysampo-conference
- In the form, specify whether you are proposing a plenary session or topical session
- In the presentation description, address the following:
 - How your presentation will benefit MPO staff and planning partners
 - How the information is transferable to other MPOs
 - Whether the information applies to MPOs of all sizes or a subset

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.

- Federal transportation legislation and the next transportation bill
- Implementing new Federal guidance
- MPO administration and operations
- Micromobility – trends and legal issues
- Integrating Artificial Intelligence and technology in transportation planning
- The future of zero-emission vehicles
- Coordinating housing and transportation planning
- Planning and addressing bridge and culvert needs
- Accessible and equitable transportation systems
- Nuts and bolts of planning (developing the TIP, LRTP, and other MPO products)
- Safety planning/SS4A project lessons learned
- Planning and Environmental Linkages
- Workforce issues
- Public engagement
- Travel demand modeling and forecasting
- Big data and transportation analytics
- GIS and visualization
- Public transit innovations and challenges
- Climate resilience in transportation
- Community-focused transportation and multimodal networks
- Transportation Systems Management & Operations/ITS
- Freight and logistics planning
- Understanding and influencing transportation behavior through design and policy
- Transportation and land use planning
- Innovations in parking and curb management