

Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections to Transit

Morning Session

This session will highlight best practices to address bicyclist and pedestrian safety access and mobility to access transit featured in the TREC research for the Federal Transit Administration's upcoming Guidebook, including findings from case studies around the country.

9:00 – 9:30: Introduction and Overview (Lynn and Nathan)

- Overview of FTA Guidebook contents
- Key findings and take-aways
- Role of interagency collaboration
- Methods of funding

9:30 – 10:00: Station area design and planning (Allison)

10:00 am – 10:30 am: Break

10:30 – 11:45: Minneapolis Case Study Highlights (Tony)

The Twin Cities metropolitan area has seen a large growth in bicycling over the past 15 years, in large part due to local, regional, and federal funding for bicycle infrastructure improvements. During this time it has also experienced a strong resurgence in transit ridership. This presentation will address how various jurisdictions collaborate to plan for bicycling, transit, and the combination of the two. It will also give an overview of projects underway internally to better serve multimodal customers.

11:45 – 12:15: Lessons learned from Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Long Beach and Atlanta (Russ and Drew)

12:15 – 12:30: Discussion/Questions

12:30 – 1:30 pm: Lunch

A mobile lunch will be provided so you can explore the campus and downtown Portland's many plazas and parks.

1:30 – 5:00 pm: Mobile workshop

This session will highlight the work in the Portland Metropolitan region emphasizing the collaborative efforts between TriMet and the local jurisdictions to prioritize bicycle and pedestrian access to transit, including light rail, streetcar, and bus lines. This mobile transit tour will be part two of the Enhancing Bicycle and Pedestrian Access to Transit workshop, but participation in the morning workshop is not required to attend this tour. Transit passes will be provided for participants

Workshop Leaders: Lynn Weigand, PhD, Nathan McNeil, MURP, Drew DeVitis, MURP, and Russ Doubleday, Research Assistant, Portland State University, plus guest speakers from TriMet, City of Portland and City of Milwaukee

Speakers:

Lynn Weigand was the founding director of the Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation (IBPI) at Portland State University and currently the Project Manager for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections to Transit Guidebook for the Federal Transit Administration. She earned her PhD in Urban Studies from Portland State University and a Master's in Landscape Architecture from the University of Washington. Her professional and research work has focused primarily on active transportation and multi-modal transportation planning

Nathan McNeil is a research associate at the Center for Urban Studies at Portland State University. He conducts research around impacts of infrastructure and programs on travel behavior and active transportation, shared-use mobility programs including carsharing and bike-share, and the connection between land-use and transportation. Nathan received a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from Portland State University, and studied history at Columbia University as an undergraduate.

Allison Duncan has a PhD in Urban Studies from Portland State University and an MLA from the University of Arizona. Her research revolves around bicycling and how road design can impact cycling. She has been both a bike commuter and bike racer--and was even a bike messenger in San Francisco

Tony Drollinger is a Commuter Programs Specialist with Metro Transit, serving the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. Since 2011, he has focused on programs that reduce single occupancy vehicle use with a focus on bicycle-transit connectivity. He also works on a variety of cross-departmental projects pertaining to software development, data collection, and analysis. He earned a B.S. in Environmental Studies and a Master's in Geographic Information Science, both from the University of Minnesota.

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