

# North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations

2018 Annual Conference:

*“Innovating for Sustainable Transportation”*



## Call for Presentations

**Conference:** April 25 - 27, 2018 - Durham Convention Center - Durham, NC

**Proposal Deadline:** February 9, 2018

### About the Conference

The 2018 North Carolina MPO conference will be an excellent continuing educational opportunity that will attract a diverse range of transportation planning and engineering professionals. The Conference features a comprehensive array of high quality technical sessions, special speakers, and timely agency updates. More than 350 participants from MPOs, RPOs, NCDOT, the consultant community, transit agencies, and other organizations are expected to attend the conference. While transportation planners, engineers, and consultants make up the core participants, the conference also offers an opportunity for transit administrators, elected officials, land-use planners, public health professionals, students, and others to learn more about a variety of transportation related topics.

Registration cost will be \$200 for public sector attendees and \$300 for private sector attendees until March 30, 2018; the rates increase to \$250 and \$350, respectively, after that date. Several downtown hotels have been secured for a number of rooms and rates will range between \$102 and \$179 before taxes. Hotel information was distributed recently. All presenters must register for the conference and pay the conference registration fee to attend the conference; being accepted as a presenter does not register you.

Most of the technical sessions will occur on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with two 90-minute time slots in the morning and two in the afternoon. Some sessions may be scheduled the afternoon of April 25<sup>th</sup> as well. Three to four sessions will run concurrently during each time slot, for a total of 12-16 sessions. Each session is typically 90 minutes and features three presentations with time for questions. Each presentation averages approximately 15 to 25 minutes in length.

The conference is presented by the NC Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the NC Association of Rural Planning Organizations in cooperation with NCDOT. When available, more detailed conference information will be posted at <http://www.ncampo.org>.

## Proposal Guidelines

Presentation proposals for conference technical sessions should be submitted on the attached form. E-mail your submissions using the attached form to Aaron Cain of DCHC MPO at [aaron.cain@durhamnc.gov](mailto:aaron.cain@durhamnc.gov) by February 9, 2018. Our goal is to notify you by the end of February if your proposal has been selected.

## Questions?

For questions regarding proposals, contact Aaron Cain at [aaron.cain@durhamnc.gov](mailto:aaron.cain@durhamnc.gov) or (919) 560-4366 x36443.

## Suggested Topics

You are invited to submit presentation proposal(s). Please see the following list of suggested topics for an indication of areas of interest to conference planners but note that all transportation-related topics will be considered. You are encouraged to be creative in identifying topics of likely interest to conference goers.

- Innovative solutions to today's transportation issues and problems
- Performance based planning & performance measures
- Prioritization of transportation projects
- Bicycle & pedestrian planning, safety, facility design, and data collection
- Travel demand modeling & simulation
- Big data & transportation: management, analysis, & applications
- The future of transportation: automated vehicles, smart infrastructure, walking & biking infrastructure & safety
- Land use and transportation
- Transportation finance: funding trends, issues, and best practices
- Transportation & Public Health
- Freight, including trends, planning, & data collection
- Visualization and communications strategies
- Project development: innovative approaches, streamlining / dealing with issues, locally administered programs
- Public transportation: planning, finance, trends, data & more
- Environment & transportation
- State transportation issues
- Planning Process
- MPO, RPO, & State Transportation Plans & Programs
- Technical methods & data collection more generally, including asset management



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**April 25 -27, 2017**

**Durham Convention Center**

**Presentation Submittal Form**

The call for presentation is open from January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 to February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Our goal is to notify you by the end of February 2018 if your session has been accepted for the conference. Each session at the conference will be 90 minutes in length including questions, comprised up to three presentations.

**Please return this completed form to Aaron Cain of DCHC MPO at [aaron.cain@durhamnc.gov](mailto:aaron.cain@durhamnc.gov) no later than February 9th, 2018.** More information regarding the Conference will be posted on [www.ncampo.org](http://www.ncampo.org) as it becomes available.

**Presentation Title:**

**Presentation Description** (*Please limit your description to 500 words*):

**Expected Presentation Length:**     30 minutes     60 minutes     90 minutes

**Presentation Learning Objectives:**

**Keywords** (*list 3 to 5 keywords*):

**Speaker #1 Name:**

**Speaker #1 Bio** (*maximum 75 words*):

**Speaker #2 Name:**

**Speaker #2 Bio** (*maximum 75 words*):

**Speaker #3 Name:**

**Speaker #3 Bio** (*maximum 75 words*):

**Who is the main contact for this presentation?**

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Email:

Phone: