



March 6-8

Tennessee RPO Conference

Schedule at a Glance

Monday, March 6

Tennessee B

- 10:00 am-1:00 pm **Check in & lunch on your own**
1:00 pm-1:30 pm Opening Remarks, Stacy Morrison & Matt Meservy
1:30 pm-2:15 pm Small Cities Balance, Kimery Grant
2:15pm-2:45 pm Beautification - TDOT's Litter Prevention and Pollinator Programs, Michael McClanahan
2:45 pm-3:00 pm **Break**
3:00 pm-3:30 pm National Scenic Byways, Mark Dudney & Michael McClanahan
3:30 pm-4:00 pm TDTD Bike Program, Silas Stoddard
4:00 pm-4:45 pm RPO Coordinator Annual Highlight Reports, Tennessee RPO Coordinators
4:45 pm-5:15 pm Message from TDOT Leadership, Preston Elliot
6:00 pm-7:00 pm **Dinner (Tennessee A)**
7:00 pm **Organized Activities: Karaoke, Game Tables**

Tuesday, March 7

Tennessee B

- 7:00 am-8:00 am **Complimentary Continental Breakfast at your leisure (lobby)**
8:00 am-8:30 am Welcome, Dan Pallme
8:30 am-9:15 am How to Accomplish 'Task 5', Tennessee RPO Coordinators
9:15 am-9:45 am GIS Planning Resources to Make Your Lives Easier, Chris McPhilamy
9:45 am-10:00 am **Break**
10:00 am-10:30 am IJJA/BIL New Programs Updates, Andrea Noel
10:30 am-11:00 am Collecting Plans to Implement Multimodal Facilities, Will Rogers
11:00 am-11:30 am Federal Transportation Grants, Melanie Murphy & Zack Coleman
11:30 am-12:00 pm TDOT Traffic Engineering Updates, Michelle Nickerson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm **Lunch (Tennessee A)**
1:05 pm-1:40 pm Creative Funding Sources, Michelle Christian
1:40 pm-2:25 pm Funding Opportunities for Off-System Bridges, Lisa Dunn
2:25 pm-3:00 pm TSMO Planning Efforts, Jon Storey
3:00 pm-5:00 pm Park Planning Scenarios & Nature Tour, Ranger Gina Lawry
6:00 pm-7:00 pm **Dinner (Tennessee A)**

Wednesday, March 8

Tennessee B

- 7:00 am-8:00 am **Complimentary Continental Breakfast at your leisure (lobby)**
8:00 am-9:00 am Invoicing & Progress Reports, Ann Marie Anway & Kevin Layne
9:00 am-9:30 am Electric Vehicle Installation Manual, Savannah Robertson
9:30 am-10:00 am Carbon Reduction, Andrea Noel & Stephanie Roberts
10:00 am-10:15 am **Break**
10:15 am-10:45 am MetroQuest Updates, Michelle Christian
10:45 am Closing Remarks, Stacy Morrison
11:00 am **Check out**

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10:00 am-1:00 pm **Check In & lunch on your own (Lodge restaurant opens at 11 am)**

1:00 pm-1:30 pm **Opening Remarks**

Matt Meservy, PE, TDOT Long Range Planning Division Director

Stacy Morrison, TDOT Office of Community Transportation Manager

1:30 pm-2:15 pm **Small Cities Balance**

Kimery Grant, TDOT Local Programs Transportation Manager

We will discuss how locals can better coordinate with TDOT Local Programs in regard to their small cities balances.

2:15 pm-2:45 pm **Beautification -- TDOT's Litter Prevention & Pollinator Programs**

Michael McClanahan, TDOT Scenic Byways Coordinator

TDOT's Highway Beautification Office manages a portfolio of environmental programs that enhances roadsides and preserves the natural scenic beauty of Tennessee. These programs encompass the topics of litter prevention, landscaping, and Scenic Roadways. In this session, learn how TDOT is connecting with communities to spread litter prevention messaging and strengthen local pickup operations, as well as how current Tennessee-specific research is better informing those efforts. Also, learn how TDOT is partnering with 3 other State agencies to educate the public and advancing projects beneficial to Tennessee's pollinators, through the innovative Pollinator Habitat Program.

2:45 pm-3:00 pm **Break**

3:00 pm-3:30 pm **National Scenic Byways**

Michael McClanahan, TDOT Scenic Byways Program Manager

Mark Dudney, UCDD Dale Hollow RPO Coordinator

TDOT Scenic Byways Program Manager Mike McClanahan will provide an overview of the National Scenic Byway Program. The overview will include the program's origin, purpose, Tennessee's Scenic Byways and upcoming training and funding opportunities. UCDD Dale Hollow RPO Coordinator Mark Dudney will discuss the Cumberland National Scenic Byway. This discussion will highlight the byways' potential to promote transportation, tourism and the cultural and natural resources along the route. The objective is to provide a clear summary of the National Scenic Byways Program and to give specific examples of the Cumberland National Scenic Byways' initial development.

3:30 pm-4:00 pm **TDTD Bike Program**

Silas Stoddart, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, Rural Tourism Program Manager

The Tennessee Department of Tourist Development is excited to announce the creation of Bike Tennessee, a statewide initiative to promote curated road cycling routes across the nine regions of Tennessee. These routes will highlight scenic, low-traffic routes through our state's rural counties. The routes will be downloadable in Ride with GPS and will promote tourism highlights throughout each region. Through this presentation we want to announce this program to our RPO partners and let them know how their rural counties can benefit from it.

4:00 pm-4:45 pm **RPO Coordinator Annual Highlight Reports**

Tennessee RPO Coordinators

4:45 pm-5:15 pm Message from TDOT Leadership

Preston Elliot, AICP, Deputy Commissioner & Chief of Bureau of Environment & Planning

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8:00 am-8:30 am Welcome

Dan Pallme, TDOT Assistant Chief of Environment & Planning and TDOT Freight & Logistics Director

8:30 am-9:15 am How to Accomplish 'Task 5'

Tennessee RPO Coordinators

9:15 am-9:45 am GIS Planning Resources to Make Your Life Easier

Chris McPhilamy, GISP, TDOT Planning Manager

This presentation will highlight three tools developed by TDOT LRP Data Visualization Office: iTRIP Web Application, TN Planning Resources ESRI Experience, and The County Profile Tool. First will be a high-level review of iTRIP. This is an ESRI Web Application that displays active and let TDOT projects across TN. TN Planning Resources is an online ESRI Experience that provides a living resource for GIS and LRP information across TN. The County Profile Tool is a new resource that is meant to highlight transportation information and census data, with the goal of helping inform project delivery and other planning functions.

9:45 am-10:00 am Break

10:00 am-10:30 am IJA/BIL New Programs Updates

Andrea Noel, TDOT Programs Supervisor

With passage of the Infrastructure and Jobs Act, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funded 4 new programs. This session will provide updates on two of those new programs; the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program and the PROTECT program and how the RPO coordinators can get involved and start preparing their communities.

10:30 am-11:00 am Collecting Plans to Implement Multimodal Facilities

Will Rogers III, TDOT Active Transportation Planner

The TDOT Multimodal Office has been working to collect all transportation plans from across the state. While completing NEPA Reviews, TDOT Multimodal staff leverages these plans to request locally-identified multimodal projects, such as sidewalks, to be included in TDOT projects. TDOT Multimodal has prepared a master internal list of these plans, but has a goal of creating a public-facing webmap to be placed on their website to be used as a planning resource.

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11:00am-11:30am Federal Transportation Grants

Melanie Murphy, AICP, FHWA Transportation Planning Specialist

Zach Coleman, FHWA Transportation Planning Specialist

Planners from the FHWA-TN Division will provide a brief overview of active and upcoming Federal grant opportunities, with a focus on new discretionary grants established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

11:30 am-12:00 pm TDOT Traffic Engineering Updates

Michelle Nickerson, PT, PTOE, TDOT Operations & Safety Section Manager

This presentation will cover updates and additional information on the Road Diet Guide, Traffic Signal Modernization Program, and Pavement Marking Retro-Reflectivity Requirements.

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Lunch (Tennessee A)

1:05 pm-1:40 pm Creative Funding Sources

Michelle Christian, TDOT Office of Community Transportation, Senior Planner, Region 1

It's the age old question: How do we get funding for this project!? Months of research have resulted in a master list of potential funding sources for a variety of transportation projects, from sidewalks to plans to major road projects. We will discuss how to find the best funding source for a project and when to get creative!

1:40 pm-2:25 pm Funding Opportunities for Off-System Bridges

Lisa Dunn, TDOT Local Programs Transportation Manager 1

This presentation will discuss the different funding opportunities for local governments to use for off-system structures between 20 and 150 feet in length.

2:25 pm-3:00 pm TSMO Planning Efforts

Jon Storey, PE, PTOE, TDOT State TSMO Integration Manager

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) completed a major update to our Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) Program Plan in 2022. Jon will provide an overview of TSMO and discuss the plan's data driven approach, how it integrates big data analytics to improve operations, and the gains already being seen with successful planning, deploying, and maintaining ITS equipment and TSMO Strategies. He will also note ways local agencies can take advantage of tools such as our RITIS/ Probe Data Analytics platform and benefits to both urban and rural communities.

3:00 pm-5:00 pm Park Planning Scenarios & Nature Tour

Ranger Gina Lawry

Grab your tennis shoes and yellow vest and meet us in the lobby! During this time, we will gather in groups and venture out into the park to take a look at some previously identified areas of transportation-related concern. We will be conducting site visits at 3 locations in the park: the area surrounding the park's main entrance, the area around the Marina, and taking a deep dive into how multimodal connections can be made to the Lodge at Paris Landing.

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7:00 am-8:00 am **Complimentary Continental Breakfast at your leisure (lobby)**

8:00 am-9:00 am **Invoicing & Progress Reports**

Ann Marie Anway, TDOT Program Coordinator

Kevin Layne, TDOT Office of Community Transportation Planner, Region 2

Ann Marie and Kevin will review the RPO invoice cover page, divider sheets, back up documents, and progress report requirements.

9:00 am-9:30 am **A How-to Guide to Deploying EV Charging in Local Jurisdictions**

Savannah Robertson, DriveElectricTN Director at East TN Clean Fuels

An overview of the draft How-To Guide to Deploying Charging in Local Jurisdictions and a facilitated discussion on how RPO Coordinators can assist local jurisdictions to strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging for public use in Tennessee communities and more specifically in disadvantaged (DAC) and/or rural communities.

9:30 am-10:00 am **Carbon Reduction Strategies**

Andrea Noel, TDOT Programs Supervisor

Stephanie Roberts, AECOM Senior Planner

TDOT has started developing the Carbon Reduction Strategies in coordination with AECOM. This session will provide a background of the work that has been done on the strategies plan to this point, talk about possible strategies, and a discussion of how we will solicit feedback and how the RPO's may be involved in the future.

10:00 am-10:15 am **Break**

10:15 am-10:45 am **MetroQuest Updates**

Michelle Christian, TDOT Office of Community Transportation, Senior Planner, Region 1

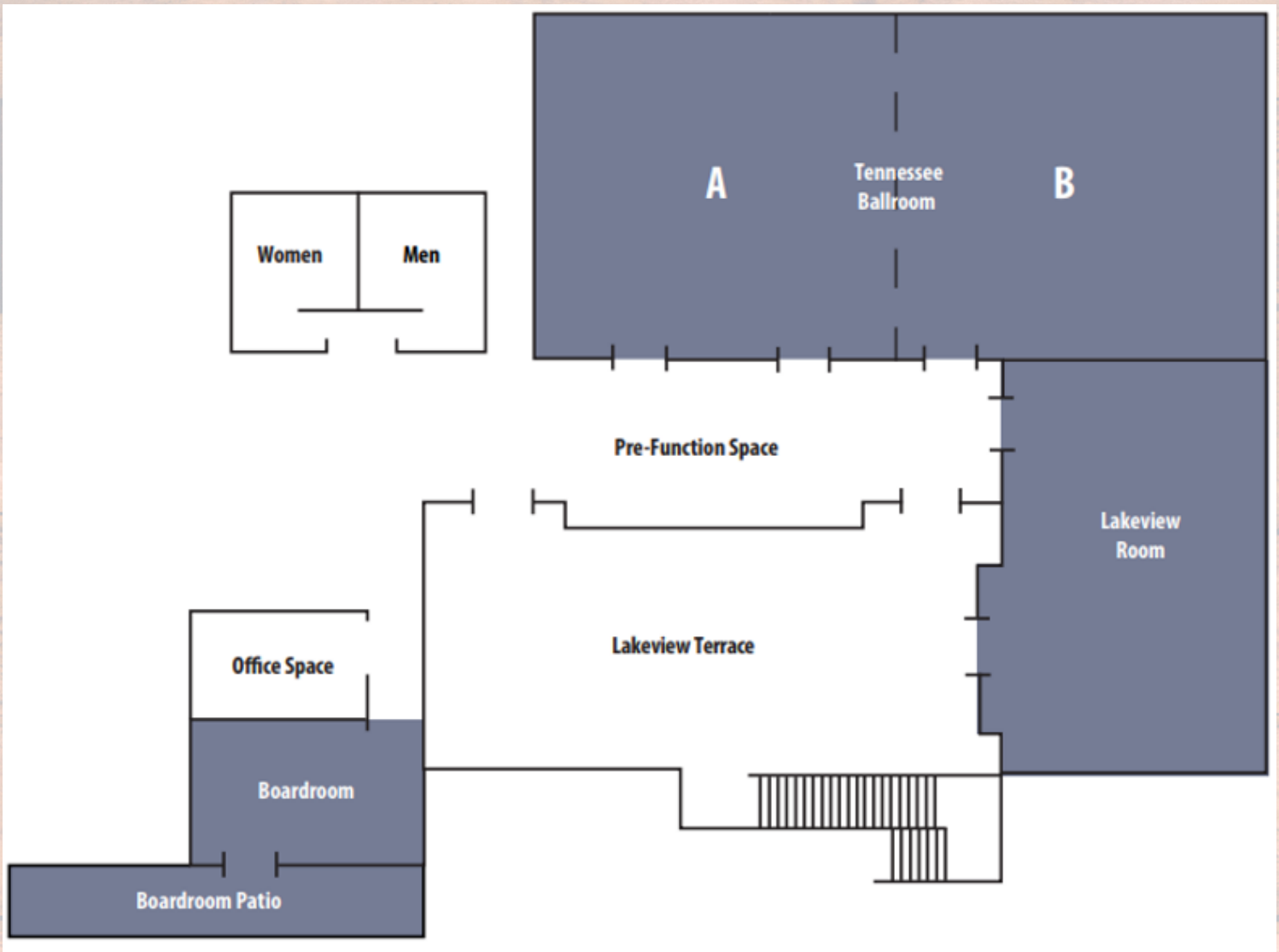
Michelle will provide updates on MetroQuest, give a tour of the data analysis tools, and highlight the success of a corridor study survey conducted in Baileyton, TN.

10:45 am-11:00 am **Closing Remarks**

Stacy Morrison, TDOT Office of Community Transportation Manager

11:00 am **Check Out**

Lodge Map



Dining Information

The Restaurant at Paris Landing is located inside the Lodge and offers a fresh dining experience on the shores of Kentucky Lake.

Continental Breakfast is offered to Lodge guests from 7 am to 10 am.

Lunch is served from 11 am to 3 pm.

Dinner is served from 5 pm to 8 pm.



