



**Transportation Research Board  
Summer Workshop**

**Joint Meeting of the TRB Committee on  
Environmental Analysis in Transportation  
(ADC10) and the TRB Committee on Ecology and  
Transportation (ADC30)  
Seattle, WA, July 9-12, 2006  
Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**Meeting and Workshop Agenda**

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Department of Transportation

**Sunday July 9****Business Meetings****1:00- 5:00 p.m.***Registration**Crowne Plaza Lobby***2:00-5:00 p.m.***ADC10 Business Meeting**ADC30 Business Meeting**Carlsbad Room**Yosemite Room***6:00 – 8:00 p.m.***Informal Reception**Patio***Monday July 10****General Sessions****7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.***Registration**Crowne Plaza Lobby***7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.***Continental Breakfast**Evergreen Ballroom***8:30 – 9:30 a.m.***Welcome**Evergreen Ballroom**Speakers:****Martin Palmer, WSDOT NWR Environmental Office******Kevin Ward, FHWA Assistant Washington State Division  
Administrator****Conference Theme**The chairs share thoughts on the conference theme—“Plain Talk on the Environment and Transportation.” What it means to our business and what the future holds.**Speakers:****Mark Kross, Missouri Department of Transportation, ADC10 Chair******Tom Linkous, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, ADC30 Chair*****9:30 - 9:45 a.m.***Refreshment Break***9:45 – 11:00 a.m.***Washington DOT's Reader-Friendly Results**Evergreen Ballroom**Moderator: Carol Lee Roalkvam**Presentation and discussion about the evolution of WSDOT's reader-friendly environmental documents and how it has helped to revitalize community discussions about public investments in transportation and environmental resources.**Speakers:****Kimberly Farley, WSDOT******Charlie Raines, Director of the I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition******Stephanie Miller, Parametrix***

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

*Lunch on Your Own*

**1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

*National Status Report*

*Moderator: Martin Palmer*

*Evergreen Ballroom*

*A look at the hot national issues and a glimpse at the processes that take an idea from thought to action.*

*Speakers:*

***Carol Lee Roalkvam, SCOE Steering Group Chair***  
*AASHTO SCOE*

***Rhonda Brooks, WSDOT Environmental Research Manager***  
*National Research Initiatives*

***Shari Schaftlein, Team Lead for Policy and Program Development,***  
***Office of Project Development and Project Review, FHWA***  
*FHWA Update*

**2:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

*Refreshment Break*

**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

*Linking Planning and NEPA*

*Evergreen Ballroom*

*This panel will focus on Linking Planning and NEPA from a variety of perspectives and will highlight on-the-ground approaches and tools*

*Moderator: Kris Hoellen*

*Speakers:*

***Jim Bartel, Fish and Wildlife***  
*Riverside Habitat Conservation Plan*

***Aaron B. Willis, Transportation Planner and Co-Manager for STEP UP, Division of Transportation Development, Colorado DOT***  
*Colorado's STEP UP Program-Strategic Transportation Environmental and Planning Process for Urbanizing Places*

***Joe Shalkowski, NEPA Group Practice Leader, PBS&J***  
***Transportation***  
*Guidance for Assessing the Effects of Alternative Project Financing (Tolling) During the Planning and NEPA Project Development Processes*

***Kris Hoellen, Director, Conservation Leadership Network The Conservation Fund***  
*Green Infrastructure as a Tool to Link Planning and NEPA*

**7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

*Registration*

*Crowne Plaza Lobby*

**7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

*Continental Breakfast*

*Evergreen Ballroom*

**8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

*ADC10 Breakout Session*

*Moderator: Jeff Heilman*

*Evergreen Ballroom*

*Speakers:*

***Milton Hill, Oregon Department of Transportation***

*Oregon Highways Sensitive Area Mapping Project*

***Rick Record, Principal and Project Manager, Balke American, Inc.***

*Ohio DOT Multimodal Tiered EIS on Hamilton Eastern Corridor*

***Mark Hallenbeck, Director, TRAC Program***

*University of Washington TRAC Program: DOTs and Universities*

*Partnering on Transportation Research*

***Paul Tufts, Environmental Program Specialist, FHWA Resource Center***

*New Section 4(f) Issues (De Minimis Impacts and Net Benefit Programmatic)*

**8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

*ADC30 Breakout Session*

*Moderator: Mary Gray*

*Carlsbad Room*

*Speakers:*

***Jennifer Moyer, US Army Corps of Engineers***

*Eco-Logical FHWA Effort*

***Paul Wagner, Biology Program Branch Manager, WSDOT***

*Interstate 90 Wildlife Crossings*

***Jim Laughlin, Asst. Air/Noise/Energy Programs Manager, WSDOT***

*Update on Barotrauma Issues for Highway Construction*

***Mary Gray, Environmental Protection Specialist, FHWA***

*Web-Based Biological Assessments*

**10:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

*Refreshment Break*

**10:30 – Noon**

ADC10/ADC30 Combined Session

Evergreen Ballroom

Moderator: *Kim Gambrill*

Speakers: **Gail Terzi, Environmental Analyst, Regulatory Branch, US Army Corps of Engineers**  
*Wetland Banking-New Rules*  
**Jan Cassin, Parametrix, Inc.**  
*Innovative Approaches to Wetland Mitigation and Habitat Conservation in the Northwest*  
**Dick Gersib, Watershed Management Program Manager, WSDOT**  
*Watershed Approach to Mitigation*  
**Joe Crossett, Senior Manager, TransTech Management**  
*What do Federal Environmental Mitigation Requirements Cost State DOTs? (A Review of Project Case Studies)*

**Noon – 1:30 p.m.**

*Lunch on your own*

**1:30 – 1:45 p.m.**

*Self-Guided Walking Tour to Smith Tower*

**1:45 – 3:15 p.m.**

Transportation Tour

*Chinese Room, Smith Tower*

*A retrospective of the development of Seattle's downtown area since the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century and a look forward on the transportation front from the time of the damaging Nisqually earthquake of 2001.*

Speakers: **Chuck Russell-Coons, Director of Hospitality**  
**John White, Engineering Manager, Alaska Way Viaduct**

**3:15 – 4:00 p.m.**

*Ride or walk Seattle's Waterfront to Pier 55. Begin boarding the "Spirit of Seattle" to Kiana at 4:00 p.m.*

**4:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

*Board the Boat and Ready Way to Kiana Lodge. Everyone must board prior to 4:30 p.m.—the boat will not wait!*

**4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

*Tour Boat to Kiana Lodge*

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

*Salmon Dinner at Kiana Lodge*

**8:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

*Board the Boat and Ready Way to Seattle Pier 55. Everyone must board prior to 8:30 p.m.—the boat will not wait!*

**8:30 – 10:00 p.m.**

*Tour Boat back to downtown Seattle*

**10:00 – 10:30 p.m.**

*Ride or leisurely summer walk back to the Crowne Plaza Hotel*

**7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

*Registration*

*Crowne Plaza Lobby*

**7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

*Continental Breakfast*

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**8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

*Panel on Changes Being Proposed for the Endangered Species Act*

*Evergreen Ballroom*

*Panel discussion about the changes various constituencies are offering to the Endangered Species Act.*

*Moderator: Tom Linkous*

*Speakers:*

**Gene Duvernoy, President, Cascade Land Conservancy**  
**Janice Brown, FHWA Administrator, Montana**  
**Craig Tuss, Field Supervisor, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Roseburg Field Office**  
**Charlie Raines, Sierra Club Leader and Director of the I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition**

**10:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

*Refreshment Break*

**10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

*Moderator: Chris Gesing*

*Evergreen Ballroom*

*Speakers:*

**Michele Deshotels, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Environmental Impact Manager**  
*After the Storm: Planning Louisiana's Future*  
*After the storms of 2005, the Louisiana state legislature established the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) as the single state agency with the power to implement comprehensive coastal protection. The legislature directed state officials to coordinate development of the comprehensive coastal protection master plan. The master plan, due out later this year, is a collaborative effort that will achieve long-term protection for Louisiana's coastline.*

**John Lenth, Senior Environmental Scientist, Herrera**  
*Innovative Stormwater Mitigation*

**11:30 – Noon**

*Workshop Wrap up*

*Evergreen Ballroom*

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