The ADC10 Call for Papers for the 2011 Annual Meeting

The Call for Papers for the 2011 Annual Meeting was posted on the TRB website on May 13th. A copy of the Call for Papers was also sent to Muggs Stoll on June 2nd for sending out an email notice to all ADC10 Members and Friends as well. Specific topics of interest identified in the announcement include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- Eco-logical Applications to Transportation Planning and Projects
- Innovative Practices and Case Studies on Sustainability
- Innovative Practices and Case Studies on Green Highways
- Climate Change Considerations for Transportation NEPA Documents
- Linkage of NEPA and the Transportation Planning Process
- Successful Practices in Environmental Stewardship
- New Approaches in Accounting for Health Effects in Environmental Analysis
- The Role of Measurement and Metrics in Balancing the NEPA Decision-Making Framework
- The Role of Public Involvement in Establishing Value-Based Assessments of Resources and Impacts
- The Use of “Impact Sheds” in Consideration of Indirect Effects and Cumulative Impacts
- Innovative Approaches in Assessing Interrelated Effects Across Air, Land and Water Regimes
- The Application of Risk Assessment Techniques in Planning and NEPA Project Development

Online Survey of Potential ADC10 Committee Paper Reviewers

As of January 20, 2011, the online survey of potential ADC10 Committee paper reviewers, which was initially prepared and distributed in 2009, has yielded a total of 94 completed responses, excluding revised or updated responses from several individuals. The purpose of the survey has been to: 1) provide information regarding areas of expertise for individuals interested in assisting in conducting paper reviews; and 2) increase the opportunity for ADC10 Members and Friends to participate in the paper review process. The types of information requested include: contact information; years of experience; previous experience as a paper reviewer for both the ADC10 Committee and other committees; and specific areas of expertise in which he/she could effectively contribute as a reviewer.

An updated email with a link to the online survey was submitted to Muggs Stoll on June 2nd, for
distribution to all ADC10 Members and Friends. The intent of the updated email is to solicit new potential reviewers and to request any revisions to the contact information for individuals already included on the list. An updated version of the online survey will continue to be available on the ADC10 website as well.

ADC10 Paper Reviews

Reviewers were selected in August for reviewing a total of six papers submitted to TRB that were assigned to the ADC10 Committee. All papers were submitted to TRB by the authors by August 1st and reviews were required to be completed by September 15th. A total of 26 reviews of the six papers assigned to the ADC10 Committee were completed by the cutoff date, with a total of at least three reviews, and in most cases, either four or five reviews for every paper. All review comments and recommendations were provided to the Publications Subcommittee Chair by no later than September 15th, and recommendations were finalized by October 1st. Reviewer comments, along with additional comments by the Subcommittee Chair, as appropriate, were provided to the authors of all six papers in early October.

Results of Paper Reviews

The six papers reviewed by the Committee were rather diverse in their subject matter, and in some cases, a bit removed from the subject matter that typically gets reviewed by the Committee and from the Committee’s overall mission. Based on the reviews, one of the papers was recommended for consideration for publication while three papers were recommended for poster presentation at the 2011 Annual Meeting. The one paper recommended for publication consideration was ultimately withdrawn from further consideration by the author and, as a result, no papers have been proposed for publication by the Committee. No papers were recommended for lectern presentation. The three papers recommended for poster presentation as part of the Environmental Mega-Poster Session at the Annual Meeting are as follows:


- Paper 11-3248, *Optimal Emission Pricing Models for Containing Carbon Footprints Due to Vehicular Pollution in a City Network* – Sabyasachee Mishra and Sushant Sharma


Poster Session

It was agreed at the ADC10 Committee’s Strategic Planning Session at the TRB Summer Meeting in Raleigh that the Committee will also invite poster presentations at the upcoming TRB Annual Meeting in January outside of the traditional approach of submitting papers for peer review and then being selected for presentation. It was decided that such posters would be an ideal method to feature project-specific examples of innovative and/or successful environmental practices in transportation.
Although the possibility of a special poster session at the TRB Annual Meeting, separate and apart from the large environmental poster session was discussed, it was subsequently decided to include all posters with the larger poster session.

In late August and early September, a Call for Posters was sent out via the TRB website, the ADC10 Committee website, the ADC10 Committee's List of Committee Members and Friends, and Brenda Kragh's (FHWA) email list of professionals. The Call for Posters requested that abstracts of no more than 500 words be submitted via email by no later than September 15. A total of 14 abstracts were received and, of that total, 11 were selected for presentation at the TRB Annual Meeting. Subsequently, one of the poster applications was informally withdrawn due to anticipated timing issues related to actual preparation of the poster; however, the exhibit space for this poster continues to be available in case the poster can be prepared in time. Mock-ups of most of the remaining ten posters were submitted by the requested date of December 8.

The 11 posters selected for presentation at the TRB Annual Meeting, excluding the three from the peer-reviewed paper process, include the following:

- **Complying with NEPA/CEQA: ARRA Deadlines and the Race to the Finish for California High-Speed Rail** – Bryan Porter, Steven Wolf and Irena Finkelstein

- **The Health Impact Assessment (HIA): Promising Best Practices in Transportation** – Eloisa Raynault

- **Environmental Planning GIS Tools** – Donna Buscemi and Heather Lowe

- **Case Study on the I-15 La Mesa/Nisqualli Interchange Project, Victorville, California** – Stephanie Oslick and Brian Gengler

- **State Route 85 Improvements Environmental Assessment, Overton County, Tennessee** – Meridith Krebs and Ralph Barnes

- **Streamlining Initiative Pays Off for I-295/I-76/NJ Rt. 42 Interchange, Camden County, NJ** – Ileana Ivanciu

- **Appraisal of Available Analytical Tools to Assess Environmental Justice Impacts of Toll Road Projects** – Lindsey Carroll


- **Regaining and Retaining Independence with Transit: The Advantages of Early Outreach to Those with Disabilities During the Decision-Making Process** – Stephanie Roberts

- **SMART Delivery Management System (SDMS), Tennessee Department of Transportation** – Suzanne Herron, Lori Kirby and Allen Ibaugh
- Regional Ecological Assessment Protocol (REAP): Eco-Logical Information for Transportation Planning – Sharon Osowski, David Parrish and Jeff Danielson (Later withdrawn by applicant)

The Publications Subcommittee Chair wishes to thank all of those who participated in the initial round of paper reviews and who managed to submit their reviews on time. The Chair also wishes to thank Martin Palmer for his assistance in developing the Call for Posters, as well as Muggs Stoll for his final input on all paper and poster selections.

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