The scope of the Strategic Issues Subcommittee is to identify, clarify and address emerging and strategic issues in transportation as they pertain to environmental analysis, across disciplines, consistent with the "umbrella" mission of ADC10, and to the use and benefit of other TRB committees and programs.

2010 Annual Meeting Activities
The Subcommittee convened on January 11, 2010 at 10:15 am in the Independence Room of the Washington Hilton, with approximately 24 persons in attendance. At the meeting, the mission/scope and Draft goals & objectives of the Subcommittee were reviewed and put in position for further comment and refinement; a summary of outcomes from a brainstorming session at the mid-summer meeting in Shepherdstown was given; a preliminary report was given on the results of a recent survey of Section committees regarding their views on strategic and emerging issues pertaining to environmental analysis in transportation; and plans for a more active interface with the Liaison Subcommittee were forwarded.

May 2010 ADC10 Newsletter
The Subcommittee provide an article for the May issue of the ADC10 newsletter that reported on the results of the Section committees survey. The survey found that external committee perspectives on emerging and strategic issues in environmental analysis in transportation fit five broad categories: 1) a more complete understanding and reporting of impacts across air, land and water regimes; 2) new emphasis on measurement, economics and valuation on all fronts; 3) broader consideration of alternatives including operational strategies and modal inter-relationships; 4) greater challenges in relationship between policy expectations and management realities; and 5) more complete consideration of health effects across various scales of analyses. Links to this article and the newsletter were forwarded to other TRB committees.

2010 Mid-Year Summer Meeting Activities (Raleigh, NC)
The Subcommittee did not separately convene at the mid-summer meeting (held as part of the 2010 TRB Environment and Energy Research Conference), but participated in ADC10 Chair Stoll’s strategic planning session to help frame the direction of the larger committee. As part of the Conference program, a presentation was made in Session 15, “Addressing Unique Issues in the Environmental Process with Mega Projects”, that included discussion of the Subcommittee’s work in identifying emerging and strategic issues in environmental analysis in transportation. The presentations and panel discussion in this session began to illuminate some of the many shortcomings that crop up when “managing” NEPA overrides larger net benefit opportunities.

Current
Work is actively underway on all three of the Subcommittee’s draft goals. The Subcommittee will host a panel of external experts for discussion of strategic issues at its meeting January 24, 2011.

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