

Linking Conservation and Transportation Planning in the National Capital Region Workshop Agenda

November 9, 2009

Location:

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
First Floor Training Center
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002

Workshop Objectives:

- To provide an update on progress since the March 2008 workshop including mapping activities
- To create a structure and process to identify meaningful mitigation opportunities
- To discuss examples of advance mitigation banks in other areas
- To develop a process to maintain long term coordination between transportation and environmental resource agencies
- To set regional environmental (transportation-related) goals

TIME	SESSION TITLE	PRESENTER	NOTES/DESCRIPTION
9:00-9:30 am	Registration		Participants check in, receive workshop materials, and nametags.
9:30-9:45 am	Welcome, National & Local Perspective Overview of Workshop	Ronald Kirby, Director, Dept of Transportation Planning (MWCOG) Mary Gray (FHWA HQ)	Workshop organizers will welcome participants and discuss how the workshop will facilitate opportunities for advanced mitigation. Includes definition of what advanced mitigation means.
9:45-11:00 am	Successes in Advanced Mitigation both National and local (MD, VA, DC)	Mary Gray (FHWA HQ) John McCoy, Director, Ecosystem Restoration Service (Maryland Dept of Natural Resources)	Discussion of advance mitigation and successful examples.

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		<p>Kristen B. Fleming, Environmental Specialist, Riparian & Wetland Restoration (Maryland Dept of Natural Resources)</p> <p>Bettina Rayfield, Stream Ecologist, Virginia Water Protection Program (Virginia Dept of Environmental Quality)</p> <p>Faisal Hameed, Program Manager, Project Dev & Environment, Transportation Policy & Planning Admin (District Dept of Transportation)</p>	
11:00-12:00 pm	Introductions and View of Benefits of Mitigation	Ken Leonard (Cambridge Systematics) and Shara Howie (NatureServe)	Participants will be asked to introduce themselves and give their view on whether some of the approaches introduced could be applied to their work and to list the potential benefits and challenges of this approach.
12:00-12:30 pm	Lunch		
12:30-1:40 pm	Discussion of Methods, Data and Analytical Tools that can Support Advanced Mitigation	<p>Shara Howie (NatureServe) and Mary Gray (FHWA HQ)</p> <p>Monica Bansal, Transportation Planner III (Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments)</p>	Summary of national and state conservation and transportation initiatives and research efforts that support advanced mitigation, with an emphasis on: 1) what needs to be considered in the planning process, 2) where in the planning process these initiatives should be considered, and 3) what

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		<p>Rex Hodgson, Transportation Planner III (Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments)</p> <p>Bryan King, Associate Director, Fisheries and Wildlife Division (District Dept of the Environment)</p> <p>Jason Bullock, Information Manager, Division of Natural Heritage (Virginia Dept of Conservation and Recreation)</p>	<p>approaches, tools and data can be utilized to support decision making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review provisions in SAFETEA-LU and quick summary of where Advance Mitigation fits in the planning process - Provide more details on steps to success (collaboration, MOA, Data, Tools, Approaches) <p>Overview of MPO activities, progress since last workshop in March, 2008. The objective to develop a long term process on advance mitigation for large projects.</p>
1:40- 2:40 pm	Break-out into groups to identify opportunities/strategies/obstacles to integrate advance mitigation into transportation decision making processes.	Ken / Shara	Discuss what needs to be accomplished to support advanced mitigation – identify three opportunities and supporting strategies, as well as any obstacles and ways to overcome obstacles.
2:40- 2:50 pm	Break		
2:50- 3:45 pm	Report back and discuss results of break out groups - advanced mitigation opportunities /strategies /obstacles	Ken / Shara	Report results, discuss, clarify and prioritize opportunities, strategies and ways to address obstacles.
3:45- 4:50 pm	Develop an Action Plan for advance mitigation opportunities	Ken/Shara	Action plan will identify key actions, time table and leaders.
4:50- 5:00 pm	Wrap Up and adjourn	Ken / Shara	

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