



2019 AMPO Annual Conference

Recap

November 26, 2019



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- October 21-25, 2019
- Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD
- 320+ Attendees
- 44 States and 2 Foreign Countries

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- **Three Mobile Workshops**
 - Baltimore City Bike Tour
 - Port Covington Tour
 - Port of Baltimore Tour
- **Welcome Breakfast – Steve Sharkey, BCDOT**
- **Awards Luncheon – R. Earl Lewis, MDOT**
- **Thursday Breakfast – Greg Cohen, Greyhound**
- **Keynote – FHWA Administrator Nicole Nason**

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- **22 Sessions with Multiple Speakers, Three Tracks**
- **Main Themes:**
 - Complete Streets – proven crash reductions, never too much outreach, involve champions early, flexibility is key
 - Future of Transportation – Shared, Electric, decades of mixed traffic operations, e-scooters replaced bikeshare, corrals, geofencing
 - MPO Roles and Relevancy – Hindsight 20/20 (1995 Plan)
 - Accessibility – Scenarios change in job accessibility
 - Environmental Justice – LRP Multiple accessibility/mobility measures
 - MPO & State Coordination – Learn from other State/MPO partnerships
 - Funding and Finance – TIFIA, Private Activity Bonds
 - Performance Measures – Data, Project Prioritization
 - Public Involvement – Online Interactive, Start from how to present
 - Interregional Compacts – Collaboration

Status of Highway Trust Fund

- The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates the HTF will not be able to meet obligations sometime during the summer of 2021.
- CBO estimates the Highway Account of the HTF will need \$57 billion in additional receipts (or bailouts) to remain solvent through 2025.
- Mass Transit Account need an estimated \$22 billion.
- General Fund bailouts support roughly 20% of the HTF spending
- \$140 billion over the past 11 years (470b FAST Act)
- Gas tax increase seems to be off the table despite continued talk about increases.

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- October 26-30, 2020 – Minneapolis, MN

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