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Thank you to our Windsor Tour Partners for their contributions: Tourism Windsor-Essex Pelee Island for sponsoring lunch, Urban Systems for sponsoring the shuttle, Bird Canada for providing the e-bikes & helmets, and The City of Windsor for organizing.

Conference Agenda

Monday, August 12

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Registration & Breakfast

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Welcome to the Conference & Opening Keynote

Motown Mobility for All

Moderator: Councilman Scott Benson, Detroit City Council, District 3

Panelists:

- Leona Medley, Executive Director, Joe Louis Greenway Partnership
- Karen Slaughter-DuPerry, Senior Director of Project Development, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy
- Kim Tandy, District 2 Manager, City of Detroit

Registration and Information Desk Hours

Sunday, August 11: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Monday, August 12: 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Tuesday, August 13: 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Wednesday, August 14: 7:00 AM – 9:30 PM

Exhibits and Posters (Terrace Level)

Exhibits Location: Grand Terrace Ballroom A

Posters Location: Plaza Room

Exhibitor and Poster Set-up and Move-in:

Monday, August 12: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Exhibit and Poster Hours:

Monday, August 12: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, August 13: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Student Poster Presentation: 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Wednesday, August 14: 9:00 PM – 11:30 AM

Exhibitor and Poster Tear Down and Move Out:

Wednesday, August 14: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

- Bo Wilson, President, Grown Men on Bikes

This keynote panel will focus on the efforts shaping active transit and micromobility in Detroit. Representatives from the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, Joe Louis Greenway Partnership, Grown Men on Bikes, and the City of Detroit will share insights on the revitalization of the Detroit Riverfront, the development of the Joe Louis Greenway, the thriving bike culture, and the city's significant investments in streetscape improvements. Bringing together valuable perspectives, this keynote panel will provide an overview of how the Motor City has made bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure investment a key tool for revitalizing its downtown, neighborhoods, retail strips, parks, and more.

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM

Break

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Panel Sessions (concurrent):

PROWAG and Beyond! (*Windsor A, Lobby Level*)

This session will provide an overview of the recently adopted Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way (PROWAG) and examples from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC) and Montgomery County, Maryland of ways to integrate and build on PROWAG. Jim Elliott, from Toole Design, will deliver the PROWAG overview. He will explain why PROWAG is relevant for pedestrian and bicycle professions, what it does and does not cover, key concepts such as "pedestrian access route" and "pedestrian path," and significant differences between the proposed and adopted versions. Matt Johnson, from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, will discuss the County's recently developed Accessible Design Guide. He will discuss the guide's impetus, results from a community survey, and how the guide integrates and builds on PROWAG to address the top challenges identified through the public input process, including the design of crosswalks, sidewalks, shared use paths, bus stops, and alternate pedestrian access routes. Alessandro Figueroa, from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center, will discuss a new info-brief resource that PBIC is developing based on the unique pedestrian experiences of neurodiverse individuals and individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). He will discuss how these two populations are represented in current transportation research efforts, pedestrian safety advocacy, and pedestrian networks that are designed with ID

- James Elliott, Toole Design Group
- Matt Johnson, Montgomery Country Department of Transportation
- Alessandro Figueroa, UNC Highway Safety Research Center

Boulevard of Broken Bollards: Lessons Learned about Temporary and Permanent Infrastructure (*Windsor B, Lobby Level*)

In this informative yet lighthearted presentation, two Minnesota engineers discuss what works and what doesn't for demonstration projects as well as retrofitted pedestrian safety projects. Learn from our mistakes! We'll discuss choosing between temporary demonstration projects with flexible delineators and paint versus permanent construction with concrete and catch basins. We'll talk about how to get the most out of your short-term or long-term fix. Planners and advocates will learn how to prevent common installation and design pitfalls and how to work successfully with the engineers in their lives. Engineers will learn some oddly-specific advice and what to monitor on projects. Based on the last seven years of MnDOT's Safe Routes to School demonstration project program, we'll touch on engagement with local stakeholders and the roadway authority, volunteer recruitment and management, and volunteer safety on installation day. We'll discuss material procurement and day-of-installation best practices for temporary curb extensions, median islands, separated bike lanes, pedestrian lanes, and raised crosswalks. Demonstration projects can easily go from fast, simple, and cheap to drawn out, complex and expensive. For permanent infrastructure we've learned quite a bit about

creating true accessibility, ensuring effective drainage, and designing intuitive pathways at bus stops and roundabouts. We'll discuss impractical landings, debris headaches, and pathway flaws and impediments. Learn about materials, procurement, volunteer safety, installations, drainage, accessibility, and retroreflectivity!

- Mitchell Kiecker, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Hannah Pritchard, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Ambassador Programs - A Worthy Investment (*Grand Terrace Ballroom B/C, Terrace Level*)

Join us as we share lessons learned from the City of Philadelphia, City of Columbus and other communities about the value of employing community leaders and members to add expertise throughout project planning, implementation, and programming. We'll share examples of community ambassador programs utilized to add value to Vision Zero plans, bike and pedestrian plans, travel training, and bike share programs. Bring your questions and concerns about setting up your own ambassador program.

- Marco Gorini, City of Philadelphia
- Meghan Alvarez, City of Philadelphia
- Catherine Girves, Toole Design
- Tobi Otulana, Toole Design

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Workshop: Wayfinding With Tactile Walking Surface Indicators (*Windsor C, Lobby Level*)

Increasingly complex geometries in public rights-of-way present new safety and wayfinding challenges to pedestrians who are blind or who have low vision. Experience the effects of simulated low vision on wayfinding in a field exercise near the conference venue. As you learn about how people with low vision are taught to navigate, you'll begin to understand how existing cues in the built environment may be missing, confusing or misleading. Then learn about three types of tactile walking surface indicators (TWSIs) that recent research has identified and validated for providing accessible information for wayfinding and safety to address these challenges. Find out what truncated dome detectable warning surfaces (DWS), raised bar tactile direction indicators (TDI), and trapezoidal tactile warning delineators (TWD) are, and how, and where to use them in a variety of transportation settings. Finally, join in a small-group exercise to practice what you've learned as your group redesigns a case site using TWSIs to improve accessibility and address the wayfinding challenge(s) you can identify.

- Sarah O'Brien, UNC Highway Safety Research Center
- Jennifer Graham, Accessible Design for the Blind

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Mobile Tours:

BIKE: Windsor

Hop on a Bird Canada e-bike and experience the best of Windsor on a leg of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT), the longest network of multi-use recreational trails in the world. Begin at the Hon. Herb Gray Parkway trail, which is Ontario's first trail that has been incorporated into a major provincial highway project. Learn about the unique features embedded in its design, including its ecopassage, where you can see efforts taken to protect and preserve species at risk, learning about the unique flora and fauna that call this area home. Cruise along parkland, with views of the new Gordie Howe International Bridge, home to the future international multi-use trail which will connect into local trails on both sides of the border. Then traverse to historic Sandwich Town for lunch, and wind along the scenic Riverfront trail, through the Sculpture Garden while enjoying views of the Detroit River. There will be guest speakers along the route to enhance the experience. **Please note, a valid passport is required as identification for the U.S.-Canada border crossing**

WALK: Detroit's Downtown Open Spaces and History

This tour provides guests with a fascinating glimpse into the heritage and layered history of the storied architectural and urban design legacy of downtown. The tour highlights the historic importance and recent revival of public open spaces in Detroit. We will review a selection of buildings and spaces that span a wide variety of styles and histories. Along the way, guests will explore Detroit's walkable downtown through iconic open spaces like - Woodward Avenue, Campus Martius Park, Spirit Plaza, and Grand Circus Park – learning about the activation and placemaking efforts at the ground level of the city.

WALK: Downtown Ferndale

Ferndale is an inner-ring suburb just over 10 miles northwest of downtown Detroit via Woodward Avenue. The city has been a longtime leader in implementing road diets, streetscapes, traffic calming, and separated bicycle infrastructure – all of which have led to a resurgent, vibrant, and diverse destination in Metro Detroit. This tour will primarily focus on the business district improvements, including the recently installed two-way cycletracks on both sides of state-owned Woodward Avenue.

10:45 AM – 11: 15 AM

Break

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Panel Sessions (concurrent):

Cycle219: Initiating a Community-Owned and Operated Bike Share Program in Gary, Indiana (*Windsor A, Lobby Level*)

The city of Gary is situated on the south shore of Lake Michigan, in the northwestern corner of the state of Indiana. Gary has a unique history, economy, and demographic profile with close ties to the Chicago metropolitan area. The concept for Cycle219 began as a free bike library to be located at a new residential development. Following the completion of the city's first bicycle and pedestrian master plan in 2022, the prospect of a bike share to increase first- and last-mile access for all users led to a more in-depth analysis of community needs and the potential for developing a larger community-owned bike share program. A quantitative, anticipated demand analysis was conducted to identify areas with the highest potential demand, with special consideration provided to existing daily destinations and transit connections. Cycle219 was developed through the investment and collaboration of numerous entities, including the Gary Public Transportation Corporation, local nonprofit organizations, and other institutions with a vested interest in safe and connected multimodal transportation options. Cycle219 launched in March 2024.

- Taylor Firestine, Health by Design
- David Wright, Gary Public Transportation

Transforming Our Streets: Embracing Community Connections through Traffic Calming, Tactical Urbanism, and Walk Audits (*Windsor B, Lobby Level*)

Stop us if this sounds familiar: In my municipality...Traffic calming processes become stalled because of a lengthy (or non-existent) process, and rarely get implemented. Tactical urbanism is often overlooked or dismissed by our engineers. We struggle to get community members involved in a meaningful way that works for both us and them. Our 311 system (if it exists) gets bogged down with requests and there's no sense of priority. We want to create lively neighborhoods with diverse and safe active transportation and recreation options. We want to foster a sustainable and enjoyable way of living. In this session, attendees will learn about implementing traffic calming, tactical urbanism, and walk audit programs in their communities to create safer and more accessible residential streets for all users. They will learn about the pros and cons of different types of traffic calming measures, as well as how to introduce and execute a neighborhood traffic calming program. The session will explore the pros and cons of tactical urbanism and neighborhood walking audits, strategies for identifying street

safety measures, and challenges with community engagement and opportunities to strengthen relationships. Attendees will hear perspectives about these topics from advocates and government staff from Macon and Savannah, GA.

- Caila Brown, Bike Walk Savannah
- Rachel Umana, Bike Walk Macon

Micromobility Solutions for Transformative Change (*Grand Terrace Ballroom B/C, Terrace Level*)

For many communities, more travel choices are key to a sustainable transportation future. Powered micromobility devices expand the suite of alternative transportation options and reduce automobile dependency. This session will explore a framework for an equitable e-bike incentive program, and for next generation trails that can safely function with powered micromobility users. E-bikes are increasingly common across North America as a way of encouraging sustainable mobility, but who is benefiting most from their rollout? Our team recently worked with the Region of Durham to examine best practices and develop a program model focused in improving mobility options for equity-deserving populations. In this presentation, we will outline what we learned from our research and community engagements and share practical tips for implementing more equitable incentive programs. Historically, shared-use paths were exclusive spaces for human-powered activity, but new technologies are transforming them into places that may include power-driven personal and shared mobility vehicles. This presentation will explore the next generation of shared-use paths to balance utility, safety, and user experience.

- Shawn Smith, WSP
- Jamie Stuckless, Stuckless Consulting Inc.
- Lexi Petrella, Alta Planning + Design Inc.

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch on your own

2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Panel Sessions (concurrent):

When Driving Isn't An Option: Steering Away from Car Dependency (*Windsor A, Lobby Level*)

Drawing from interviews with nondrivers and from their own experiences, disability advocates and nondrivers Anna Zivarts shines a light on the number of people in the US who cannot drive, how nondrivers get around and why it is critical to include people who can't drive in transportation planning decisions. America Walk's Ruth Rosas shares how communities across the United States are using the Week Without Driving challenge to push for more inclusive and accessible communities. Anna Zivarts is the author of *When Driving Is Not An Option: Steering Away from Car-Dependency* (Island Press, 2024) and works for Disability Rights Washington in Seattle. Jill Tewsley serves as the Community Engagement Director for the City of Milan, Michigan, and Ruth Rosas is a program manager for America Walks and is based in Chicago.

- Anna Zivarts, Disability Mobility Initiative, Disability Rights WA
- Jill Tewsley, City of Milan, Michigan
- Ruth Rosas, America Walks

Barriers and Opportunities for Bike/Ped Safety on State Urban Arterials (*Windsor B, Lobby Level*)

Research conducted for the Michigan VRU Safety Assessment and for MDOT research report SPR-1734 identified a high-risk network for vulnerable roadway users in Michigan, with many VRU crashes taking place on urban arterials and/or in census tracts meeting 4 or more threshold conditions on the Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool. However, state-owned urban arterial roadways face a broad array of competing interests, such as level of service and throughput. The panel will examine barriers to identifying and

implementing effective interventions, as well as opportunities for prioritizing safety in roadway and lighting design at appropriate locations.

- Matthew Penniman, League of Michigan Bicyclists
- Andrew Ceifetz, WSP
- Jun-Seok Oh, Ph.D., PE, PTOE, Transportation Research Center for Livable Communities, Western Michigan University

Planning, funding and designing urban multi use trails in Windsor, Toronto and Virginia Beach (*Grand Terrace Ballroom B&C, Terrace Level*)

This session will delve into the critical role of partnerships and infrastructure improvements in shaping the future of active transportation in three diverse environments: Toronto, Windsor-Essex, and Virginia Beach. By examining case studies and best practices from these cities, including cyclists' feedback on what makes a good trail great, attendees will gain valuable insights into successful collaborative efforts and innovative transportation solutions.

- Al Rezoski, City of Toronto
- Lori Newton, Bike Windsor Essex
- Steven Lambert, City of Virginia Beach

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Workshop: Complete Streets Project Transportation Hierarchy Tool (*Windsor C, Lobby Level*)

To date, more than 1,700 Complete Streets policies have been passed in the United States. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) was one of the first states to adopt a policy in 2013. Despite this, statistics show pedestrian fatalities are still climbing in Minnesota. They also show a larger share of non-motorized crashes resulting in fatal and serious injuries and disparities in equitable access and safety for all users. A goal of Complete Streets is project implementation, yet few agencies claim they implement Complete Streets concepts for roadway projects. How do we get there? MnDOT's Policy was updated in 2023 to provide clearer guidance on how to apply a Complete Streets approach in all phases of planning, scoping, project development, construction, operations, and maintenance. The new Complete Streets Handbook provides a one-stop shop for implementation. The new policy and Handbook offer unique guidance amongst DOT peers and can easily be scaled for application by towns, cities, counties, and states. The workshop will guide participants through a hands-on exercise of the MnDOT Complete Streets Handbook's framework, completing three of its four steps including 1) performing a project review, 2) identifying context categories, and 3) defining user mix adjustments or adjusting the transportation hierarchy that is appropriate for the context category. Whether you have been applying this tactic for years or are on the cusp of a Complete Streets policy, you will leave this session with actionable takeaways to set you on the path towards a transportation hierarchy effectively implements Complete Streets.

- Pamela Fincher, Isthmus Engineering
- Sonja Piper, MnDOT
- Dan Edgerton, Zan Associates

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Mobile Tours:

BIKE: East Riverfront Greenways

Join us for a bike tour of the Dequindre Cut, Dennis Archer Greenway, the Detroit Riverwalk, and Elmwood-Central park. This network of greenways and trails connect Elmwood Park, Lafayette Park and Eastern Market with the Detroit riverfront, showcasing a variety of greenway typologies. The Dequindre Cut is a below-grade rail trail extending from Mack Avenue to the riverfront, we will make a stop at Eastern Market on this portion of the tour. The Dennis Archer greenway, once part of a series of walking paths within residential projects in Elmwood

Park has been recently upgraded with landscaping, seating areas, safer crossings, security, and lighting. We will also pass through Elmwood-Central Park to learn about future trail improvement projects in the area.

WALK: Joe Louis Greenway Tour

Walk with us through a recently constructed segment of the Joe Louis Greenway and learn what happens when community-led design takes the lead. Explore the stories, landscape, art, and engagement that went into building the new greenway link between the cities of Detroit and Dearborn at Warren Gateway Park and its Unity Towers. Cross 2.8 miles of new, modern greenway with murals, rain gardens, native plants, and monuments to Detroit's industrial heritage. End at the Greater Southern Baptist Church and meet community leaders along the way. Learn how they are using the greenway as a tool to breathe new life into their neighborhoods after years of disinvestment and blight.

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Panel Sessions (concurrent):

Greenways As Community Connectors (*Windsor A, Lobby Level*)

Many communities across the country have been historically disconnected by transportation infrastructure, siphoned off from economic opportunities and access to amenities, such as parks and waterfronts. In New York City, this is exemplified by highways, rail lines, and waste treatment centers in The Bronx and Queens, whose residents have borne the brunt of these industrial facilities. Residents of these communities have voiced the desire for a continuous greenway and improved connectivity to upland neighborhoods. The story is similar in Detroit, where racial inequities and the creation of freeways have caused barriers and disruption to many Detroit neighborhoods. In order to remedy the errors of the past, these two cities are working to create greenways in these communities that would reconnect residents to neighborhoods and parks, while allowing residents to safely travel without depending on a vehicle. In New York, the city and its community partners are developing 7 and 11 mile greenways along The Bronx and Queens waterfronts. In Detroit, the Joe Louis Greenway is underway, improving safety and improving connections to the river with a 27.5 mile greenway. This presentation will focus on the process of engaging with historically underserved communities and the challenges and opportunities involved in reconnecting residents to a previously disconnected waterfront. Attendees will learn strategies for equitably filling bike network gaps along historically disconnected waterfronts, including methods for inclusive engagement practices for route planning. Attendees will also learn how to apply lessons learned from these two cities to future greenway projects.

- Emily Kennedy, Sam Schwartz
- Leona Medley, Joe Louis Greenway Partnership
- Karen Slaughter-DuPerry, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy

How will the changes in Washington DC affect bicycling and walking in your community (*Windsor B, Lobby Level*)

There are a number of big changes happening at the Federal level. As the Biden Administration wraps up its final few months in Washington, and as a new Congress takes over in January, the federal direction on transportation policy may be changing. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law directed much of the new funding as discretionary grants, giving the US DOT significant discretion over how funds were spent. From the survey of practitioners APBP conducted this spring, we saw that the new funding, and the US DOTs policies, resulted in a sense of FOMO from local government- and a shift towards applying for bicycling and walking projects. With a new administration taking over, and a new debate in Congress around transportation reauthorization, what new trends are on the table, and how might they affect what happens at the local and regional level.

- Caron Whitaker, CLW Consulting, LLC, APBP Policy Specialist

Make Your Data Count (*Grand Terrace Ballroom B/C, Terrace Level*)

From large cities to small towns, advocates have been refining their pitch to shift the narrative around active modes of transportation and convince decision makers to turn away from historically vehicle-centric planning practices. Increasingly, using hard data about pedestrian and cyclist activity has been at the core of this advocacy, to buttress arguments grounded in broadly acceptable economic and safety terms. It has not always been easy, but these efforts are starting to yield some results. This panel will explore two different and yet nonetheless linked case studies where count data is combined with relatable arguments to hopefully change minds.

- Stephen Charters, Eco-Counter
- Natalie Villwock-Witte, Western Transportation Institute at Montana State University

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Happy Hour with Exhibitors & Poster Displays

Visit with exhibitors while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Poster presenters will be ready to share and discuss their fresh ideas and research in the nearby poster hall.

Tuesday, August 13

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Registration & Breakfast

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Welcome and Keynote Address

The Right to Thrive: Cultivating Sustainable and Resilient Communities through Active Transportation

Speaker: Nina Idemudia

In this keynote address, Nina Idemudia, the CEO of the Center for Neighborhood Technology, will share her journey from growing up in Detroit to becoming a leader in urban resilience and sustainability. She will weave a compelling narrative about how environmental challenges and community disinvestment disproportionately affect marginalized communities and why it is crucial to integrate equitable policies and sustainable practices. Drawing from her personal experiences and professional expertise, she will highlight the importance of mobility justice, advocating for safe and accessible multimodal transportation options, including walking, biking, and transit, for all. Through engaging stories and practical examples, she will illustrate how active transportation can lead to healthier, more equitable communities.

Attendees will be inspired to take actionable steps to break down systemic barriers and promote inclusive development. The speaker will showcase successful projects and strategies that have cultivated thriving urban environments, demonstrating the real-world impact of these efforts. By the end of this keynote, you will see how the intersection of personal passion and professional dedication can drive transformative change, empowering all residents to thrive in sustainable and resilient communities.

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM

Break

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Panel Sessions (concurrent):

Equitable, sustainable, and local implementation of a national trail vision, step-by-step (*Windsor A, Lobby Level*)

Creating a vision for a 3,000-mile trail requires bold thinking. Further, implementing it demands careful coordination among planners at state, regional, and local levels to ensure permitting, equitable prioritization, and sufficient funding. Development of the East Coast Greenway (ECG) has been a success by taking on these challenges directly. Panelists will speak to their experience helping make the ECG—and connecting trail networks—a reality in New England and throughout the East Coast.

- Phil Goff, VHB
- Peter Sutton, Massachusetts Department of Transportation
- Bruce Donald, East Coast Greenway Alliance

Complete Networks: A Performance-Based, Multimodal Planning Tool (*Windsor B, Lobby Level*)

To achieve equity, environmental, climate, and infrastructure resilience goals, we need entire networks of continuous and connected streets for people walking, using transit, riding bikes, driving, and moving freight. In a new web tool developed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) in partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), planning starts at the system level, where modal networks and land use context are the determinants of modal priorities for each street in the network. Then design of individual streets follows the larger modal network vision with performance measures aligned with the priority modes for the subject street. In this session, learn about the tool developed to streamline this planning process. This session will include background on the need for the tool, a description of the tool, and an interactive demo of the tool.

- Jenya Abramovich, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
- Mike Davis Jr., Michigan Department of Transportation
- Matthew Galbraith, Michigan Department of Transportation
- Brad Strader, Cincar Consulting
- Cullen McCormick, Fehr & Peers

The Art of the Possible: Advancing Walking and Biking with Federal Programs (*Grand Terrace Ballroom B/C, Terrace Level*)

Pedestrian and bicycle projects have been eligible for Federal transportation funds for more than 30 years. This presentation will describe how communities and States have funded activities and project types listed in FHWA's Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities table. The panel will discuss successful projects that promote safe, accessible, equitable, and comfortable multimodal networks and highlight projects located in underserved communities. This presentation will provide specific information on USDOT discretionary grant funding programs - Rural and Tribal Assistance Program and Safe Streets and Roads for All - that provide much needed funding to promote safe walking and biking and will highlight both small and large communities that use these programs to expand walking and biking infrastructure.

- Christopher Douwes, Federal Highway Administration
- Jona Elson, Federal Highway Administration
- Susan Wilson, USDOT
- Jessica Rich, Federal Highway Administration

Chapter Leadership Session (*Windsor C, Lobby Level*)

This open, roundtable-style session will provide time to meet and network with chapter leaders

to discuss key areas such as executing successful events, growing APBP membership locally, chapter leadership succession planning, and more. If you're a current APBP Chapter Leader, just interested in this role, or if you would like to learn more about starting a chapter in your area, this session is for you.

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Student Poster Presentations (*Grand Terrace Ballroom B/C, Terrace Level*)

Ken Cross Scholarship for Student Research & Poster Competition Finalists

The Student Poster Contest is an award program within the Ken Cross Research Fund at APBP. This year, three finalists will present their research projects during this session. Conference attendees can vote on the grand prize winner by dropping their ticket into the bucket for the poster they feel is best. The grand prize is a Ken Cross Scholarship for Student Research award to attend the next APBP Conference. Congratulations to the three finalists!

How Green Can We Go? Transforming College Commuting for Campus Sustainability and Beyond

Tayo Taiwo, University of Maryland, College Park

Modelling Pedestrian Crossing Behaviour and Violations as a Pathfinding Process

Christopher Lehmann Skelton, University of Waterloo

Steering Toward Sustainability: E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and the Urban Campus Experience

Nicole Odell, North Carolina State University

Vote for Your Favorite Ken Cross Student Poster!

Remember to use the ticket provided in your name badge to vote for your favorite student poster.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Exhibit and Poster Viewing

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch on your own

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

Quick Shots Session

This storytelling format requires presenters to show 20 images for 20 seconds each. The goal is a fast-paced presentation style that tells a story through images rather than text.

The True Story of a Detroit Bike Commuter

Alex Johnston, Cities Reimagined

Kansas City's Lessons Learned on Building 30 Miles of Separated Bike Lanes in 2 years

Bailey Waters, City of Kansas City, Missouri

Safe'r' Routes to School

Allison Porton, Sam Schwartz

The Pedestrian's Tale

Brian Davis, Studio Davis

Connecting Communities Across the Banks of the Rio Salado

Christopher Milner, T.Y. Lin International

Boulder Comprehensive Snow Response

Stephen Bartels, Olsson

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM

Break

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Panel Sessions (concurrent):

Building Sidewalks Equitably and Efficiently Across Washington, D.C. (*Windsor A, Lobby Level*)

The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) has improved the way it builds sidewalks across Washington, DC through a combination of technology, data driven methodology, and political will. Learn about how the District of Columbia mapped all of its sidewalk gaps across the District through an all hands on deck data collection approach using an app on DDOT cell phones. Next, the agency developed a Sidewalk Gap Project Site Selection Tool to visualize sidewalk gaps and their corresponding attributes including the Sidewalk Construction Index (SCI) scores. The SCI methodology includes factors such as equity, safety, and proximity to key destinations. The selection tool combined with the SCI helps DDOT efficiently and equitably program its annual sidewalk construction workplan. DDOT also developed a public-facing dashboard for the Sidewalk Gap Program that includes project status updates connected to the agency's internal project tracking database. DDOT will discuss the internal and public rollout of the Sidewalk Gap Program. In the last part of the session, DDOT will share lessons learned and discuss future improvements to our site-selection methodology.

- Karyn McAlister, District Department of Transportation
- Jonathan Murphy, District Department of Transportation;
- George Branyan, District Department of Transportation

Community Empowerment through Urban Greenways: Sharing best practices and addressing disinvestment in four Midwest cities (*Windsor B, Lobby Level*)

In St. Louis, Milwaukee, Chicago, and Detroit non-profits and cities are working on implementing greenways in underserved, disinvested communities of color. Over the last few years, they have come together in Detroit and Indianapolis for site tours and to learn from each other, a practice they hope to continue in the future. These transformational trips, mostly composed of residents and local non-profits, have been a key component of more comprehensive engagement strategies working to ensure equity and inclusion. Learn how they are re-envisioning underutilized infrastructure to create safe, comfortable, and beautiful places for active transportation, bring communities together, and drive development without displacement. The panel will discuss the unique prototypes of on-street, off-street, and rails to trails greenways, community empowerment best practices and lessons learned, how equity and inclusion informed concept through implementation, and what it takes to drive transformational urban greenways, particularly in disinvested communities. In particular, the Brickline Greenway in St. Louis and the 30th Street Corridor Trail in Milwaukee will be highlighted, along with the Bronzeville Trail in Chicago and the Joe Louis Greenway in Detroit. These projects are in various stages from pre-planning to implementation but share many goals and objectives. Learn how each project is working to strengthen community, connect neighborhoods, produce locally driven tail-oriented development, and create great places to walk and bike that are safe and reflect local culture while addressing environmental injustice, long-term disinvestment and inequities through inclusive engagement.

- Janat Attarian, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, SmithGroup
- Shaughnessy Daniels, Great Rivers Greenway

- Danitra Jones, Northwest Side Community Development Corporation
- John Adams, CPA, Bronzeville Trail Task Force

Floating Bus Stops, Accessibility, and Cycling Infrastructure (*Grand Terrace Ballroom B/C, Terrace Level*)

Jurisdictions in the US, Canada, and New Zealand are taking steps to improve their transportation systems for people of all ages and abilities. People walking, biking, taking transit, and driving may have a range of abilities. To achieve a transportation system that accommodates all users, designers must consider how to design for each mode without creating barriers to access for people with disabilities.

The projects and guides presented in this panel considered how to accommodate people with vision disabilities in the design of floating bus stops and how to provide guidance for accessibility within a range of contexts for active transportation. These projects included engagement with people with disabilities, nondrivers, and transit riders.

- Brian Patterson, Urban Systems Ltd.
- James Elliott, Toole Design Group
- Shawn Smith, WSP
- Matt Johnson, Montgomery County Department of Transportation
- Briana Weisgerber, Washington State Department of Transportation

2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Workshop: The Need for Safer Speed in the US and Kansas City (*Windsor C, Lobby Level*)

Throughout the United States, over 60% of pedestrian and bicyclist deaths occur on roads with speed limits of 40 mph or more and the most common speed limit for a pedestrian or bicyclist death is 45 mph. The danger inherent to high speeds is one reason that Safer Speeds are one of the five objectives of the Safe System Approach adopted by the U.S. Department of Transportation. In this workshop, the League of American Bicyclists and representatives from Kansas City will share how safer speeds are integrated into Vision Zero efforts. Participants will investigate how speed is a crucial piece of Kansas City's Vision Zero Action Plan and will workshop implementing Vision Zero on its High Injury Network.

- Bailey Waters, City of Kansas City, Missouri
- Eric Bunch, City Councilman Kansas City, Missouri
- Maggie Green, Burns & McDonnell
- Josh Boehm, WSP
- Ken McLeod, The League of American Bicyclists

2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Mobile Tours:

BIKE: Belle Isle Park & Detroit Riverfront

The Detroit Riverwalk and Belle Isle tour links the downtown and central business district of Detroit to the largest city owned park in the United States via the nationally recognized Riverwalk. The Detroit Riverwalk is a reimagining of the Detroit River shoreline from the French ribbon farm settlements, then industrial uses, and now transforming to residential and recreational uses. The Riverwalk provides unprecedented access to the Detroit River that has been blocked for decades with industrial and brownfield sites. Purchased by the City of Detroit in 1879, the 982-acre park is operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Early planning for the park was done by Frederick Law Olmstead. Additional stops in the Lafayette Park and Elmwood Park neighborhoods east of downtown Detroit.

WALK: Implementing the Livernois-McNichols Corridor Plan in Northwest Detroit

Streetscapes, greenways, and open spaces that center neighbors and local businesses are creating inclusive growth in the neighborhoods. Join residents, community organizations, and City staff in Northwest Detroit to experience and discuss how the Livernois-McNichols Streetscape plan, a strategy focused on addressing physical, social, and economic challenges across more than ten neighborhoods, has taken shape since its creation in 2017. We will travel up to the Liv6 Neighborhood Homebase on McNichols, tour Ella Fitzgerald Park and Greenway, and stroll the Livernois Avenue of Fashion before returning downtown. We'll take in Detroit's first sidewalk separated bike lanes, a linear park in the heart of a neighborhood, and experience the vibrancy of commercial corridors anchored by small, African American-owned businesses.

WALK: Stroll Detroit's International Riverfront

Each year, 3.5 million people visit the Detroit RiverWalk. This former industrial riverfront has been transformed into a premier public space and voted the best U.S. riverfront by USA Today for the past three years. This tour will provide a panoramic view of the international border for the Detroit Riverwalk from Hart Plaza to the Michigan DNR's Outdoor Adventure Center, located at the southern end of the Dequindre Cut. Other notable riverfront destinations beyond this tour -- Valade Park, Mt. Elliott Park and Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Centennial Park -- will be discussed as well.

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM

Break

4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

Panel Sessions (concurrent):

Building Collective Buy-in for Trails and Active Transportation (*Windsor A, Lobby Level*)

Using the expertise of regional active transportation planners and advocates, Rails to Trails Conservancy staff and partners will explore approaches to developing and implementing funding strategies for connected trail and active transportation infrastructure. We will open with an overview of the importance of building an investment strategy for the long-term viability of active transportation networks and the federal funding opportunities to consider. We will be joined by active transportation planners from this year's host state, the Michigan Department of Transportation and West Michigan Trails to discuss the state's approach to funding and share advocacy success stories as funding applicants, grant administrators, and project implementers of active transportation networks. RTC is the nation's largest trails, walking and biking organization. For over a decade, RTC has been partnering with state, regional and community partners to implement connected trail and active transportation systems throughout TrailNation projects (railstotrails.org/trailnation). West Michigan Trails is committed to developing a non-motorized, connected trail system that links urban and rural communities, protects habitats and natural areas, and provides active and alternative transportation options linking people with services and attractions throughout West Michigan. The Michigan Department of Transportation is on a mission to serve and connect people, communities, and the economy through transportation.

- Mary Ellen Koontz , Rails to Trails Conservancy
- Jennifer Antel, West Michigan Trails
- Mike Smith, Michigan Department of Transportation

Creation of a Walking and Bicycling Data Collection Toolkit (*Windsor B, Lobby Level*)

This presentation will introduce a toolkit on walking and bicycling volume data collection, to be released by FHWA this summer. The toolkit will help agencies to create programs that collect, inspect, maintain, publish, and analyze walking and bicycling volume data that is reliable, representative, and insightful. To increase walking and bicycling activity and reduce walking and bicycling fatalities and injuries, State DOTs, MPOs, and other transportation agencies need more and better data. While anyone with a smartphone can see in real time traffic

congestion levels on nearby roadways, a transportation planner may not know how many people bike or walk on major streets. The toolkit covers how agencies can launch or expand their walking and biking count programs, select sites, navigate available count technologies and emerging data sources, and maintain their counters and programs for the long term. Drawing from existing guidance documents, case studies, and research, the goal of the toolkit is to clarify the process of running a walk and bike count program and point agencies to the best available knowledge on the topic. In addition to a detailed review of best available research and guidance, the development of the toolkit convened a working group of 14 leading experts in walking and bicycling count programs from a variety of state, regional and local agencies and academic institutions. A set of interviews with agencies leading innovative programs and practices were also conducted to inform the toolkit and a set of case studies.

- Jennifer Dill, Transportation Research and Education Center, Portland State University
- Darren Buck, Federal Highway Administration, US DOT

From Plan to Pavement – Overcoming Barriers to Implementing Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities (*Grand Terrace Ballroom B/C, Terrace Level*)

Conversations about how we use our roadway space often spark lively debates among engineers, planners, and community members. The inherent physical constraints of our streets bring opposing interests into competition. Transportation professionals have tools and standards to understand the needs of different modes and street uses, but there are few resources available to evaluate tradeoffs between these uses. Instead, unspoken assumptions about roadway priorities—often in direct conflict to stated vision and goals—govern what decisions are made.

- Meredyth Sanders, Kittelson & Associates, Inc
- Mary Raulerson, Kittelson & Associates, Inc
- Lila Singer-Berk, Toole Design

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Dine Arouds (*Meet in Hotel Lobby at 6:30 pm*)

Join us for an unforgettable evening of food, fun, and networking at our Dine Arouds! We will gather in small groups to explore some of local favorites. This event is the perfect opportunity to unwind, make new connections, and experience the vibrant culinary scene the city has to offer. Sign up to secure your spot and let's dine around Detroit together!

Wednesday, August 14

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

APBP Business Meeting & Presentation of Annual Awards

APBP President, Kendra Ramsey, will lead the annual Business Meeting and presentation of APBP's Annual Awards for Professionals of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Chapter of the Year, and Chapter Momentum Award.

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Exhibits and Poster Viewing

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Panel Sessions (concurrent):

Trail Towns in the Nation's Heartland (*Windsor A, Lobby Level*)

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Central Ohio Greenway (COG) program has successfully developed a vision for a regional trail network that connects 15 Central Ohio counties by trail. This network serves as backbone or the highway of the region's active transportation system. While many COG trails are already built and are valued for their scenic outdoor recreation and active transportation opportunities, the growing region needs to significantly improve access to the trail network for the trails to truly benefit all people. COG is working to make connections to the trail network more equitable, safe, and enjoyable through the development of an innovative Trail Town designation program. The program will support communities of all sizes in rural, urban, and suburban places in efforts connect with the nearby COG network with enhanced walking and biking infrastructure, as well as social and cultural connections. While it can be easy to imagine quaint towns with coffee shops, charming streetscapes, and inviting community members, the COG Trail Town concept is so much more than that. It's about local quality of life; it's rooted in safety, equity, health, economic opportunity, and sustainability. COG, with support from the Ohio DOT recently partnered with a local planning firm, Designing Local, to advance Trail Town goals and improve navigation to the trail system with the development of a COG Wayfinding Strategy. The strategy goes beyond signage and focuses on the use of public art, design, technology, creative placemaking, and cultural interpretation to expand the experience of the trail user.

- Melinda Vonstien, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
- Matt Leasure, Designing Local

How Safe Routes to School Programs Support Equitable Community Engagement and Funding Opportunities (*Grand Terrace Ballroom B/C, Terrace Level*)

How can Active Transportation programs generate innovative and inclusive community engagement strategies and authentic partnerships? Palo Alto California's Safe Routes to School Program Coordinator will share examples of successes and lessons gleaned from 17 years of experience building out equity-focused SRTS programs across Michigan and California. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) SRTS program will share how a Power Analysis and Equity Analysis informed activities designed to overcome barriers to participation. Learn and share the ways Active Transportation programs can address barriers of funding, planning education, outreach, and personal safety concerns.

- Rose Mesterhazy, City of Palo Alto
- Hannah Day-Kapell, Alta Planning + Design

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Workshop: Elevate and Envision: A BIPOC Affinity Workshop (*Windsor C, Lobby Level*)

This interactive workshop will be an opportunity for Black, Indigenous, Latino, Asian, Arab, Middle Eastern, Pacific Islander, and other People of Color to share space to learn about, from, and with one another. Participants will take part in three activities. The first will focus on relationship-building and empowerment. Participants will review, react, and discuss quotes from well-known BIPOC designers, as well as share their own lived and professional experiences within the affinity space. Next, we will "democratize design" by using a Mad-libs style activity to develop a shared vision for the future of human-centered transportation planning and design. The final workshop activity will include discussion and brainstorming around concrete strategies that APBP and professionals can move forward to realize the shared vision. The activities in this session have been adapted from a workshop called "What if Women+ of Color Designed Everything?" developed and facilitated by L.C. Johnson of Columbus, Ohio, and Michelina Ferrara of New York City.

- Tobi Otulana, Toole Design
- Anish Tailor, Toole Design

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Mobile Tours

BIKE: Connecting Southwest Detroit and Catalyzing Transformation

Detroit is experiencing an explosion of re-investment and transformation. The integration of complete streets and greenways are central to this plan and are not only providing walkable and bikeable transportation options, but also supporting the development of new parks, helping to catalyze economic development, and converting Motor City to Mobility City. This tour will provide several opportunities to bike along interconnected networks of complete streets and greenways, stopping to explore key public spaces, Ford's Michigan Central, Mexican Town, and the redeveloping Corktown.

WALK: Midtown

The Midtown area includes many smaller neighborhoods, with this tour focusing on Cass Corridor. We will highlight a community bike shop and two green alleyways. The tour begins with a QLine streetcar ride up Woodward Avenue, detailing its design and impact on local transportation. At the Community Bike Shop, we will explore Back Alley Bikes' facility and learn about their inspiring work in Detroit's non-profit bicycle scene. In "A Tale of Two Alleys," we will discover the fascinating process behind creating two innovative green alleyways and delve into Green Garage's cutting-edge sustainability projects transforming the neighborhood.

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM

Break

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Panel Sessions (concurrent):

Everyone Can Ride (*Windsor A, Lobby Level*)

Everyone can walk and ride a bike regardless of the disability they may face. The cycling and walking may look a little different for some, but everyone can actively access our community. This presentation will include individuals with cognitive impairments and autism to share their stories of how they travel. Learn about the importance of cycling and walking for independence. Individuals will share how they become involved in local transportation planning and transit. MOGO will share how the adaptive bikeshare was developed with the input of individuals with disabilities.

- John Waterman, Programs to Educate all Cyclists (PEAC)
- Jacob Graham, MOGO

Implementing Complete Streets by Establishing Partnerships and Building Community Consensus (*Grand Terrace Ballroom B/C, Terrace Level*)

This session will highlight local and regional efforts undertaken to implement Complete Streets projects. It will emphasize the importance of establishing partnerships as well as successful community engagement strategies utilized to garner support for projects throughout the implementation process.

- Matt Johnson, Montgomery County Department of Transportation
- Ricardo Gutierrez, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Fazal Qureshi, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

12:30 PM

Conference Concludes

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (*Windsor A, Lobby Level*)

FHWA Meeting of State Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinators and Transportation Alternatives Managers

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Poster Displays

The following posters will be displayed in the Pontchartrain Room, Lobby Level for the duration of the Conference.

101. Assessing the Economic Benefits of Complete Streets

Rachel Grosso, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

102. Superhero Steppers Walking School Bus

Natalie Gille, Light My Lotus

103. Steering Toward Sustainability: E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and the Urban Campus Experience

Nicole Odell, North Carolina State University (Ken Cross Student Poster Finalist)

104. Modelling Pedestrian Crossing Behaviour and Violations as a Pathfinding Process

Christopher Lehmann Skelton, University of Waterloo (Ken Cross Student Poster Finalist)

105. How Green Can We Go? Transforming College Commuting for Campus Sustainability and Beyond

Tayo Taiwo, University of Maryland, College Park (Ken Cross Student Poster Finalist)

106. Micromobility as a Means of Inclusion in the American Urban Environment

Marc Liu, Civilized Cycles

Zachary Schieffelin, Civilized Cycles

107. Analysis of Pedestrian Crashes at Roundabout in Michigan

Norran Novat, Western Michigan University

108. Investigating Disparities in Pedestrian Nighttime Crashes in Michigan

Sia Mwendu, Western Michigan University

109. Traffic Crash Data: Exploring the dataset's power and pitfalls

Allison Porton, Sam Schwartz

110. Learning from Australasia: Improving Ped/Bike Safety Outcomes on Arterial Roads

Tamara Redmon, Federal Highway Administration

111. MnDOT Active Transportation Scoping Program: Reflecting on Seven Years of Connections

Maria Donnelly, HNTB Corp

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Plaza Ballroom, Terrace Level

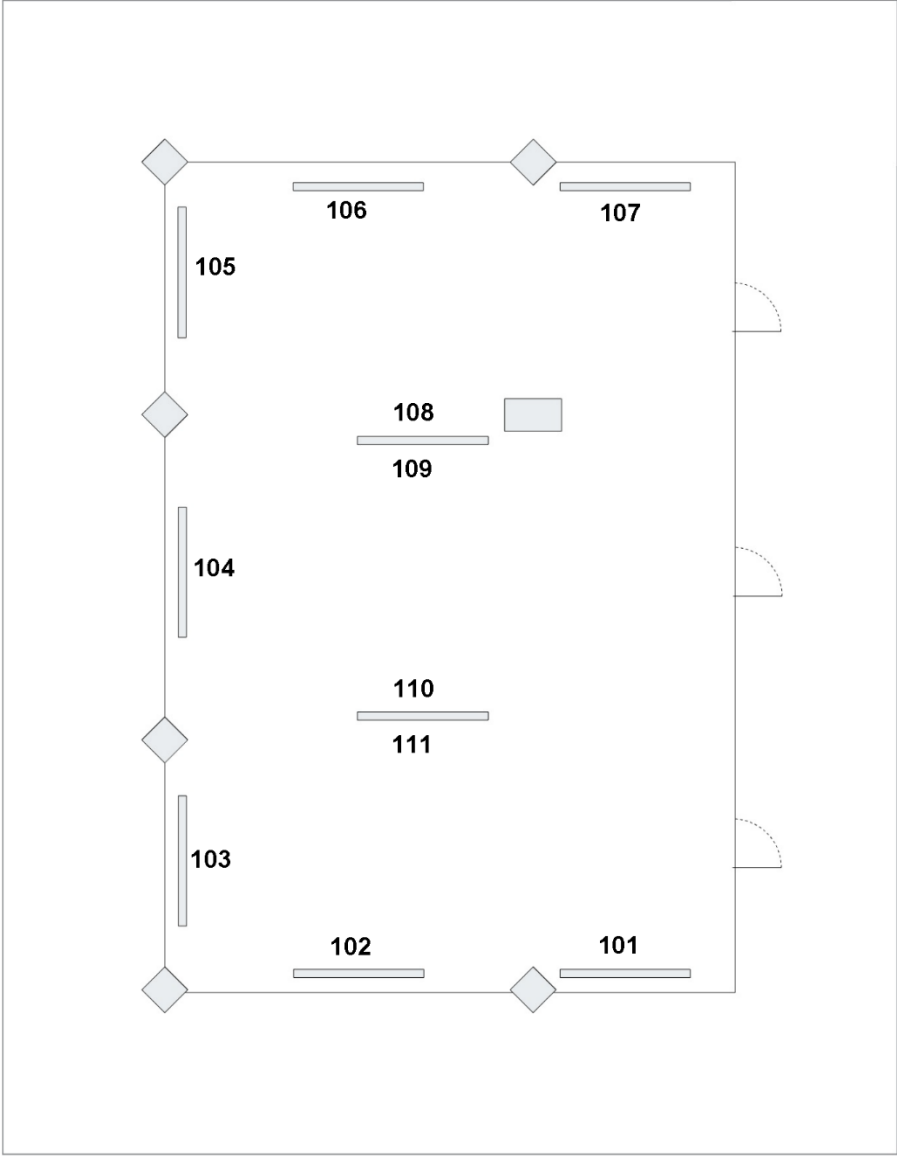
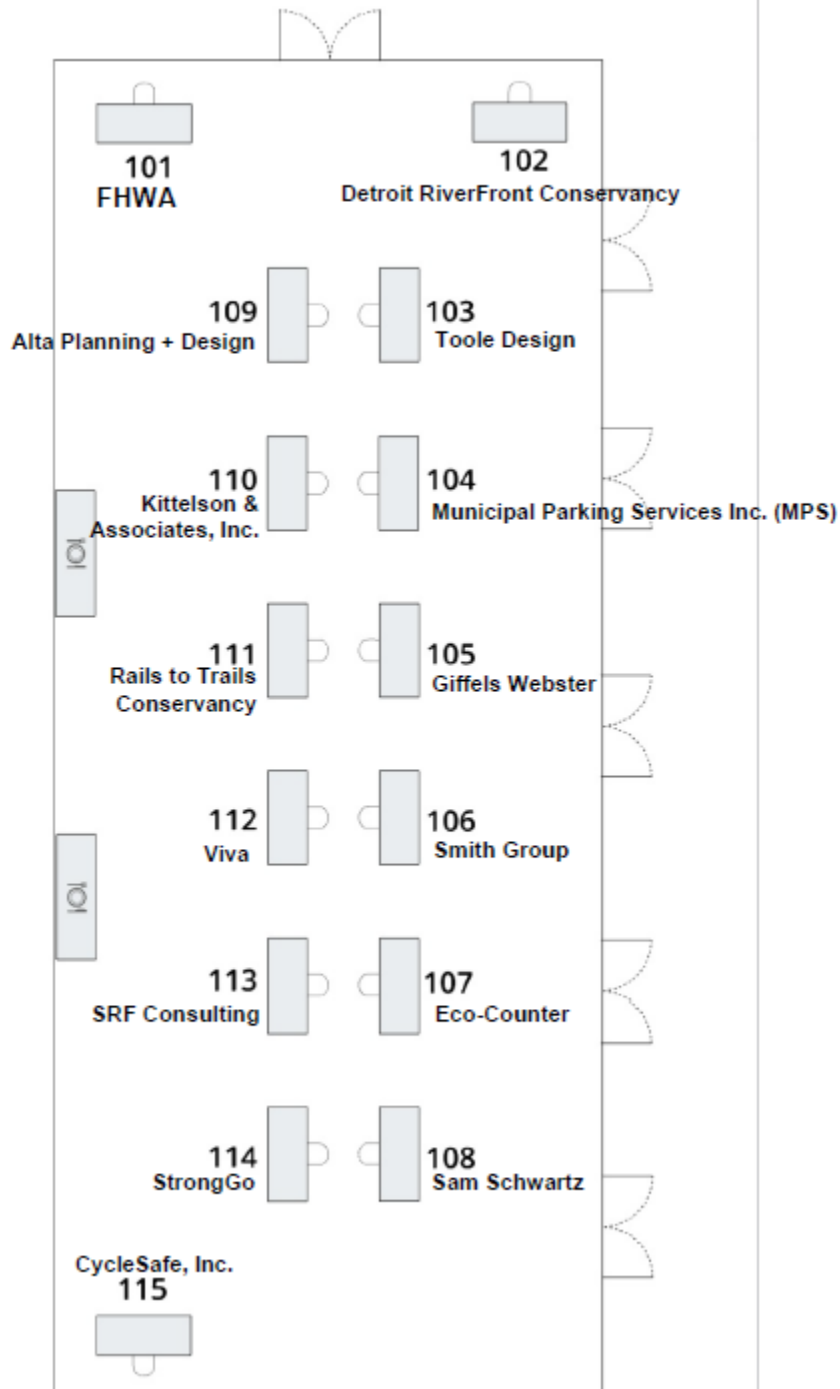


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