



THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Thriving Communities Convening Agenda

Day 1: December 10, 2024

Time	Session	Location
7:30-8:45 AM	Arrival and Registration	USDOT Headquarters <i>Entrance at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Washington, DC 20590</i>
8:45-9:00 AM	Welcome & Logistics <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monica Guerra, Community Solutions Team Lead, USDOT Build America Bureau• Elizabeth Kohl, USDOT Office of General Counsel• Veronica McBeth, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation Policy, USDOT	West Atrium
9:00-9:30 AM	Leadership Remarks <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christopher Coes, Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, USDOT• Polly Trottenberg, Deputy Secretary, USDOT	West Atrium
9:30-10:30 AM	Plenary #1 – Community Storytelling: Connections That Catalyze Change <i>Hear stories about successful relationship-building tactics community leaders have used to strengthen connections with stakeholders – from residents to implementation partners.</i> <u>Moderator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dominique Gebru, Community Planner, USDOT Build America Bureau <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shawn Irvine, Assistant City Manager, City of Independence, OR• Denise Gibson-Bailey, Resident and Community Advocate, Atlantic Beach, SC• Howard Brown, Senior Program Officer, Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation, Pottstown, PA• Kevin Schronce, Design Director, City of Detroit, MI	West Atrium
10:30-10:45 AM	<i>Break and Transition to Conference Center Breakouts</i>	-

10:45 AM-12:45 PM	Community of Practice Breakouts and Lunch <i>Food will be provided to community attendees by Capacity Builder teams. Lunches will be delivered to the following rooms:</i>	Conference Center
	Main Streets (Main Street America) Cohort	Oklahoma Room
	Complete Neighborhoods (Rocky Mountain Institute) Cohort	Conference Room 6
	Complete Transit-Oriented Neighborhoods (WSP) Cohort	Media Center
	Networked Communities (RAIB) Cohort	Conference Room 8-10
12:45-1:00 PM	<i>Break and Transition to West Atrium</i>	-
1:00-2:30 PM	World Café <i>Representatives from across USDOT, other Thriving Communities Network agencies, Capacity Builders, and philanthropic organizations will provide information and resources about their programs. Participants will select up to three tables to visit, with tables rotating every 25 minutes.</i> The following organizations will have tables at the World Café: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) • Build America Bureau, Financing and TA • Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) • Federal Highway Administration (Tribal) • Federal Highway Administration, Public Involvement • Federal Highway Administration, Active Transportation/Safety • Federal Transit Administration (FTA) TOD • Main Streets America • National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) • Philanthropic Connections • Reconnecting Communities Institute • RMI/Shared Use Mobility Center • The Ray, Arcadis, Infrastragies, Beverly Scott Associates (RAIB) • U.S. Department of Transportation, ROUTES • U.S. Department of Climate, Change Center • USDA, Rural Partners Network • WSP/Accelerator for America 	West Atrium
2:30-2:40 PM	<i>Break and transition to Conference Center</i>	-
2:40-3:45 PM	Community Deep Dive Sessions <i>Hear more about partnerships and resources leveraged to advance community goals. Participants will select one session to attend.</i>	Conference Center
	Cleveland, OH: This session will spotlight the City of Cleveland and WSP's experience maintaining, improving, and transforming infrastructure to meet the community's needs, increasing capacity to apply for state and federal funding, and connecting infrastructure plans to residential and economic development opportunities. Additionally, the session will discuss how philanthropy can support communities beyond funding resources.	Media Center

	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meredith Davis, Community Planner, USDOT Build America Bureau <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Moss, Manager (Strategic Planning Initiatives), Cleveland City Planning Commission • Sean Scott, Senior Equity Consultant & Urban Designer, WSP • Jennifer Pangborn, Senior Vice President, WSP • Kera Package, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, HUD • Martha Roskowski, Consultant, Office of Public Engagement, USDOT 	
	<p>Brownsville, TX: Join the City of Brownsville and RAIB as they discuss their experience partnering with federal, state, and local partners on community mobility, including pedestrian walkability, affordable housing, environmental justice, economic issues, and infrastructure development to help with the overarching goal of creating wealth-building opportunities. Additionally, the General Services Administration (GSA) will discuss the agency's work with Brownsville and how they collaborate with federal partners to support broader community needs.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victor Austin, Community Planner, USDOT Build America Bureau <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olga Moya, Assistant Director of Grants, City of Brownsville • Tamae Partain, Global Business Area Program Manager - Mobility, Arcadis • Amber Levofsky, Senior Advisor, GSA 	Conference Room 8-10
	<p>McAlester, OK: Learn how the City of McAlester and Project for Public Spaces collaborated to identify and strengthen partnerships to support and implement transportation and complete streets projects to revitalize and connect Downtown McAlester and its Old Town Antiques District. Additionally, the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) will discuss their resources and how their placemaking grants and technical assistance can benefit capacity builders and communities across the FY 2022 TCP cohort.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominique Gebru, Community Planner, USDOT Build America Bureau 	Oklahoma Room

	<p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director, City of McAlester • Emily Putnam, Project Manager, Project for Public Spaces • Ben Stone, Director of Design and Creative Placemaking, NEA <p>Rexburg, ID: This session will spotlight the City of Rexburg and Main Street America’s experience connecting and collaborating with federal and local partners on improving and expanding Rexburg’s multimodal network. Learn more about how Rexburg and Main Street America are working together over the next several months to set Rexburg up for success.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecilia Arritola, Community Planner, USDOT Build America Bureau <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerry Merrill, Mayor, City of Rexburg • Keith Davidson, Public Works Director, City of Rexburg • Shane Hampton, Senior Manager, Main Street America 	<p>Conference Room 6</p>
<p>3:45-4:30 PM</p>	<p>“Letters to Our Future Selves” <i>Teams will participate in an interactive closing activity, identifying future commitments beyond TCP. Please sit at a table with your community members. Short reception to follow.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominique Gebru, Community Planner, USDOT Build America Bureau <p>Capacity Builder Meeting <i>Opportunity for Capacity Builder representatives to meet with Build America Bureau staff in a group discussion format.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Guerra, Community Solutions Team Lead, USDOT Build America Bureau 	<p>West Atrium</p>



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Day 2: December 11, 2024

Time	Session	Location
8:00-9:00 AM	Arrival and Registration	USDOT Headquarters <i>Entrance at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Washington, DC 20590</i>
9:00-9:30 AM	Welcome & Leadership Remarks <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monica Guerra, Community Solutions Team Lead, USDOT Build America Bureau• Duane Callender, Acting Executive Director, USDOT Build America Bureau• Kristin White, Acting Administrator, USDOT Federal Highway Administration	West Atrium
9:30-10:30 AM	Plenary #2 – Community Storytelling: Building Momentum Toward Project Delivery <i>Join communities as they share a diverse range of successful project delivery outcomes, including incremental steps toward delivery, as supported by capacity building efforts.</i> <u>Moderator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selina Zapata Bur, Transportation Specialist, USDOT Build America Bureau <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Willie Lake, City of York, AL• Nicholas Carr, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, Tacoma Housing Authority• Kate Thomas, Economic Development Director, City and Borough of Wrangell, AK• Brianne Fisher, Climate Action Manager, City of Tempe, AZ	West Atrium
10:30-10:40 AM	<i>Break and Transition to Conference Center Breakouts</i>	-

10:40 AM-12:15 PM	Thriving Communities Program Feedback Sessions <i>In this session, communities and Capacity Builders will have the opportunity to provide feedback about their experiences in the Thriving Communities Program to help USDOT continue to improve its technical assistance programs and resources.</i>	
	Main Streets (Main Street America) Cohort	Oklahoma Room
	Complete Neighborhoods (Rocky Mountain Institute) Cohort	Conference Room 6
	Complete Transit-Oriented Neighborhoods (WSP) Cohort	Media Center
	Networked Communities (RAIB) Cohort	Conference Room 8-10
	Capacity Builders (All Cohorts)	Conference Room 3
12:15 PM-2:30 PM	Community of Practice Breakouts, Lunch, and Event Closing <i>Food will be provided to community attendees by Capacity Builder teams. Lunches will be delivered to the following rooms:</i>	Conference Center
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	Networked Communities (RAIB) Cohort	Conference Room 8-10



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List of Capacity Builders and Team Members

National Main Street Center, Inc. (Lead), and CTL
Engineering, Equiticity, National Association of
Development Organizations, Project for Public Spaces,
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, and Rural Community
Assistance Partnership

Main Streets

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

City of Cedartown

City of Independence

City of Macomb

City of McAlester

City of Milford

City of Monroe

City of Rexburg

City of Villisca

City of York

County of Henry

First Tennessee Rural Planning Organization

Forest County Potawatomi Community

Indian Reservation

Mineral County

North Central Regional Planning Commission

Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe of the Shoalwater Bay

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Town of Elizabethtown

Trinidad Rancheria

Village of Indiantown

Rocky Mountain Institute (Lead), and American Council
for Energy-Efficient Economy, CivicWell, Equitable Cities,
ioby, Nelson/Nygaard, and Shared-Use Mobility Center

Complete Neighborhoods

Big Sky Economic Development

Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

City of Decatur

City of East Orange

City of Indianapolis

City of Lansing

City of Lima

City of Providence

City of Waukegan

Municipality of Isabela

Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission

St. Louis County

Suffolk County

Sumter Area Transportation Study

Town of Atlantic Beach

Roanoke

MZC Foundation, Inc. (Lead), and Arcadis,
InfraStrategies, and Beverly Scott Associates

Networked Communities

Borough of Pottstown
Charleston Area Transportation Study
Chester Economic Development Authority
City and Borough of Wrangell
City of Brownsville
City of Detroit
City of Doraville
City of Douglas
City of Montgomery
City of Saint Paul
City of San Luis
Kearns Metro Township
Nisqually Indian Tribe
Osceola Port Authority
Upper Kanawha Valley Strategic Initiative Council

WSP USA, Inc. (Lead), and Accelerator for America,
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State
University, and Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners

Complete Transit-Oriented Neighborhoods

Anaheim Transportation Network
Baltimore City Planning Department
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
City of Albuquerque
City of Brockton
City of Charlotte
City of Cleveland
City of Glens Falls
City of Tempe
Hinds County
Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Pierce County Public Transportation Agency
VIA Metropolitan Transit Agency