



# Moving from the Margins to the Mainstream

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# Goals for STPP's Regional Workshops

- o Broaden understanding of what SAFETEA-LU allows by removing some of the mystery of the programs and processes
- o Show how to take advantage of the flexibility, eligibility and processes in the law;
- o Define strategies that balance investment in roads and with transit, walking and bicycling in communities;
- o Foster new alliances and partnerships in states and communities to change the course of transportation investment



# STPP Workshop Wrap-Up

- o Revised Guidebook
- o Workshop Report
  - o What We Learned
  - o Suggested Practices and Practices to Avoid
  - o Action Steps
- o Available at [www.transact.org](http://www.transact.org)



# Themes from STPP Workshops

## o Key Themes

- o Strong interest in more **integration of transportation, land-use** and community development
- o Recognition of need for much **more education and training** about the nature of our transportation issues
- o **Broad and deep alliances** are a critical to broadening all travel choices
- o **Basic change** in process & control to achieve different outcomes from the investment of transportation funds
  - a common purpose and understanding of connections among various stakeholders
- o **Transparent, user-friendly** description of funding availability and eligibility to achieve more travel choices



# Some Tips and Comments

- o Federal government could be stricter getting unfunded projects out of TIPs and STIPs;
- o When the only people at the table are the ones who are paid, the process suffers;
- o Context sensitive solutions is a process, it is not highway designers putting lipstick on a roadway that doesn't work;
- o Do not be bound by assumptions; question design speed; challenge levels of service targets;
- o Sometimes advocate need to learn to take 'yes' for an answer