Moving from the Margins to the Mainstream

Rail~Volution

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Goals for STPP’s Regional Workshops

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

- Revised Guidebook
- Workshop Report
  - What We Learned
  - Suggested Practices and Practices to Avoid
  - Action Steps
- Available at www.transact.org
Themes from STPP Workshops

- Key Themes
  - Strong interest in more integration of transportation, land-use and community development
  - Recognition of need for much more education and training about the nature of our transportation issues
  - Broad and deep alliances are a critical to broadening all travel choices
  - 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
  - Transparent, user-friendly description of funding availability and eligibility to achieve more travel choices
Some Tips and Comments

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