



# WELCOME TO THE CSS NATIONAL DIALOG 2 WORKSHOP

Boise, Idaho  
June 12, 2014

# What is the National Dialog 2?

- Project sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
  - A continuation of the first CSS National Dialog held 2008–2010
  - Funding from the FHWA Office of Planning, Environment and Realty's Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP)
  - Project Team: The Cadmus Group, Center for Transportation and the Environment, Parsons, and Project for Public Spaces.
  
- A catalyst for an ongoing exchange of ideas to build momentum for wider implementation of CSS
  - Series of ten regional workshops—on-site and webcast access
  - Compile and present exemplary case studies
    - Projects
    - Plans
    - Programs
  - Connect with new constituencies and partners
  - Establish and support professional and partner network

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## Goals:

- Identify and Highlight CSS Best Practices
- Introduce CSS principles and practices to partner organizations
- Strengthen and broaden the interest in Context Sensitive Solutions
- Discover new partnership opportunities
- Bring new perspectives to transportation
- Foster a community of CSS practice
- Continue the conversation from the first CSSND



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## What is Context Sensitive Solutions?

- “A collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders in providing a transportation facility that fits its setting. It is an approach that leads to preserving and enhancing scenic, aesthetic, historic, community, and environmental resources, while improving or maintaining safety, mobility, and infrastructure conditions.”



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## Why are you here?

- ▣ Learn about CSS in this region
- ▣ Provide ideas, insights for other CSS activities
- ▣ Discuss current challenges and opportunities for the broader application of CSS principles
- ▣ Identify new partnerships and synergies
- ▣ Join the CSS community of practice

# On the Agenda for Today

- ITD & FHWA Welcome
- FHWA CSS Update
- Case Studies
- Discussion Panels
- Your Questions, Insights, and Ideas
- Webcast Participants
  - Download/view workshop materials 
  - Ask questions 



Workshop Agenda  
Thursday, June 12, 2014, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM MDT  
Conference Room  
Idaho Transportation Department  
Boise, Idaho

Sign in and Informal Networking		8:30 AM
Session A: Introductions, Orientation	Gary Toth, Senior Director, Transportation Initiatives, Project for Public Spaces	9:00 AM
Welcome from Idaho Transportation Department	Jim Carpenter, Chief Operations Officer, Idaho Transportation Department	
Welcome from Federal Highway Administration – Idaho Division	Peter Hartman, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration – Idaho Division	
CSS Update	R. Keith Moore, Environmental Program Specialist, Federal Highway Administration	
Case Study Presentations	Moderator: Leigh Lane, Senior Research Associate, Center for Transportation and the Environment	
Case Study #1: Cottonwood Street Environmental Assessment - Utah	Jason Green, Transportation and Environmental Planner, Lochner and Loretta Markham, Project Manager for Transportation Planning and NEPA, Lochner	
Case Study #2: 1.70 Mountain Corridor CSS Design and Aesthetic Guidelines - Colorado	Mary Jo Vobejda, Principle Project Manager, CH2M HILL	
Case Study #3: Russell Street Reconstruction Project - Montana	Ed Toavs, Missoula District Administrator, Montana Department of Transportation	
Break and Informal Networking		11:00 AM
Case Study #4: Reconsidering the Curve – Idaho	Aaron Qualls, Planner II, City of Sandpoint, Idaho	11:15 AM
Session B:	Moderator: Gary Toth, Senior Director, Transportation Initiatives, Project for Public Spaces	
Panel Discussion What's Next:	Panel: Chris Danley, Principal, Vitruvian Planning Aaron Qualls, Planner II, City of Sandpoint, Idaho Deanna Smith, Project Coordinator, Idaho Smart Growth Michael Tooley, Director, Montana Department of Transportation and Policy Makers	
What's Next for the National Dialog?	Leigh Lane, Senior Research Associate, Center for Transportation and the Environment	
End		1:00 PM

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Visit: [www.cssnationaldialog.org](http://www.cssnationaldialog.org)  
[www.contextsensitivesolutions.org](http://www.contextsensitivesolutions.org)



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