



# **Context Sensitive Solutions: Federal Perspective**

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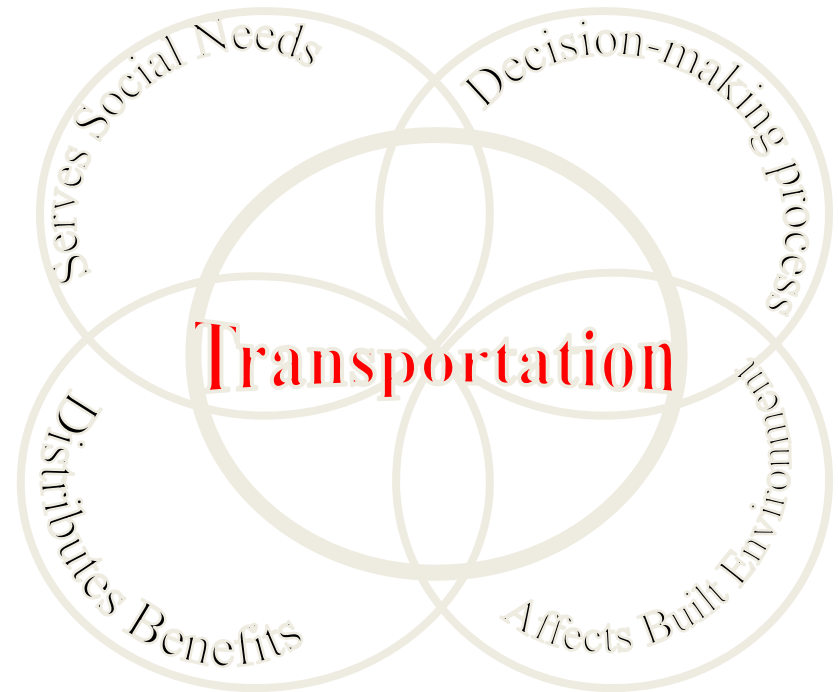
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# CSS and MAP-21

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- CSS as related to transportation will continue to be a part of our daily practice.
- CSS is about enhanced outcomes and improved performance.



# CSS Federal Perspective

- CSS is needed now more than ever.
- With MAP-21, varying contexts, and competition for funding, we need CSS institutionalized and enthusiastically embraced and promoted by the whole CSS community of Practice.



# Enhancing Strategies, Tools, and Philosophies

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To achieve CSS we will integrate CSS into other initiatives, strategies, and tools:

- Flexibility
- Livability
- Sustainability
- Community Impact Assessment
- Scenario planning
- Land use and transportation
- Smart growth
- Walkable Communities/Thoroughfares
- Safe and affordable transportation choices
- Healthy neighborhoods
- Health and Transportation
- Transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Complete Streets
- Environmental Justice

# FHWA Policy Direction

- Integrate CSS into initiatives and identify champions
- Looking outside the traditional transportation box
  - Livability
  - Community Based Solutions
- CSS in Research
- CSS in Design
- Accelerated Project Delivery and improved performance



# MAP 21 and Accelerated Project Delivery

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MAP-21 will be implemented in a way that promotes better environmental outcomes, supports transparent, informed decision-making through:

1. More rapid schedules for permitting and licensing projects,
2. Better Process Management for the environmental review process,
3. Reduced Statute of Limitations timeframe for lawsuits and permit appeals, and
4. Use of administrative conflict resolution tools.

# Where are we going with CSS?

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- Assemble internal champions group.
- Work within existing networks to integrate the philosophy of flexibility and CSS principles.
- Build capacity on how CSS and livability apply to transportation processes, outcomes and decision making.

# Resources

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**FHWA supports the following two websites about CSS:**

- [contextsensitivesolutions.org](http://contextsensitivesolutions.org)
- [cssnationaldialog.org](http://cssnationaldialog.org)

The first one has a lot of CSS information, including case studies, webinar recordings, papers, and many links.

The second one contains the presentations, videos, and other information about this series of National Dialogs.