



# WELCOME TO THE CSS NATIONAL DIALOG WORKSHOP

Austin, Texas

October 20, 2009

# What is the National Dialog?

- Project sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE)
- A catalyst for an ongoing exchange of ideas to build momentum for wider implementation of CSS
  - Series of five regional workshops
  - 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



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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.”

(AASHTO and FHWA)



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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



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# What is on the agenda today?

- FHWA Update
- Four Case Studies
- Discussion Panel
- Your Questions, Insights and Ideas



Workshop Agenda  
 Tuesday, October 20, 2009  
 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
 Greer Building, 125 East 11th Street  
 Switchboard: (512) 463-8585  
 Austin, TX

Sign in		8:30 – 9:00 AM
Welcome, Introductions, Orientation	Ann Hartell & James Martin, Center for Transportation and the Environment Jan Weingart Brown, FHWA Texas Division	9:00 AM
CSS Update	David Carlson, Federal Highway Administration	
Case Study #1: Main Street, Duncanville, TX	Scott Polikov, Gateway Planning Group Andrew Howard, Kimley-Horn Associates Kent Cagle, City of Duncanville	
Break		10:15 AM
Case Study #2: Central Texas Greenprint for Growth	Sean Moran, Capital Area Council of Governments Sally Campbell, Envision Central Texas	10:30 AM
Case Study #3: I-15 Blue Diamond Interchange and Nevada's Landscape and Aesthetics Plan	Lucy Joyce, Nevada Dept. of Transportation Steve Noll, Design Workshop	
Lunch (on your own)		Noon
Case Study #4: Austin Accessibility Assessment Improvement (AAAIM)	Sheila Holbrook-White, Texas Citizen Fund Lee Austin, City of Austin Transportation Department Roberto Gonzalez, Metropolitan Transportation Authority Glenn Gadbois, Gadbois Consulting	1:00 PM
Next Steps in Our Region	Kirk Fauver, FHWA, Texas Division Clay Smith, TxDOT San Antonio District Peter Marsh, Austin Transportation Department Moderator: Brian Bochner, University Transportation Center for Mobility, Texas Transportation Institute	
Interactive Discussion	All	
Break		2:45 PM
Interactive Discussion	All	3:00 PM
Workshop Wrap Up	David Carlson, Federal Highway Administration James Martin, Center for Transportation and the Environment	
End		4:30 PM

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