The CSS National Dialog

The next steps for CSS:
Quick overview
Present and future
Growing up Green
CSS in the Service of Livability and Sustainable Transportation
Using CSS to help bring peace, happiness, and light upon the world
The CSS Definition

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility.
Core elements of CSS

- Strive toward a shared stakeholder vision to provide a basis for decisions
- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of context—transportation and other elements
- Foster continuing communication and collaboration to achieve consensus
- Exercise flexibility and creativity to shape effective transportation solutions, while preserving and enhancing community and natural environments
CSS Delivery

CSS is about
- A transportation agency carrying out its mission to provide for the safety and mobility of the public
- Completing quality transportation projects, that build communities

CSS applies to
- Staff assigned to transportation projects
- Executive leadership, project managers and all stakeholders
The DOT Livability principles

Federal policy will enable communities to:

- Better integrate transportation and land use planning
- Foster multimodal transportation systems and effective multimodal connections
- Provide more transportation options to improve access to housing, jobs, businesses, services and social activities
- Increase public participation and enhance coordination of transportation and housing and healthy communities
- Reduce emissions
- Plan for unique needs
CSS in the Context of Livability

- Community livability is enhanced by transportation projects that are based on a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders.
- Using CSS principles and intents can help in the delivery of Livability and sustainability goals.
DOT-HUD-EPA Partnership

6 principles:

- Providing More Transportation Choices
- Promoting Equitable, Affordable Housing
- Enhance Economic Competitiveness
- Supporting Existing Communities
- Coordinate Policies and Leverage Investments
- Value Communities and Neighborhoods
Outcomes of CSS application

Context Sensitive Solutions lead to outcomes that:

- Are in harmony with the area community and values.
- Are safe for all users
- Satisfy requirements and resolve problems identified by a full range of stakeholders.
- Meet or exceed the expectations of both designers and stakeholders
- Demonstrate effective and efficient use of resources (people, time, budget, materials) among all parties.
- Add lasting value to the community, the environment and the transportation system
CSS + Sustainability

Demonstrate efficient use of resources and
Add lasting value to:

- the community
- the environment
- the transportation system

Links CSS to the Triple Bottom Line of Sustainability

- Robust Economic Growth
- Better Than Before Health of the Environment
- Improved Quality of Life for All Citizens