WELCOME TO THE CSS NATIONAL DIALOG WORKSHOP

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What is the National Dialog?

- Project sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE)
  - Funding from the FHWA Office of Planning, Environment and Realty’s Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP)
- A catalyst for an ongoing exchange of ideas to build momentum for wider implementation of CSS
  - Series of five 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
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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
What is on the agenda today?

- FHWA Update
- Four Case Studies
- Discussion Panel
- Your Questions, Insights and Ideas
- Webcast Participants
  - Download/view workshop materials
  - Ask questions
A few housekeeping items ...

- Cell Phones
- Lunch
- Restrooms
- Webcast Tech Support:
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