Program Overview

This two-hour live broadcast will present and discuss the final rule issued February 14, 2007, in the Federal Register on the metropolitan and statewide transportation planning provisions of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The final rule revises regulations governing the development of metropolitan transportation plans and programs for urbanized areas, State transportation plans and programs, and the regulations for Congestion Management Systems.

Featured in the program will be panelists from the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration headquarters. The panel will provide an overview of the final rule, including those changes made following the receipt of public comments from the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) held in June-September 2006. This broadcast is part of the FTA and FHWA’s public outreach efforts, and is also the fourth program in CTE’s series on SAFETEA-LU’s transportation planning and environmental provisions.

This program will provide valuable information for FTA and FHWA division and regional staff, State DOT and MPO staff, local planners, NEPA compliance administrators, other transportation decision-makers and stakeholders. The broadcast will include a live interactive question and answer session between the panel and national audience participants. Questions or comments also may be submitted in advance for the panel’s consideration at cte_email@ncsu.edu. After the broadcast, discussion of key topics may continue through CTE’s “After The Program” Web-based discussion forum.

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Program Materials

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Overview of the Final Rule on Metropolitan and Statewide Transportation Planning

April 19, 2007
1:00 - 3:00 PM EDT

Meet the Panel

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FTA Office of Planning and Environment, Washington, DC

Larry Anderson
Planning Oversight & Stewardship Team Leader
FHWA Office of Planning, Washington, DC

Victor Austin (Moderator)
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