

# Linking Conservation and Transportation Planning Workshop

## Arizona Agenda – November 8 & 9, 2006

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Workshop Goal: To exchange information and dialog on different approaches, data and technologies that can assist in meeting transportation planning challenges as they relate to conservation needs.

TIME	SESSION TITLE	PRESENTER	ORGANIZER	NOTES/DESCRIPTION
7:30-8:00am	Registration	Defenders of Wildlife		Participants will check in, receive workshop materials, and nametags
8:00-8:30am	Welcome and National Perspective Question: Why are we having this workshop and what do we hope to gain from it?	Michael Culp, FHWA & Steve Thomas, FHWA Arizona Division		Workshop organizers will welcome participants and discuss how the workshop will facilitate the integration of conservation and transportation planning with partnerships and tools, includes summary of Linking Planning and NEPA meeting outcomes/next steps.
8:30-8:45am	Overview of Workshop Question: How will this workshop facilitate expected outcomes?	Trisha White, Defenders of Wildlife		Preview of focus, structure and expected outcomes of the workshop - Hand out worksheets
8:45-9:30am	Introductions	Fil Chavez, Facilitator		Participants will be asked to state their current role in conservation and/or transportation planning, and answer one of the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are your expected outcomes from workshop?</li> <li>- What is most important for us to do to better integrate conservation and transportation planning?</li> <li>- What would help most in sustaining the momentum we create at this workshop?</li> </ul>

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9:30-10:00am	Approaches to Biodiversity Conservation Planning Question: What does the world of conservation planning look like and how can it benefit transportation planning?	Pat Comer, NatureServe		An introduction to standard approaches, and associated terminology, being used currently by various organizations for biodiversity conservation planning efforts. - Q&A
10:00-10:15am	Break			
10:15-11:00am	Overview of MPO/State Transportation planning process Question: What is the current transportation planning process, where are the challenges/obstacles in integrating conservation goals?	Arnold Burnham, ADOT & MPO representative - tbd		MPO/State DOT transportation planner(s) from host state will deliver an overview of transportation planning - Describe/document the process and products of planning efforts - Develop working flowchart - Q&A
11:00-11:30 am	Introduction to NatureServe and Overview of Arizona Heritage Data Management System Question: What are the types of standard data and methods that could be utilized by the transportation planners?	Shara Howie, NatureServe & Sabra Schwartz, Arizona Heritage Data Management System		Representatives from NatureServe and its Arizona member program (the AZ Heritage Data Management System) will provide an introduction to national and local efforts, and an overview of project approaches applied to transportation planning efforts - Q&A

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11:30-noon	Lunch			On-site lunch provided
12:00-1:00pm	Arizona's Wildlife Linkages Question: What outcomes from habitat connectivity efforts and other research can we build on that could assist in the integration of conservation and transportation planning?	Bruce Eilerts, ADOT		Information will be presented related to habitat connectivity efforts and other research efforts with an emphasis on what findings need to be considered in the planning process. - Q&A
1:00 - 1:45pm	Overview of State Wildlife Action Plan Question: What sort of data, tools and/or methods that were documented/developed as part of SWAP that could be utilized in the transportation planning process?	Jeff Sorensen, Arizona Game & Fish Department		State fish and game agency staff from host state will deliver an overview of the State Wildlife Action Plan, with special emphasis on application for transportation planning - Q&A
1:45-2:00pm	Break			Beverages and snack provided
2:00-3:30pm	Group discussion: Section 6001 Question: How could conservation plans and/or data inform long-range transportation planning? How	Fil Chavez, Facilitator with presenters from Day 1	ADOT & MPO representatives - tbd	ADOT will present their straw man of a revised planning process Participants will provide input and suggestions

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3:30- 4:00 pm	Wrap-up and Review of Day 2 Question: What did we learn, where should we go from here in order to develop realistic, high priority next steps?	Fil Chavez, Facilitator		
4:00 pm	Adjourn	Fil Chavez, Facilitator		
4:30 pm	Mixer / Happy Hour			Garcia's (Mexican) 4420 East Camelback Road Phoenix, AZ 85018-2872 (voluntary, everyone on their own)
<b>DAY 2 - Continuation of Workshop</b>				
8:00-9:00 am	Day 1 Refresher & Introduction to Day 2 (invite executives) Question: What did we learn, where should we go from here in order to facilitate integration of conservation planning into the transportation planning process?	Fil Chavez, Facilitator	Michael Culp, FHWA, Steve Thomas & Ed Stillings, FHWA AZ Division	The facilitator and the local workshop organizers will provide a quick refresher on what was learned on Day 1, review plan for Day 2 and get input from executives.
9:00-	NatureServe Vista Overview	Patrick Crist,		NatureServe staff to give detailed

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11:00 am	and Demonstration including integration of Quantum & Community Viz data Question: How can NatureServe Vista facilitate/improve the transportation planning process and encourage a collaborative approach to planning?	NatureServe		description and demonstration of NatureServe Vista using transportation planning example.
11:00-12:00 am	Tools and Methods - National and Arizona Examples: Question: How can other tools and data be used to facilitate/improve the transportation planning process?	Kimberly Majerus, FHWA-RC & Sabra Schwartz, Arizona Heritage Data Management System		<p>Overview and demonstration of other technologies that foster effective integration of conservation and transportation planning, including approaches and tools being used in Arizona. Including a discussion of data sources, issues of scale and uncertainty relative to transportation planning, design and ongoing maintenance</p> <p><i>-National and State Case Studies (Majerus 20 mins)</i></p> <p><i>- AZ Geospatial Data Sources and Online Web Sites – National, State, Regional, and Local Levels (Majerus 10 mins)</i></p> <p><i>- Environmental Review Online Tool (Schwartz 20 mins)</i></p> <p><i>- Discussion (10 mins)</i></p>
noon-12:30	Lunch			

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12:30-2:00 pm	Discussion Question: Based on what you have heard so far what questions have come up and do you have any ideas on ways that you could do planning differently?	Fil Chavez, Facilitator	Steve Thomas (FHWA AZ Division), Ed Stillings (FHWA), Shara Howie (NatureServe) & Trisha White (Defenders of Wildlife)	Using the information provided in the workshop thus far, the facilitator and the workshop organizers will guide the group in identifying linkages, and new data, approaches or tools for possible adoption, and prioritize short-term and long-term goals for improving the transportation planning processes.
2:00-3:30 pm	Develop Next Steps Question: What are some concrete, realistic and measurable next steps and who participate in carrying out these tasks? Where do we go from here and what do we want to accomplish (highest priorities)?	Fil Chavez, Facilitator	Steve Thomas (FHWA AZ Division), Ed Stillings (FHWA), Shara Howie (NatureServe) & Trisha White (Defenders of Wildlife)	The facilitator and the workshop organizers will lead participants in an open discussion of actions necessary to advance the effective integration of conservation and transportation planning
3:30-4:00 pm	Feedback	Fil Chavez, Facilitator	Shara Howie (NatureServe) & Trisha White (Defenders of Wildlife)	Facilitator and workshop organizers will ask participants to provide feedback on the experience, and suggestions for improvement to future workshops
4:00 pm	Adjourn			