

Use of Transportation, Economic, and Land Use (TELUS) System Expands to 100 MPOs

Alabama First to Use at Statewide Level

The use of the Transportation, Economic, and Land Use (TELUS) System has expanded to over 100 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the U.S., according to Dr. Lazar Spasovic, TELUS program director, and Adhish Vyas of the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). In addition, TELUS has also been installed at the Alabama Department of Transportation for use by MPOs throughout Alabama.

Alabama is the first state to install TELUS in such a way that it is accessible at the statewide level. Installation of the software will create a central depository for projects from local jurisdictions throughout Alabama and will assist in the production of Transportation Improvement Plans (TIPs) at the metropolitan and state level. TELUS will also allow standardization of the format in which TIPs are produced.

Changes to projects and plans will be

easier to make and these changes will be available immediately to those wanting to obtain up-to-date information on planned transportation projects in a particular location. The addition of drop-down lists will increase the accuracy of entering information. Various levels of security control are in place for the Alabama application to prevent unauthorized persons from making changes to the information stored by means of TELUS. According to Steve Ostaseski, principal transportation planner with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham, "TELUS is the best shared application available to advance transportation planning. Web-based, shared information will support regional cooperation and, more importantly, regional awareness of how transportation investments are being decided."

TELUS is information-management and decision-support software specifically

designed for use by state, regional and local transportation planning organizations nationwide in the preparation, maintenance, and dissemination of their annual transportation improvement programs. TELUS was developed over the past six years by the NJIT with funds from the Federal Highway Administration. The system is free to any MPO or state DOT nationwide wishing to use it.

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Transportation Research Board Award Recipients Announced at Annual Meeting

More than 9,000 administrators, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions were expected to attend the Transportation Research Board's (TRB's) 84th Annual

Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 9-13, 2005. The meeting included presentation sessions, workshops, and TRB committee meetings covering all aspects of transportation. During the TRB confer-

ence a number of individuals were honored for outstanding and distinguished service. The awards are listed in the table below.

Award Recipients at the 2005 Transportation Research Board's Annual Meeting

Award Recipient	Award Name	Award Recognition
A. Ray Chamberlain Vice President, Parsons Brinckerhoff, and former secretary of the Colorado Department of Transportation	W. N. Carey Jr. Distinguished Service Award	The award recognizes individuals who have given outstanding leadership and service to transportation research and to the TRB.
Sandra Rosenbloom Professor of Planning and Adjunct Professor in Natural Renewable Resources, Gerontology, and Women's Studies at the University of Arizona	Roy W. Crum Distinguished Service Award	The award recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of transportation research.
Lillian C. Borrone Retired assistant executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lectureship	The award was created to recognize the career contributions and achievements of an individual in one of the areas covered by the TRB Technical Activities Division.
Richard R. Stander, Sr. President of the Mohican Construction Company, Mansfield, Ohio	George S. Bartlett Award	The award perpetuates the spirit of friendship and helpfulness in the highway field.
Lawrence D. Dahms Former executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Oakland, California	Frank Turner Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Transportation	The medal recognizes lifetime achievement in transportation, as demonstrated by a distinguished career in the field, professional prominence, and a distinctive, widely recognized contribution to transportation policy, administration, or research.
"Safety Effects of Narrow Lanes and Shoulder-Use Lanes to Increase Capacity of Urban Freeways" authors Karin M. Bauer, Douglas W. Harwood, Karen R. Richard, and Warren E. Hughes	D. Grant Mickle Award	The award is given for the outstanding paper in the field of operation, safety, and maintenance of transportation facilities.
"A Computer-Based Multimedia Pavement Training Tool for Self-Directed Learning" authors Stephen T. Muench and Joe P. Mahoney	The K. B. Woods Award	The award is given for the best paper in the area of design and construction of transportation facilities.