

Transportation Policy at the Crossroads

This workshop will examine surface transportation policy from 1991 to the present, with a focus on contemporary issues including the impact of the ARRA, the prospects for the next surface transportation bill, public-private partnerships and alternatives for funding and operating transportation systems. Several ongoing policy initiatives will be presented as cases for group discussion, including the CREATE program for rail mitigation in Chicago, the Alameda Corridor project and follow-up efforts in Southern California, and efforts to increase highway capacity through HOT lanes and tolling approaches in several metropolitan areas. The overall theme will be the search for policy approaches that break down the silos and barriers created by mode-specific, jurisdiction-specific, sector-limited, and narrowly focused policy approaches.