

# Spring Symposium Schedule

with descriptions



**Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association**

**Thursday, March 28th**

8:00 AM	Registration at the Bluemont Hotel	
9:00 AM	<p><b>*Mobility Track*</b></p> <p><b>Focusing on Pedestrian Safety in the Kansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan</b> – Matt Messina, Kansas Department of Transportation</p> <p>As walking and biking have become increasingly popular forms of transportation and recreation throughout the state, Kansas has experienced an increase in crashes involving non-motorists which result in a fatality or serious injury. While motor vehicle occupants benefit from built-in safety enhancements and advancements in roadway safety and technology, non-motorists remain extremely vulnerable to death or injury in a collision with a motor vehicle. Protecting non-motorists by reducing the frequency and severity of crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists is a primary safety emphasis of the Kansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan.</p>	<p><b>*Resiliency Track*</b></p> <p><b>Planning for a Resilient Community</b> - Laurie Bestgen, CFM &amp; Michelle Wolfe, AICP, FEMA Region VII</p> <p>This discussion will offer insight on how planners can be engaged in supporting their community to manage risk and build resilience. By the end of the session attendees will be able to: Identify the role of the community planner in making communities more resilient; Understand potential connections between mitigation and the goals of other local plans; and Explain the value of mitigation in improving community resilience.</p>
10:15 AM	Break	
10:30 AM	<p><b>Every Day Counts so STEP up</b> – Peter Eun, Federal Highway Administration Resource Center</p> <p>According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2016 witnessed the most pedestrian fatalities since 1990, accounting for approximately 16 percent of all roadway fatalities (5,987). In 2016, 72% of pedestrian fatalities occurred away from intersections (e.g., mid-block locations) and approximately 26% occurred at intersections. This presentation will show how the EDCS STEP (Every Day Counts 5 Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian) initiative can help agencies reduce the number of pedestrian fatalities by understanding how to utilize cost-effective countermeasures.</p>	<p><b>Costs and Benefits of Flood Adaptation Strategies in Nashville, TN</b> - Dr. Kate Nelson, Kansas State University</p> <p>Dr. Kate Nelson will discuss the growing challenges related to urban flooding and the role of development restrictions and buyout programs in mitigating future flood damages. Using the May 2010 flood in Nashville, Tennessee as an example Dr. Nelson will illustrate how implementation of these two types of flood adaptation strategies has resulted in expected and unexpected benefits and costs that have implications for the resilience and sustainability of the city.</p>
11:45 AM	Lunch Provided	
12:30 PM	<p><b>Keynote – Finding your \$4 billing opportunity: a new paradigm for planning and economic development</b> – Kevin Klinkenberg</p>	
1:30 PM	Break	
1:45 PM	<p><b>STEP out and let's walk through it</b> – Peter Eun, Federal Highway Administration Resource Center</p> <p>This session is designed to explain and demonstrate how a pedestrian safety focused Road Safety Audit can help improve the lives of those who walk. Participants will spend time in the classroom, get out in the field to evaluate a roadway corridor for pedestrian safety improvements, and then return to the classroom to work in groups to make recommendations for improvements.</p>	<p><b>Kansas State University Green Infrastructure Walking Tour</b></p> <p>Join Kansas State Professors and Graduate Assistants from the Landscape Architecture and Regional Community Planning Program on a walking tour through campus to view several green roofs, rain gardens and other green infrastructure to help manage the campus' stormwater quality and quantity.</p>
4:30 PM	Enjoy the sites and sounds of Manhattan!	

**Friday, March 29th**

**7:00 AM** Registration at the Bluemont Hotel

	<b>*Mobility Track*</b>	<b>*Resiliency Track*</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<p><b>Transportation for Everyone</b> – Jared Tremblay, Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization; Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Economic Development, and Andrea Bozarth, AARP Kansas</p> <p>AARP Livable Communities supports the efforts of neighborhoods, towns, cities and rural areas to be great places for people of all ages. We believe that communities should provide safe, walkable streets; age-friendly housing and transportation options; access to needed services; and opportunities for residents of all ages to participate in community life. Let's discuss what is happening nationally and how you can implement the national ideas in your community!</p>	<p><b>Kansas City's Next Steps towards Climate Resiliency</b> - Tom Jacobs, Director of Environmental Programs</p> <p>Tom will discuss the Mid-America Regional Council's recently completed sustainability and resiliency efforts and explore the next steps to catalyzing a climate resilient Kansas City.</p>

**9:30 AM** Break

<b>9:45 AM</b>	<p><b>@BikeWalkMHK: Grassroots approach to Transportation Advocacy</b> - Brandon Kliewer, BikeWalkMHK and Assistant Professor of Civic Leadership, Kansas State University</p> <p>BikeWalkMHK incorporates Planning Organization data in education and advocacy presentations. Leveraging Planning Organization data helps to deepen community capacity to understand and advocate for improved active transportation infrastructure. A general discussion of how BikeWalkMHK tries to share this information will be highlighted. Attendees will be invited to ask questions about how to best engage active transportation advocacy groups that acknowledge the culture and context of active transportation in Kansas. All attendees are invited to attend BikeWalkMHK's Final Friday Community events following the conference and experience BikeWalkMHK's education and advocacy efforts first hand. Follow us at @BikeWalkMHK for more information.</p>	<p><b>Wichita: Places for People</b> - Mary Hunt, Pincipal Planner, Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Planning Department</p> <p>Wichita: Places for People is a study area of a 3-mile radius of the downtown core and refers to developing vacant or underutilized land in existing developed areas. Wichita: Places for People was a two-year endeavor that surveyed the important issues articulated by citizens and an Advisory Committee. The Plan addresses two thoughts: New development within the study area must be accessible by several transportation modes, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and motorists, and commercial development must be well connected to surrounding neighborhoods.</p>
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<b>10:45 AM</b>	<p><b>Wichita Mobility and Transportation Changes – Bicycling, Walking, Scooters, Ride Share, Micro-Transit, Parking, and More</b> - Scott Wadle, Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department</p> <p>This session will attendees an opportunity to learn about recent and upcoming transportation changes in Wichita. The presentation will include information about community planning, pilot projects, and larger structural changes being undertaken in order to respond to community input and goals. Mobility modes/topics to be covered include scooters, bicycling, bike share, micro-transit, fixed route, school transit service, parking and safety corridor planning.</p>	<p><b>Resilient Wildcat Creek</b> - Chad Bunger, City of Manhattan</p> <p>Following another devastating flood on Wildcat Creek, the City of Manhattan and Riley County are partnering with impacted resident, business owners, and regional partners to create a more disaster resilient watershed, City and County</p>
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**11:30 AM** Lunch Provided

**12:00 PM** **Future of BikeShare and E-Scooters, VeoRide,**

The VeoRide presentation on the Future of BikeShare and E-Scooters will provide an outlook on the collaboration efforts with City Planners to help facilitate mobility/bike-share into communities. This presentation will also provide VeoRide case studies that highlight successful examples of working with communities as well as areas of improvement. Scooter mobility will additionally be discussed by addressing the safety and deployment of scooters (ie: rogue launches... vs patience).

**12:30 PM** Q&A and Demonstrations EScooters/BikeShare

**1:15 PM** Break

<b>1:30 PM</b>	<p><b>Local Community Design Interventions to Increase Physical Activity and Improve Public Health</b> - Jennifer Church, Kansas Department of Health and Environment</p>	<p><b>Ethics Credits - Whose values are whose?</b>- Bonnie Johnson, Ph.D., AICP Associate Director, School of Public Affairs &amp; Administration</p>
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This presentation will describe the work of the Chronic Disease Risk Reduction (CDRR) grantees funded by KDHE to increase physical activity, with a focus on active transportation, through strategies such as master bike and pedestrian plans, master trail plans, complete streets ordinances, destination-based route design, and creative placemaking. Outcomes of the Governor's Council on Fitness Walking Enhancement grants will also be described.

In this AICP Ethics session, we will look at the codes of ethics from different professions and different professional planning organizations around the world. Can you spot the AICP code among the others? Which ones mention sustainability? Which says you should be friendly? How about protecting the humanistic spirit? By comparing the AICP code to other codes, we will gain a deeper understanding of what the AICP code says and start a discussion of what we value as professional planners.

**Selling Complete Streets in Small Towns and Big Cities – Jay Aber, WSP Kansas City**

The complete streets design philosophy is a shift in the focus of the planning and designing of roads in the United States. The complete streets approach starts with a realization that transportation shapes a city's outcomes on many more levels than moving vehicles. Considering the myriad benefits of complete streets, calculating a benefit-to-cost ratio often helps projects to "sell themselves." This presentation will discuss the basics of complete street planning and best practices, how benefit-to-cost ratios can be calculated, and present case studies in Ottawa, KS, Hays, KS, and Kansas City, Missouri.

**AICP Test Prep - Bonnie Johnson**