

FUTURE GROWTH TRENDS

how states respond to growth

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With current growth trends impacting transportation systems throughout the country, how will transportation agencies respond to and plan for future growth? Our panelists discussed strategies for responding to changes in demographic trends, travel behavior and freight movement.

Future planning is a necessity to accommodate the population moving back into urban environments. More and more people are looking for additional transit options, said Dr. William Ankner, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Transportation, referring to current growth trends.

PLAN Go: Ed Cole, Chief of Environment and Planning, Tennessee Department of Transportation, discussed the key trends in growth, economic development, increased freight travel/movement and the new realities that we face in transportation. Input from Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Rural Organizations is key for future development.

How States Respond to Growth: The Texas Experiment: Coby Chase, Director, Government and Business Enterprises, Texas Department of Transportation, touched on the unfocused federal vision as it relates to transportation. As with most states, Texas Department of Transportation utilizes gas tax revenues, vehicle registration fees and federal reimbursements as the primary funding techniques with toll options and public and private partnerships becoming more of a reality and necessity.

Integrating Land Use, Transportation, and Energy: The Florida Experience: Charles Gauthier, Director, Division of Community Affairs, discussed the importance of coordination for land use and transportation needs from a community perspective. Under the Florida Growth Management Act of 1985, all 470+ Florida cities and counties are responsible for adopting Comprehensive Plans under state oversight and through consistency, coordination and concurrency. Future land use, transportation and capital improvements are the three main elements of concurrency.

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