



American Public Works Association



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

PARTNERING AGREEMENT

between

The Federal Highway Administration

and

The American Public Works Association

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the American Public Works Association (APWA) hereby establish this partnering agreement to promote greater coordination of efforts to improve the Nation's public infrastructure by providing a quality transportation system for our customers. Joint partnership activities will be centered on education, outreach, and proactive leadership. The FHWA and APWA will assist public works professionals, support the Department of Transportation's strategic goals to promote safety and enhance mobility, advance our communities' economic growth and development, and protect communities and the natural environment affected by transportation related activities.

By this agreement, the FHWA and APWA commit themselves to creating the tools necessary to assist public works and transportation managers in responding to the dynamic changes in all areas of transportation. We will embrace new and emerging technologies and capitalize on opportunities to improve services today and in the future. The FHWA and APWA, through joint activities, will assist public works and transportation managers to successfully manage the public works infrastructure, deliver cost-effective transportation services that support community quality of life, ensure livable communities, and promote economic growth.

To meet these goals and objectives, the FHWA and APWA will:

- Cooperate in efforts to understand needs of local public works officials and how to best prepare for the future.
- Cooperate to educate the American traveling public in the significance of infrastructure investment, the need to maintain this important national resource and its role in sustaining our quality of life.
- Provide mutual assistance in areas of education and training to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the technologies available to meet present and future transportation needs.
- Serve the needs of our mutual customers by giving them programs and practices that employ public resources in a cost-effective, safe and environmentally sustainable manner.
- Build on our years of cooperative efforts that have included extensive FHWA participation in APWA committees, meetings, and conferences. These efforts and activities have included FHWA hosting downlinks for APWA teleconferences; active participation at annual meetings as speakers; vital presence and interaction with APWA members through exhibits at annual meetings and specialty conferences; and the Local Technical Assistance Program technology transfer center partnership.

Joint activities will be determined on a calendar year basis. Annually, the Executive Directors from the Federal Highway Administration and the American Public Works Association will meet to evaluate accomplishments of the previous year and to establish priorities for joint activities in the upcoming year.

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