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## Session 3 National Initiatives, Local Implementation



#### Partnership for Sustainable Communities



# Session 3: National Programs Local Implementation

**REGION 4** 

HUD/DOT/EPA/USDA
Partnership for Sustainable Communities
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### Session Goals



#### In this 30 minute session we will:

- Hear about how several partner agencies are incorporating "sustainability" principles into their core programs.
- Learn how Region 4 agencies are implementing the concept of "sustainability" in their technical assistance, grants and outreach activities.
- Ask those on the phone and in Atlanta to offer ideas and discuss their investments.

#### **National**

## **HUD Programs**

Providing "Green" Public Housing



- Energy Efficiency & Water Conservation
- Energy Star Appliance Installations
- Renewable Energy & Green Construction Practices



#### Region 4

## **HUD** Implementation



- Housing Authority of Owensboro, KY
- Housing Authority of Henderson, KY





#### **National**

## **DOT Initiatives**



#### **FTA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FUNDING:**

- •Strengthening the link between transit planning and community planning.
- Increasing access to employment, education facilities, and other community destinations
- Stimulating increased participation
- Leveraging resources

#### **Tools**

•FTA Sustainability Toolkit





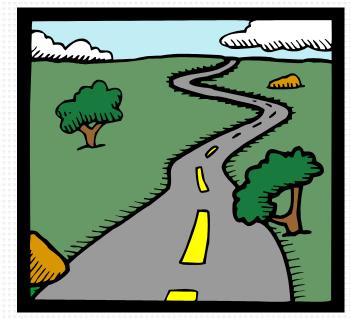
#### **National**

## **DOT Initiatives**



#### **FHWA**

- Life Cycle Costs
- Green Streets
- Green Highway Partnership
- Sustainable Highway
- Context Sensitive Design



- •Tools
  - •FHWA Performance Measures for Livability (coming soon)

#### **National**

## **USDA** Initiatives



USDA has over 40 loan/grant programs

- Water and Sewer
- Home Loans/Home Repair Grants
- Community Facilities
- Energy Efficiency/Energy Production Grants

## Region 4 USDA Implementation



- •Walmart Renovated to became a Health Dept
  - Haywood County, NC
- Self Help Housing
- Town Hall Police Department





#### **National**

## **EPA Initiatives**



 Required States to set aside 20% of ARRA funds for "green" infrastructure investments made through State Revolving Loan Funds

 More investment in community-level assistance such as Greening America's Capitals, Building Blocks

 Supporting FEMA disaster response with sustainable communities approaches

#### Region 4

## EPA Implementation



- Considering how to relate PSC activities and outcomes to the annual measures we report on
- Evaluating need for training on sustainability
- Re-organization will place Sustainability coordination within the Regional Administrator's Office



## Challenges

- Training needs within agencies
- Providing more outreach to our state and local partners
- •Better coordination among federal partners to enhance project success





## Summary



- We hope to better incorporate sustainability into performance measures and expectations for all our core programs so that the approach will be a part of our daily routine and become a way of life.
- What are doing to move the ball down the field?
   Please share your activities