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| 10:00 AM | Community Preservation and Development Authorities |
| 10:15 AM | The Historic Significance of Mid-century Neighborhoods  
*An Examination of Highland Acres - Bismarck, ND* | Cooperation  
*Tools for Navigating Differences* |
| 11:15 AM | Visit Exhibitor Hall |
| 11:30 AM | Ethical Planning | Fast, Funny, and/or Passionate | Sustaining Quality of Life in Western South Dakota  
*Western Dakota Regional Water System* |
| 12:30 PM | Farewell Comments  
Galleria Ballroom/Rembrandt Room |

The **49th Annual Bismarck Street Fair** starts on Friday, September 16 just outside of the conference hotel! Take part in this signature community event, with many options for lunch.
Session A – Wednesday 9:15 am

A.1 **Everything’s Up to Date in [Your Own City]!**
Smaller communities may feel left behind as their bigger cousins address climate change, sustainability, resilience, increasing diversity, remote working, transit-oriented development, mixed-use zoning, and other issues in their plans and codes. Learn from two experienced planners who’ve worked with dozens of cities of all sizes around the country how to transition your codes to address current development trends. | 1 CM Credit

Erin Perdu, AICP
Stantec

Phil Carlson, AICP
Stantec

A.2 **Overview of ARPA & IIJA Funding Opportunities**
This session will provide an overview of how to use federal funding as a bridge to connect planning and infrastructure development.

The Federal government has enacted significant legislation in the past two years with both American Rescue Plan Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act providing billions of dollars over the next three to five years. These are historic funding opportunities for infrastructure and economic development projects across transportation, energy, broadband, and water/sewer sectors. Many of these opportunities existed prior to ARPA & IIJA but have not been bolstered with increased funding. New programs have also been developed. This session will give participants a taste of the vast resources available, changes to program eligibility, what current and upcoming grants are available for planning, and how to set communities up to take full advantage of these one-time stimulus dollars. | 1 CM Credit

Denae Johnson
KLJ Engineering

Wade Kline
KLJ Engineering

Craig Genzlinger
KLJ Engineering

A.3 **How a Pandemic Changed Public Engagement for the Better**
As communities grappled with the effects of COVID-19 and the lifestyle and economic considerations that came with it, the practice of public engagement also changed. Although concerts and bowling tournaments were delayed and cancelled, civic organizations around the world continued to operate with a new set of rules that would demand many changes in the way the public is engaged. Communities with the tools to go digital did, and those without quickly realized it was time to upgrade equipment. Nearly two and a half years have passed, and civic groups are still offering digital engagement opportunities – because they work. This session will review digital engagement tools and strategies that are now commonplace and why they are still successful in a post-pandemic world. | 1 CM Credit

Ally Carson,
HDR Engineering

Brenda Levos
HDR Engineering

A.4 **Placemaking in Downtown Bismarck Walking Tour**
This 2-mile walking tour will highlight placemaking strategies that helped Bismarck revive its downtown core. Tour will include discussions about the “bridges” between historic preservation and

Jason Tomanek
City of Bismarck, ND
Session B – Wednesday 10:30 am

B.1 Transportation Planning: Bridging Rural & Urban Challenges

Ice roads are unique, cost-effective transportation routes, providing economic development and safe transportation corridors in rural Alaska. They help rural communities and businesses move goods and services during winter months, connecting families and Tribal communities in remote locations not accessible by major highways and providing safe alternatives when inclement weather prevents planes from accessing remote communities. Learn about the challenges, partnerships, and innovative solutions the Village of Napaimute has implemented to ensure the future of this critical transportation corridor in Southwest Alaska.

In the high desert of southern Idaho, conditions couldn’t be more different. This growing metropolitan area is experiencing massive growth, straining existing infrastructure and driving a constant need for transportation improvements. Planning is critical to manage the effects of an interstate highway extension through agricultural land that will soon be consumed to meet demands for housing as well as commercial and industrial development. Complications of jurisdictional boundaries and delivery of utilities will be explored in an area where city impact areas meet and a Specific Area Plan is used to guide future development. | 1.5 CM Credits

B.2 Demonstration Projects: A North Dakota Experience

Sometimes referred to as Tactical Urbanism, communities around the world have been utilizing short-term and low-cost opportunities to demonstrate more permanent built environment solutions. Over the past few years North Dakota has had numerous demonstration projects established in communities of all sizes around the state. Through these experiences, many opportunities have been realized but also a variety of challenges. This session is intended to provide practitioners experiences from a local jurisdiction and the North Dakota Department of Transportation perspective, on utilization of demonstration projects. | 1.5 CM Credits

B.3 Creating a Common Language with Fiscal Sustainability

Planners struggle with reconciling the often-competing interests of public good and private development, urban and rural perspectives, and the span between citizen values and visions. A contributor to this conundrum is the use of differing languages that prevent mutual understanding. Learn how communities of all sizes can use fiscal sustainability as a common language for discussing common problems and building common solutions that bridge the differences between these perspectives. This session will cover how cities can use the language of fiscal sustainability to:

Shelly Wade, AICP
Agnew/Beck Consulting

Alison Tompkins, AICP, PLA
J-U-B Engineers

Ben Ehreth, AICP
City of Bismarck, ND

Will Hutchings, AICP
City of Bismarck, ND

Rebecca Geyer, AICP
North Dakota DOT

Engineering TBD

AJ Fawver, AICP, CNU-A, CPM
Verdunity

Kevin Shepherd, P.E.
Verdunity
Make decisions about land use and development patterns;
• Cultivate prosperity and a local, self-sustaining economy;
• Determine your resource gaps and begin closing them;
• Involve the community in plan implementation;
• Inspire change and build trust in public decision making.

Of course, this common language stems from the ability to quantify and map the performance of your city in its current state. Included will be key examples from cities of various sizes where this process has helped city staff, citizens, developers, and elected officials to focus their efforts and rally around an approach that transcends changes in leadership. | 1.5 CM Credits

Opening Keynote – Wednesday 12:15 PM

Spongy Cities and Towns: We are our Water’s Keeper

While all hands are on deck to mitigate climate change by drastically reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing carbon sinks, we know that we must concurrently take immediate measures to adapt to the increasingly violent storm events and heat waves we are experiencing globally. Older cities with combined sewer and stormwater pipes are leading the way on how to make our soggy cities into spongy cities.

We must treat each raindrop and snowflake as a valuable asset to recharge our shrinking aquifers, instead of a liability to flush down the drain for expensive treatment and management. This talk will look at recent advancements in water management and conservation, as well as the policies and regulations that must change in order to get green infrastructure online and to scale. Do trees and lakes need a bill of rights? We will consider these and other legal measures to support livability. | 1.5 CM Credits

Session C – Wednesday 2:15 pm

C.1 A Grand Plan for Downtown Grand Forks

In 2015, the City of Grand Forks announced a local vibrancy initiative for downtown, which was led by a private-public partnership. The process featured a vision for a shared future, albeit a range of several visions, that initiated a more detailed Downtown Action Plan.

The City enlisted a design team to target improvements for the area’s parks, streetscape, future development, and wayfinding. The result was a compendium of plans that target unique audiences with different aspirations. The project has taken quick life with numerous projects already constructed since 2019 and many more in progress. Participants will learn about the activities leading up to
the Downtown Action Plan, organizational aspects to achieve success, and lessons learned for quick implementation - what works and what doesn’t. | 1 CM Credit

C.2 **Urban Floodplain Regulations: City of Sioux Falls Experiences**
Albert Schmidt, CFM
City of Sioux Falls, SD
This presentation will include elements of the historic and changing regulatory standards around the floodplain in Sioux Falls, SD. The Presentation will mostly focus on some of the common issues experienced during permitting and the most recent ordinance changes enacted by the City to help become more flood resilient. | 1 Sustainability & Resilience CM Credit

C.3 **Evaluating Your Parking Requirements...Again**
Jenny Wollmuth, AICP, CFM
City of Bismarck, ND
Andrea Edwardson
City of Grand Forks, ND
The City of Bismarck ND recently reduced parking requirements for their community and City of Grand Forks ND has operated without a parking requirement for their downtown for 20+ years. This presentation will include balancing actual parking needs with the many benefits of reduced parking requirements, creating champions for change, public input, and day to day implementation of parking standards in site development. | 1 CM Credit

C.4 **Missouri Riverfront Bicycle Tour**
Ben Ehreth, AICP
City of Bismarck, ND
The Bismarck-Mandan area is home to roughly 100 miles of paved off-street multi-use trails and on-street bicycle facilities. Come experience the beauty of the area on two wheels and learn about efforts to enhance active transportation locally and beyond.

**Session D – Wednesday 3:30 pm**

D.1 **From Urban Renewal to Renewed Urbanism: Transforming Moorhead Center Mall into the Center of 21st century Downtown Moorhead**
David Dixon, FAIA
Stantec
Derrick LaPoint
Downtown Moorhead, Inc
Jason Beske
Stantec
Dan Mahli
City of Moorhead, MN
Jim Roers,
Roers Development
Rob Remark,
JLG Architects
As recommended in Moorhead’s 2020 Downtown Plan, the City is partnering with Downtown Moorhead Inc (DMI) to lead redevelopment of the failed Urban Renewal era Moorhead Center Mall into a mixed-use, mixed-income, walkable district that is already achieving its mission to spur revitalization across Downtown. More than two million square feet of housing, a new Downtown Library, City Hall, a museum, shops, eateries, a brewery, and other uses will frame new walkable streets, a civic square, and a beer garden that together reconnect Downtown to its Riverfront.

The City and DMI selected Roers, a regional developer, join the team. This panel discussion will review the key steps to move redevelopment from a distant goal to a project in the early phases of redevelopment, in less than five years:

- A community-based downtown plan sponsored by Downtown Moorhead Inc. that confirmed the City’s goals and project feasibility.
• Active City and DMI collaboration to build public support, put in place a robust public/private partnership, and secure the right developer.

• A conceptual design, sponsored jointly by the City, DMI, and the developer, to ensure that redevelopment achieves its fundamental public purpose and meets private sector concerns regarding financial and operational feasibility. | 1.5 CM Credits

D.2 **From the Field to the Finish Line: Strategies for Collaboration between Planning Offices and the Surveyor**

This session will discuss the importance of collaboration with surveyors and will highlight checklists and examples of how it all ties together. Participants will hear from a surveyor on their side of the story and how they view the plat requirements. | 1.5 CM Credits

D.3 **Building a Legacy of Planning**

Complimenting the conference theme of “Serving as a Bridge” is this session that focuses on the ethics of “Building a Legacy of Planning” through our professional conduct, the prosecution of our practice, our responsibilities to engage citizens, and to mentor emerging professionals. “Building a Legacy of Planning” addresses the current citizen dissatisfaction of governmental solution building; how we, as planners, are prepared to address that; and how we, as citizens, can be motivated to make the important connections to be a part of a solution. “Building a Legacy of Planning” examines how planners can enhance our professional legacy; how we can focus our professional ethics; how we can build trust in practicing our profession; how well we can share our planning knowledge; and how we can apply appropriate approaches and solutions to planning problems. The presenters will offer their personal observations and appropriate anecdotal experiences, including some humorous as well as some quite painful lessons learned. Audience interactive sharing of personal perspectives will be encouraged, and expected. Ethics sessions aren’t just for AICP members because they need CM credits; its valuable for all planners. | 1 CM Ethics Credit

Session E – Thursday 8:30 am

E.1 **Innovative New Approaches in Cemetery Planning**

This presentation will discuss innovative new approaches in cemetery planning. TerraSite Design is a nationally recognized expert in cemetery design and planning with over 25 cemetery projects. TerraSite Design typically partners with Mekus Tanager, a nationally recognized Cemetery Architecture team member.

Cemeteries are changing; becoming much more high performing, sustainable, and technical. They are becoming multi-programmed

Eirik Heikes, PLA, LEED-AP
Terra Site Design

Caleb Tschetter, ASLA
Terra Site Design

Patrick Mekus, IMCCA
Mekus Tanager
facilities that are increasingly park-like and combine outdoor living, recreation, and event hosting. TerraSite Design recently completed a significant expansion at Gracelawn Cemetery in Edmond, OK. Gracelawn has received requests for weddings in the committal shelter and has wonderful open space and riparian areas for hiking and birdwatching. Most cemeteries are becoming denser in interments; with cremations as the preferred type of memorial. Columbaria are becoming much more popular and align nicely with plazas and public gathering areas. Veterans cemeteries have become focused on smaller facilities to serve specific regions with rural (and urban) initiatives and burial grounds. Much of our work involves historic preservation, such as the recent restoration of Rostrum in Fort Scott, Kansas. | 1 CM Credit

E.2  **Minot’s Façade Improvement Program: Bridging Renovation to Today**

This session will address why façade programs are important to downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts. Learn how to foster district improvements, business attraction, and quality of life. Historic preservation can be achieved without fossilization, and effective incentives can motivate property owners to make improvements while holding them accountable for project outcomes. Practical details of administering a successful program will be discussed and shared with the participants. | 1 CM Credit

E.3  **How COVID Fueled Innovation and Flexibility for NDDOT on Public Outreach during a Pandemic**

Transportation Connection is the state of North Dakota’s Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) through the year 2045. It serves as the umbrella policy plan for the state’s family of plans. A very robust outreach effort was charted to capitalize on both in-person and online engagement over a 12 month period with the largest group of stakeholders yet engaged by NDDOT during 2020 and 2021. When the pandemic occurred in March of 2020, all engagement on the plan was forced to go virtual-only. The presenter will chart how the team pivoted to thrive in a virtual environment and delivered one of the first national virtual-only state plans. Elements discussed will be how NDDOT used targeted surveys, animation, social media (including analytics), partnerships, dedicated Tribal and Title VI population outreach, and innovative website features like the Funding and Performance Tool to engage with the public, inform the plan, and better tell the story of transportation in the state to a wide audience. A brief overview of the plan will be presented, with an update on what plans have been completed under Transportation Connection since it was adopted in June 2021 and the presenter will provide a peek to which plans lie in the future. | 1 CM Credit

E.4  **North Dakota Capitol Grounds Mobile Tour**

Wendy Van Duyne
Stantec
Tour the ND State Capitol grounds and buildings, featuring stops at the Dakota Territory Library and recently completed bike/ped art tunnel among others.

Session F – Thursday 9:45 am

F.1  **AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities**  
Josh Askvig  
AARP North Dakota

The U.S. Census Bureau predicts that by 2030, one in five people will be age 65 and older, by 2050, the total population of people age 85 or older will increase by more than 200%. In 2011, the first of the boomers turned 65. Boomers, like Gen Xers and millennials, want to live in towns and cities that are safe, that provide affordable and appropriate transportation and housing options, and have quality health and community services. AARP calls these places “livable communities.” Communities are at the center of this demographic shift and they will be challenged to address the shift in what people want and need in order to thrive in the community they call home. AARP’s Livable Communities website has resources, tips, and workbooks to aid planners in meeting the opportunities of the growing aging population. These include quick pop-up guides to test learnings, data on the changing demographics and information on how your community can become part of the AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities. Find out how to access these resources to bridge the range of demographic needs of your community. | 1 CM Equity Credit

F.2  **Building Communities for the Sake of Mental Health**  
Kris Valdez, AICP  
Community Planning Strategies  
Sheila Lynch, AICP  
Denver Regional Council of Governments

As we emerge out of the worst pandemic in 100 years, we see gaps and bridges in the way we build our communities. Prior to 2020, 1 in 10 US adults reported anxiety or depressive disorders compared to 4 in 10 in 2021. Placemaking with mental health in mind is both science and art. Scientific studies suggest common themes in the built environment to decrease stress and increase wellbeing. Those themes include access to green space for exercise or meditation, places with easy navigation by multi-modal means, well-maintained infrastructure, and a balance of private space and public space to foster connections. Bridging mental health advocacy and planning is vital in creating a community built around its people. Whether this takes the form of a small community garden infilled in an underutilized space or a sizeable active transportation project constructed to link critical destinations, each component of the built environment can improve the community.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the relationship between mental health and the built environment
- Examine engagement strategies for asset assessment of active green space, gathering areas, and natural open space.
• Discuss short-term and low capital site strategies to build community and long-term community health. | 1 CM Equity Credit

**F.3 How to think like developer. Getting the most from Public/Private Partnerships**

This session explores the development process from the perspective of the developer and how you can get the most for your community.

The session, which seeks to educate planners on the development process includes an interactive real estate proforma that participants can use to complete simple financial analysis on proposed projects (see below).

Understanding what developers need for a successful project can help community’s structure engagements that are mutually beneficial for both parties. Too often communities are left asking, “did we give away too much?” or “would the development gone forward without our participation?”

The session will help communities with basic analysis to answer those critical questions and to negotiate as an equal partner with potential developers.

Additionally, the session will discuss negotiation strategies that include asking for a future share of the sale proceeds, developer guarantees and using land as an equity contribution. | 1 CM Credit

**Session G – Thursday 11:00 am**

**G.1 Emerging Trends for Planners, 2022 and Beyond**

Stay a step ahead of the issues impacting planners’ work, and our communities, today and tomorrow. The American Planning Association recently published its first Trend Report for Planners. In this session, we will discuss key trends that western planners should be prepared for including:

- **Health, Equity and Nature:** despite some improvements in recent years, health disparities persist between genders, races, incomes and geographies (urban and rural).
- **The Digitalization of Everything:** advances in digital technologies affect almost every aspect of life. However, many people do not have access to this digital world. The ability to work from anywhere also affects how we think about transportation and land use.
- **Political Shifts and Polarization:** Planners must navigate politics on a day-to-day basis. The range of political beliefs is widening, and the intensity of people’s beliefs is getting stronger. Learn how to deal with trends in political
ideologies including how to gain public trust and deal with policy “pendulum shifts”.

After each topic, we will provide an opportunity for discussion of how these line up with the priorities in your communities. There will also be time to brainstorm what additional information or tools APA can provide to equip western planners to address these trends.  |  1 CM Credit

G.2  **Solar Power in Your Community**

This presentation will cover the Solar Power in Your Community Guidebook from the Department of Energy and the National Renewable Energy Lab. Solar deployment has increased rapidly in the last 10 years, allowing more communities to access the benefits of solar photovoltaics (PV). This increase has also allowed solar to play an important role in local plans such as resilience planning, sustainability planning, and climate action planning. With an emphasis on energy equity, this presentation will highlight new and existing technologies and strategies to maximize the benefits of solar to all communities. This presentation will additionally cover opportunities for including solar in local planning, making solar affordable and accessible to residents, building capacity for a local solar workforce, updating local policies and processes for solar, installing solar on government land or buildings, innovative solar technologies, and more! This presentation will also include case studies from and across the West. Join this session to learn more about incorporating solar energy into your local plans, and how it can benefit your community. Learn more about the guidebook at energy.gov/solarguidebook.  |  1 CM Credit

Emily Dalecki
National Renewable Energy Lab

G.3  **City of Sioux Falls' Reaction to the Affordable Housing Challenge**

This presentation will include examples of how Sioux Falls has leveraged ARPA funds to increase affordable housing options in Sioux Falls. The City has utilized general funds to start a down payment assistance program for Public Safety Officers (mainly Police and Firefighters) to receive 20K towards purchasing a home in a qualified census tract in Sioux Falls. We have also established a Housing Fund for the City to attract developers to build more affordable homes, introduced a TIFF program for developers building single-family homes, expanded the income limits to assist individuals in the 120% AMI range for our single family rehabilitation program, and assisted our external housing partners on purchasing land for the development of single family homes as well as identifying areas for homes to be moved to.  |  1 CM Credit

Matt Tobias
City of Sioux Falls, SD

**Thursday Keynote – Thursday 12:15 PM**

**Cultivating an Ecosystem Built for Implementation**

Implementation. Implementation is the thing we need to take vision to reality, drawings to buildings, spreadsheets to operational
success. In the built environment though, implementation is hard, really hard. Why? The intersecting demands of building codes, zoning codes, financing requirements and market forces all have to be forged together to get to a coherent and functional result whether at the scale of the building/lot, block or entire neighborhood. Developer, construction manager, urban designer and sustainability advisor Jim Kumon will walk through projects in his real estate practice, sustainability consulting and public/non profit sector project advisory to navigate a path for how cities can shape their local ecosystem to be highly productive in the implementation of your community's goals. Four key areas of focus will be producing missing middle housing with small scale builders and developers, conducting suburban retrofit on medium to large scale sites, municipal rule and ordinance change to re-legalize walkable neighborhood building patterns and infusing every step with resilience to our rapidly changing weather patterns which stress our local energy, water and transportation infrastructure. This brisk presentation will take a whirlwind tour through a municipally pre-approved, missing middle residential plan system in South Bend, to the construction of a non-profit led, all-electric pilot duplex and carriagehouse in Kalamazoo, citywide 1-4 unit zoning reform in St. Paul, a greyfield shopping center redux near Dallas and the development and financing of a market rate, net zero 12 plex in Minneapolis - covering the interrelated pitfalls, successes and (hard) lessons learned in striving for implementation of worthy community goals | 1.5 CM Credits

Session H – Thursday 2:00 pm

H.1 Veterans Community Project: Sioux Falls Public/Private Partnership

This presentation will include elements of the public/private partnership of the City of Sioux Falls and Veterans Community Project of Kansas City to construct a Tiny Home Village for Homeless Veterans. The Presentation will outline how this idea of a village came about in Sioux Falls, Veteran’s Community Projects Mission & finally timeline and current progress on the Village in Sioux Falls. We will explore what made Sioux Falls’ project so great and how the City moved to the top of the list for national expansion of Veterans Community Project. | 1 CM Credit

H.2 Tribal Healthcare: Tribal healthcare and best practices for improving tribal health outcomes

From the time Tribal Nations and the United States struck Treaties, Tribal Nations across America, have not been provided the proper health care services promised to them by the U.S. Government. For generations, under-budgeted operations and aging facilities have resulted in the highest health disparity rates in the nation. In this day of modern medicine and technology, this is not acceptable. Scott Davis will present highlights from Sanford’s Native American
Community Outreach strategic operations plan, which is based upon Sanford’s philosophy of partnerships and “Here for All, Here for Good.” Sanford Healthcare estimates 10% of its patients are Native American. Davis will share insights about the immediate challenges and also the opportunities to partner in new ways to deliver health care services to Tribal Nations.

1 CM Credit

H.3 Development Roundtable Session 1: Regulation and its impact of project feasibility

In this session three local owners/developers will discuss their experiences with the current development regulation framework in Bismarck, as illustrated by their efforts to navigate their outside-the-box development concept through the local approval process. In each case, the project was eventually approved and executed, but not without a level of commitment that went beyond what most would deem a rational cost-benefit analysis. These sorts of development proposals typically provide a much higher tax base vs the as-of-right patterns they replace. How might we achieve these outcomes with less “brain damage”?

Topics include:
- Balancing cost vs value. Risk and return. The financial challenge of unique design solutions.
- Mixing uses in suburban development context. The PR challenges of innovative development proposals.
- Institutional/Corporate campus planning and management. Observations on the challenges of infill vs greenfield development

David Witham
Denizen Partners

Cole Johnson
Sanford Bismarck

Cam Knutson
Knutson Development

H.4 Downtown Mandan Mobile Tour

See downtown Mandan improvements, including the newly landscaped Dykshoorn Park, expanded library, and a successful affordable housing project. We’ll tour segments of the Mandan levee and learn about the unconventional process used to achieve FEMA recertification. Tour ends at Thomas and Moriarty’s craft cocktail bar (drink ticket and appetizers included)

Andrew Stromme
City of Mandan

H.5 Value-Added Ag Mobile Tour

What’s really in your pint glass? Get a glimpse of what it takes to produce the ingredients that go into your favorite craft beer. You will visit multiple agricultural sites showcasing soil health, malting, and honey processing. Tour will conclude at Laughing Sun Brewery with food, beverage, and an axe throwing session included for good measure.

Natalie Pierce
Morton County, ND
I.1 **Revaluating Campus Environments: Planning for Change, Connectivity, and Community**

As the role of higher education changes, questions arise as to how campuses continue to evolve and play a critical role in serving community functions while also contributing to a regional sense of identity.

From drivers of workforce development to innovative research, these environments can significantly vary, particularly when comparing local community colleges to nationally recognized flagship institutions. An analysis of campus environments throughout the Great Plains and Mountain West will identify local strengths at different scales and outline opportunities that leverage mission-driven visions with the capacity to enable social and economic potential in rural towns and mid-sized cities.

A brief interactive exercise with session participants will convey how the physical design of campuses impacts perceptions and overall investment potential, where balancing conflicting values, priorities, and strategies will reveal the complex underlying frameworks that differ across regions.  | 1 CM Credit

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I.2 **The Geographic Approach to Planning**

Geography is an influencing, if not driving, factor in all aspects of planning and community development. GIS is the tool that helps us measure, analyze, and visualize geography, and the emergence of web-based GIS has put these tools in the hands of planners without requiring them to be GIS professionals (or even have GIS software). This presentation will focus on the five components of the geographic approach to planning, including understanding neighborhood characteristics, deriving intelligence from business systems, promoting sustainable policy, supporting civic inclusion, and empowering scenario planning and design.  | 1 CM Credit

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I.3 **Development Roundtable Session 2: Development Incentives and their impact on project feasibility**

In this session, three local players in real estate development discuss the relationship between public and private interests in the development process and examine the success and failures of local development policies as they relate to both outward and upward growth. At what point does a project no longer pencil out? How can/should we measure success of public investment in the development process? Is it possible for government participate in growth, without picking winners and losers?

Topics include:

- “Tiny Lot” infill. A journey through the variance process that ends with a seat at the city commission table.

- A critical look at development incentives from the perspective of a “taxpayer advocate.” Achieving an ROI for the public sector.
• Review and discussion of the local economic development opportunities and challenges. | 1 CM Credit

Session J – Thursday 4:30 pm

J.1 Integrating Young Voices into Transportation Planning

Transportation planning is the process of understanding the current transportation system, designing for future needs, and combining all of that with local budgets, goals and policies. Since 2016, transportation planning in Loveland, CO has added the youth voice to this mix. This session will describe best practices for engaging youth in meaningful and beneficial ways, including the creation of liaisons, ambassador programs and bus adventures. | 1 CM Credit

Katie M. Guthrie, AICP
City of Loveland, CO

J.2 How to Successfully Plan and Fund Tribal Infrastructure and Economic Development Projects

As the saying goes, a failure to plan, is planning to fail.

No matter what type of project your community wants/needs, planning is essential to ensure the project best meets your community needs and is as competitive as possible when applying for grant funding. With both American Rescue Plan Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding opportunities available to tribal communities to support growth, development and COVID recovery, it is imperative to start the planning process as soon as possible. Cultivating good relationships with Tribal leadership and community leaders to identify needs and priorities is the first step. Setting clients up for success takes forethought and planning that you don’t want to be doing after funding opportunities become available. If clients are trying to leap into project planning mode when notices of funding open, most of the time, they will be too late. You may have a great idea for a project, but without good planning that project may not get off the ground or will suffer time consuming and costly setbacks. This presentation will provide examples of projects that have been successful because of good planning and targeting of the best funding resources. Don’t plan to fail….just plan! | 1 CM Equity Credit

Wade Kline
KLJ Engineering

Denae Johnson
KLJ Engineering

Craig Genzlinger
KLJ Engineering

J.3 Development Roundtable Session 3: Development Feasibility Panel Discussion

In this session, Keynote Speaker Jim Kumon will host a panel discussion with the six speakers from the previous sessions. Jim will facilitate a discussion contemplating the potential adjustments to urban planning regulation and policy that may foster development outcomes that better align with the priorities and values of local communities. | 1 CM Credit

Jim Kumon, Moderator
Electric Housing

Development Roundtable Groups 1 & 2
K.1 **Active Transportation in the Rural Context**  
**Bridging the Dots in the Land of Enchantment**

Case studies of small communities in Florida, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Mexico and Vermont were created to show peer communities the benefits of walking and bicycling infrastructure and supporting programs. The New Mexico Department of Transportation will share its active transportation planning efforts including how the New Mexico Prioritized Statewide Bicycle Network Plan handles state roads serving as main streets and equity in project funding for Tribal and Local Public Agencies. Local case studies in MainStreet Communities Ruidoso, Silver City, and Truth or Consequences will highlight community building, placemaking and economic development. Get a synthesized understanding of walking and biking in small communities – and how it is integral for asset-based downtown revitalization, from the view of a researcher, state department of transportation, and private consultant. This session will be INNOVATIVE: completed in February 2022 the case studies examine the diversity of walking and biking in small US communities. Each INTERACTIVE presentation engages the audience through discussion questions and Q&A. This INFORMATIVE session includes AICP Core Competencies (Land Use Planning and Building Form; Research; Quantitative and Qualitative Methods; Spatial Analysis; Public Facilities Planning and Management) and presents best practices from communities around the country. | 1 CM Credit

Dr. Natalie Villwock-Witte, PE  
Montana State University

Shannon Glendenning, AICP  
New Mexico Department of Transportation

Amy Bell  
Groundwork Studio

K.2 **Post-COVID Economic Development Planning for Resilient Growth**

It is becoming increasingly apparent that regional economic prosperity is linked to an area’s resilience, or ability to prevent, withstand, and quickly recover from major disruptions (i.e., ‘shocks’) to its economic base.

In the context of economic development, resilience becomes inclusive of three primary attributes: the ability to recover quickly from a shock, the ability to withstand a shock, and the ability to avoid the shock altogether. Establishing economic resilience in a local or regional economy requires the ability to anticipate risk, evaluate how that risk can impact key economic assets, and build a responsive capacity.

The pandemic has made disaster recovery and resiliency planning efforts relevant to communities across the nation. The nexus between strong resilient planning to project identification and implementation is more than ever to have a strong, diverse and resilient economy to respond to shocks like a pandemic. An Economic Development Administration representative will present on the importance of partnership planning efforts and resiliency planning towards economic development outputs.

In building economic resilience, economic development organizations need to consider both steady-state and responsive initiatives. Bear River Association of Governments is following EDA
best practices by integrating resilience into planning for economic growth using a two-pronged approach:

1. Planning for and implementing resilience through specific goals or actions to bolster the long-term economic durability of the region (steady-state), and

2. Establishing information networks among the various stakeholders in the region to encourage active and regular communications between the public, private, education, and non-profit sectors to collaborate on existing and potential future challenges (responsive).

With this strategic planning approach, we hope that public spending on economic development projects in Northern Utah will be an investment that holds up to the challenges we’ll face in our lifetimes.  | 1 CM Credit

K.3 Creative Partnerships in Comprehensive Planning

The City of Bismarck has recently undertaken the development of its comprehensive plan update titled “Together 2045”. The plan is primarily being developed in-house by Bismarck’s talented planning staff. However, a variety of unique partnerships are contributing to its overall development. These partnerships include assistance from the AARP North Dakota, North Dakota Department of Health, North Dakota Department of Commerce, and the Bismarck Career and Technical Academy. These partnerships have helped bridge the need of a comprehensive plan with robust perspectives and involvement while furthering the goals of the various partner organizations.  | 1 CM Credit

K.4 Fort Abraham Lincoln and On-A-Slant Village Mobile Tour

Bismarck-Mandan and the confluence of the Missouri and Heart Rivers is an important location for Native American history and Dakota Territorial events. Visit the On A Slant Village and Fort Abraham Lincoln State park to see these two worlds connect.

Session L – Friday 10:15 am

L.1 Community Preservation and Development Authorities

CPDAs are a quasi-governmental designation created in 2007 as a way to funnel resources and planning attention to areas that have been historically neglected and adversely affected by planning projects. There are two CPDAs in WA state, both in Seattle, in historic south downtown, which covers the Pioneer Square and Chinatown International Districts, and in the Central District. These three neighborhoods are all in historically redlined areas with high concentrations of people of color with households making much lower than the area median income. The two organizations are working together, but on parallel tracks, to address historic inequities in planning and urban design.  | 1 CM Credit
L.2 **The Historic Significance of Mid-Century Neighborhoods**  
*An examination of Highland Acres - Bismarck, ND*

This presentation will highlight the catalyst, planning, process, and rationale used for a recent effort to nominate Highland Acres, a beloved Bismarck master-planned, mid-century suburban neighborhood, to the National Register of Historic Places. Highland Acres is a post-WWII residential subdivision development that originally started as a co-op for returning war veterans and their families. The subdivision was modeled after the Federal Housing Administration’s design standards for residential subdivisions, which incorporate many of Ebenezer Howard’s principles from the Garden City Movement. Initial homes constructed in Highland Acres were prefabricated modest and affordable residences. Over time, the co-op dissolved, and the remaining lots were sold and developed by individuals, including many prominent Bismarck residents and mid-century architects. In 2020, the City of Bismarck teamed up with the State Historic Preservation Office and Metcalf Archeological Consultants to conduct a survey of the properties in the neighborhood and prepare the historic district nomination.  | 1 CM Credit

L.3 **Cooperation: Tools for Navigating Differences**

Change is hard. Creating change is harder. Creating change that everyone agrees with is the hardest. Public engagement professionals and community development advocates know this truth firsthand – but there are tools and strategies that can support the decision-making process, even when it seems like no one will ever be able to agree. During this session, the speakers will introduce tried and true mediation tactics as well as cooperation strategies you may have never used before.  | 1 CM Credit

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**Session M – Friday 11:30 am**

M.1 **Ethical Planning**

The AICP Code of Ethics was updated, effective January 1, 2022. Updates will be reviewed, together with AICP certification maintenance requirements and content of the AICP Certification Exam. 2021-2022 APA Ethics Cases of the Year will be presented to audience in a fun, Jeopardy-style, competitive team format. Participants will also have the opportunity for group discussion of scenarios. Contact information for AICP Ethics Officer will be provided, along with other online and published Ethics resources.  | 1 CM Ethics Credit

M.2 **Fast, Funny, and/or Passionate**

This session will feature several “TED-style” talks on a variety of topics chosen by the individual presenter. Each talk will include 20 slides with 20 seconds of commentary each. The session will
conclude with questions and answers from the audience for the panel.

Topics include:

- Observations of a Community Transplant to Rapid City, SD
- Reefer Madness: Cannabis Industry Regulation
- Zoning for Cryptocurrency Mining Data Centers
- Public Meetings: Choose Your Own Adventure | 1 CM Credit

M.3 Sustaining the Quality of Life in Western South Dakota
Western Dakota Regional Water System

Water plays a significant role in quality of life in Western South Dakota. Its rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and streams provide access to fishing, boating, hiking, and hunting experiences that are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. To protect this quality of life, forward-thinking leaders within the West Dakota Water Development District (WDWDD) have maintained a Future Use Permit since the mid-1970s to ensure access to adequate water supplies as population growth and weather variability impact water resources.

In recent years, future water needs have been studied by the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and WDWDD. The studies determined that under conditions of prolonged drought, water demand will exceed available surface and groundwater supplies. As a result of these studies and associated public engagement, stakeholders formed the Western Dakota Regional Water System (WDRWS) in late 2021. The WDRWS is currently studying the feasibility of bringing water from the Missouri River to Western South Dakota. This presentation will provide an update on this important project, along with a description of the unique path that the WDWDD and Western South Dakota leadership have taken to date and the journey that lies ahead in bringing water to the West. | 1 CM Credit