



Conference Schedule and Sessions

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton Spokane City Center

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

WA APA Board of Directors Meeting

6:15 pm – 9:15 pm

Short Course on Local Planning

7:00 pm

Gathering at Terrain

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton Spokane City Center

7:30 am – 8:30 am • REGISTRATION, EXHIBITS & NETWORKING

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Welcome to Spokane and Opening Session

Speaker: Governor Parris Glendening

10:00 am – 10:15 am • BREAK & EXHIBITS

10:15 am – 11:15 am

Optimizing Drinking Water for Growth • 1 CM

Speakers: Debroah Johnson, WA State Dept of Health • Brian Sayrs, WA State Dept of Health • Benjamin Serr, WA State Dept of Commerce

Drinking water plays a critical role in planning for all (both fully & partially planning) Washington communities. This session focuses on how water availability, quantity, & quality; critical aquifer recharge area protection; future service areas; & system capacity affect local planning activities & zoning administration.

Paddling Back to Strong Downtowns • 1 CM

Moderator: Brian Scott, PhD, BDS Planning and Urban Design

Speakers: Melissa Owen, City of Spokane • Rj Keetch, City of Colville • John Collum, AICP, City of Vancouver, WA

Main Streets are experiencing a renaissance of revitalization, as leaders and planners build partnerships and improve on existing strengths to create vibrant corridors of retail, restaurants, cultural experiences and unique local businesses. Hear the success stories from several Washington cities that have reinvested in their downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts.

***What's Next? Making an Age-Friendly Workplan Work* • 1 CM**

Moderator: Carol Kachadoorian, Toole Design Group

Speakers: Brent Butler, CFM, City of Seattle • Lizzie Moll, City of Seattle

People can age with ease in an age-friendly city. Working with AARP and stakeholders for 15 months, Seattle's Age-friendly Task Force developed a workplan which was adopted by the City. Learn how the Task Force is implementing its workplan from members of its Transportation and Public Space Committee.

***Black Rock City | Lessons in the Dust* • 1 CM**

Speaker: Omar Akkari, PLA, City of Spokane

Black Rock City rises from the dust for a weeklong festival and celebration of art, music, and dance known as Burning Man. This presentation will discuss the guiding principles of the temporary city and how aspects of the event might be applied to enrich more permanent settlements.

***Race Matters: Striving for Equitable Outcomes* • 1 CM**

Moderator: Manal Al-ansi, Seattle Department of Transportation

Speakers: Ubax Gardheere, City of Seattle • Mikel Davila, City of Seattle • Chisaki Muraki, Seattle Department of Transportation

The Race and Social Justice Initiative started at the City of Seattle over a decade ago, focusing on dismantling institutional racism, and provides a framework for the work we do. Hear about the tools and methods used with business districts, for a transportation planning study, and the Equitable Development Initiative.

11:15 am – 11:30 am • BREAK & EXHIBITS

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

***Climate Adaptation through Local Comprehensive Planning (aka Planning to be Resilient)* • 1 CM**

Speakers: Stacey Justus Nordgren, MA, Foresight Partners Consulting • Lara Hansen, PhD, EcoAdapt • Gary Idleburt, WA State Dept of Commerce

EcoAdapt and Foresight Partners Consulting, with funding from the Bullitt Foundation and Bainbridge Island Community Foundation, have been working to develop a suite of climate adaptation planning and implementation tools applicable for Washington state, and with transferability nation-wide. This session will explain their work to date that has been focused in the Puget Sound region: first at the local scale (partnering with Bainbridge Island as a case study of incorporating climate into their 2016 Comprehensive Plan update); then at the regional scale (creating Guidance for Puget Sound communities); and now again at the regional scale (where they are creating implementation tools that were conceived of in the Puget Sound Guidance document—in particular, the development of a Climate Change Adaptation Certification process). This CCAC will be completed by the time of this conference and will be presented as a “ready to go” implementation tool.

***Downtown Sandpoint Revitalized: Planned and Implemented* • 1 CM**

Speakers: Aaron Qualls, City of Sandpoint

A Community vision spanning almost two decades, the Downtown Sandpoint two-way streets conversion and revitalization project has involved many different players over the years and incorporates several planning related themes including public outreach, transportation, place-making, tactical urbanism, economic development, parking, storm water management and urban design.

***What's Mappening!? GIS for Planners* • 1 CM**

Speakers: Sam Rubin, AICP, BergerABAM • Allison Kinney, BergerABAM • Sam Jones, BergerABAM

A scientist, a planner, and a landscape designer walk into a room and talk about how they use GIS. This panel discussion will provide some tips, tricks, and tools for planners with all levels of GIS experience.

Great Civic Spaces as Catalysts for Creating Livable Communities • 1 CM

Moderator: Steve Butler, FAICP, MRSC

Speakers: Arun Jain, FAICP • Guy Michaelsen, Berger Partnership

Well-planned public spaces are critical assets that contribute greatly to a community's vitality and health. Yet these public spaces are difficult to acquire, finance, design, and maintain. This session will explore design and non-design attributes are most important to a public space's success, and provide several case studies.

Engaging the Community to Reinvent Autocentric Neighborhoods • 1 CM

Moderator: Ariel Davis, AICP, Fehr & Peers

Speakers: Thara Johnson, City of Burien • Daren Crabill, NBBJ • Katrina Knutson, AICP, City of Gig Harbor

Many communities are looking to become more vibrant places to live, but are defined by their busy arterials and struggle to balance differing visions for the future. This session will share the stories of three communities who have addressed these challenges through innovative planning processes and community engagement.

12:40 pm – 1:50 pm • KEYNOTE LUNCH

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Replumbing Spokane Falls: Finding a Balance • 1.25 CM

Speakers: Mark Greening, SCJ Alliance • Berry Ellison, City of Spokane • Speed Fitzhugh, Avista Corporation

This session and tour will explain and show how Spokane Falls in downtown Spokane were “replumbed” with stakeholder input. This process that was used to reach agreement with the stakeholders resulted in improving the appearance and sounds of the falls during low flow periods of the year (summer and fall) while conserving water for electrical power production.

Riding to Bicycle Mobility • 1.25 CM

Moderator: Patrick Lynch, AICP, Transpo Group

Speakers: Chris Comeau, AICP, CTP, Bellingham Public Works • Stephen Padua, AICP, City of Kirkland • Katherine Miller, PE, City of Spokane

Come see how Bellingham, Spokane, and Kirkland are retrofitting their 20th century auto-oriented transportation systems to meet 21st century multimodal mobility needs with arterial road diets removing auto lanes in favor of bike lanes, neighborhood greenways-bike boulevards on low-volume streets, and bicycle-pedestrians bridges/overpasses over mobility barriers.

The Changing Workplace Culture – Thriving vs. Surviving • 1.25 CM

Speakers: Amanda Tainio, Synergy Resources Consulting • Michelle Griffin, Synergy Resources Consulting

Teamwork plays a key role in the planning process. From generational differences to a lack of trust, multiple factors contribute to less than optimal teams. Participants will learn from a point-counterpoint presentation and fun interactive workshop with takeaways to start implementing actions to immediately start strengthening their workplace teams.

Local Regulation of the Cannabis Industry Through the Eyes of a Land Use Planner Turned Cannabis Farmer • 1.25 CM

Speakers: David Burns, AICP • Crystal Oliver, Washington's Finest Cannabis

This session will provide practicing planners a working familiarity with the cannabis industry. The session will give planners insight into specific issues and problems the industry is facing with local government regulation, and provide information and tools planners need to address public interest concerns in both a current and long range planning context.

Engaging Youth – Make it Happen! • 1.25 CM

Speakers: Stephanie Velasco, City of Seattle • Steve Butler, FAICP, MRSC • Travis Goodard, City of Woodland • Toni Pratt, City of Bellevue

Join the Washington State Youth in Planning Taskforce to learn how to connect with local schools and encourage young people in your community to get involved in planning. Attendees will leave this session with new tools and techniques to make planning fun and accessible to youth.

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm • BREAK & EXHIBITS

3:15 pm – 4:45 pm

FAICP-Sponsored Session: Ethics for Planners and Our Allied Professions • 1.5 Ethics CM

Moderator: Steve Butler, FAICP, MRSC

Speakers: Subir Mukerjee • Karen Wolf, FAICP, King County • Megan Clark, Esq., Etter, McMahon, Lamberson, Van Wert & Oreskovich, P.C. • Dana Cowger, PE, Varela & Associates, Inc.

Acting ethically is a key element of being a planner. But what happens when planners work with members of other allied professions, such as city managers, engineers, and lawyers? This session will explore when and why those various professions may act differently when faced with a particular ethical dilemma.

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

MOBILE WORKSHOP - Spokane Heritage Walk • 1.5 CM

Meet at the conference registration desk

Discover the unique history, charm and diversity of downtown Spokane.

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm

Bus Rapid Transit: Reconnecting our Communities • 1.25 CM

Moderator: Linda Amato, AICP, Environmental Science Associates

Speakers: June DeVoll, Community Transit • Karl Otterstrom, AICP, Spokane Transit Authority • Scott Peterson, C-Tran • Sharese Graham, PMP, Environmental Science Associates

In recent years, local and regional transit agencies in Washington State have been at the forefront of planning and implementation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) systems. Limited funding, ability to use existing infrastructure, and dependable intercity connections have contributed to the increased interest in this form of transit. BRT can provide the benefits of rail service more quickly and at a much lower cost than rail projects, and is also more dependable than standard bus service. BRT is recharging our communities by taking a step towards solving existing transportation issues, encouraging growth and development in downtowns, and transforming the way people are getting to major employment and education centers. Come hear planners from three transit agencies describe their BRT planning efforts, existing BRT service, funding, and future expansion plans. Planning consultants will also discuss some of the challenges of fitting these facilities into communities and lessons learned through preparing NEPA and SEPA documents for BRT service.

Using Needs Assessments to Help Communities Thrive • 1.25 CM

Speakers: Radhika Nair, BERK Consulting • Erika Rhett, AICP, BERK Consulting

Learn about citywide assessments of broad community needs and focused needs such as around domestic violence, a leading cause of homelessness. Needs assessments from Sammamish and Tacoma will be shared.

At the Intersection of Planning and Public Health – The State of the Art • 1.25 CM

Moderator: Paula Reeves, AICP, CTP, Washington State Department of Health

Speakers: Amy Shumann, King County • Amber Lenhart, Spokane Regional Health District • Julie Walton, AICP, 3 Square Blocks

Through examples from different agencies and arenas, session participants will hear about work that is breaking new ground to create anchors and allies in advancing healthy communities and assuring health equity in decision making. Panelists will provide examples of how new health data and public input is being leveraged to help both professions meet our shared and individual goals and requirements.

5:15 pm – 7:00 pm • RECEPTION AT SPOKANE LIBRARY

7:00 pm • PUB CRAWL – Maps available at registration

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton Spokane City Center

6:45 am – 7:45 am • EARLY MORNING RUN OR WALK – Meet in DoubleTree Lobby.

7:30 am – 8:30 am • REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

8:30 am – 9:45 am

A Leading-Edge Approach to Riding the Affordable Housing Wave • 1.25 CM

Moderator: Valerie Smith, AICP, WA State Dept of Commerce

Speakers: Robert Pantley, Natural and Built Environment, LLC • Angela Rozmyn, LEED AP, Natural and Built Environment, LLC • Paul Mann, WA State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

A Leading-Edge Approach to Riding the Affordable Housing Wave includes a focus on micro-units as a tool to move the needle on housing affordability, while providing attendees with examples of local codes, developers approach to financing, potential reuse of historic properties, and how design can expand choices for housing.

Community Planning in the ROW • 1.25 CM

Moderator: Katy Sounders, PLA, ASLA, LEED Green Associate, MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design

Speakers: Aaron Gooze, AICP, Fehr & Peers • Celeste Gilman, WSDOT • chisaki Muraki, MUP, City of Seattle

How can our streets help recharge communities? How can urban design practices be used to promote greater mobility? How can planners use transportation projects to address broad community concerns? A series of presentations will explore these questions and illustrate different ways to enhance mobility and multimodal access at the neighborhood-scale.

Inspiring Your Community and Invigorating Your Economy Through Art & Placemaking • 1.25 CM

Moderator: William Simpson, AICP, WA State Dept of Commerce

Speakers: Jeff Arango, AICP, Framework • Ed Marquand, Mighty Tieton, Marquand Books • Jackie Carro, Terrian

This session examines how art and placemaking are critical components of community and economic development. Explore how public, private, and non-profit organizations have formed unique partnerships, tapped into the artistic roots of the community, and influenced the built environment. Prepare to walk away with a heightened sense of creativity.

8:30 am – 10:00 am

The Ethics of How We Plan and Design Streets • 1.5 Ethics CM

Speakers: Michael Hintze, AICP, Toole Design Group

Central to our role as planners is to protect the health and welfare of people through good planning and design of communities. Over 40,000 people died on U.S. roads in 2017. This session will explore our ethical duty as planners to reduce this number and how we can be effective in doing so?

9:45 – 10:00 am • BREAK & EXHIBITS

9:45 am – 11:15 am

MOBILE WORKSHOP – Spokane River Walking Tour • 1.5 CM

Meet at the conference registration desk

An exploration of riverfront history, redevelopment, Riverfront Park, Brownfields and tribal significance.

10:00 am – 11:00 am

SMPs: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow • 1 CM

Moderator: Ethan Spoo, AICP, BergerABAM

Speakers: Tim Gates, AICP, WA State Dept of Ecology • Kell Rowen, Mason County • Steve Powers, AICP, City of Oak Harbor

Consistent with the theme of “Riding the Rapids of Change,” this session will explore whether new shoreline master programs (SMPs) are achieving environmental, use, and access goals. Come find out what rapids (challenges and benefits) are flowing toward local jurisdictions in the next round of SMP updates.

Reimagining Riverfront Park • 1 CM

Speakers: Guy Michaelsen, PLA, ASLA, Berger Partnership • Garrett Jones, PLA, ASLA, Spokane Parks and Recreation

Learn how Spokane’s Riverfront Park, once home to Expo ’74, is being reimagined through over 65 million dollars of investment and new programming to assure it serves the community for generations to come.

Right Size Parking Code Reform • 1 CM

Engaging Mercer Island on Residential Development Standards • 1 CM

Speakers: Evan Maxim, City of Mercer Island • Alison Van Gorp, City of Mercer Island • Daniel Hubbell, City of Mercer Island

Mercer Island engaged with the community to rewrite a significant portion of its code. The session will focus on: A) what worked well; B) what could have been improved, C) lessons learned; and D) thoughts on the next effort. The panel discussion will represent both staff and Planning Commission’s perspectives.

11:00 – 11:15 am • BREAK & EXHIBITS

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Intergovernmental Watershed Planning to Recover Salmon • .75 CM

Speaker: Doug Osterman, MRP, AICP, King County

A coalition of 17 local governments in the Puget Sound region of Washington are using new science about the threats of stormwater, toxins, and climate change to inform land and water management and policy to stave off extinction of salmon.

Equitable Development Workshop • .75 CM

LAMIRDs: Comparing County Experiences • .75 CM

Moderator: Joseph Tovar, FAICP, William D. Ruckelshaus Center

Speakers: Tamara Laninga, PhD, AICP, Western Washington University • Brian Kirk, Western Washington University • Clayton Williams, Western Washington University • Andrew Randall, Western Washington University • Jami Hayes, City of Post Falls

The presentation examines the Growth Management Act’s LAMIRD provisions as applied in several Washington counties. It compares similarities and differences related to boundaries, land use, development standards, history of development, and zoning surrounding LAMIRDs. It concludes with a discussion of challenges, successes and future opportunities for LAMIRDs.

Minimizing the Attack Surface: Techniques for Land Use Planning Borrowed From Computer Science • .75 CM

Speaker: Ryan Walters, JD, Samish Indian Nation

Learn how to apply modern concepts from software code writing and the software industry to improve your development code and your delivery of planning projects.

12:10 pm – 1:30 pm • AWARDS LUNCH

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Baby Steps to Vision Zero • 1.25 CM

Speakers: Sarah Saviskas, AICP, Fehr & Peers • Justin Belk, PE, City of Tacoma • Matthew Enders, PE, WSDOT • Sean Messner, PE, Spokane County

This session will explore one avenue cities and counties can take to make progress on safety and qualify for external funding without diving into the Vision Zero deep end – creating a Local Road Safety Plan. Session will cover LRSPs 101, lessons learned by jurisdictions, and LRSPs to Vision Zero.

Navigating Tricky Councils • 1.25 CM

Speakers: Kendra Breiland, AICP, Fehr & Peers • William Grimes, AICP, Studio Cascade • Lisa Grueter, AICP, BERK Consulting • Richard Weinman, JD, AICP, Weinman Consulting LLC

Planners move the needle, but do so slowly working with elected councils that have different values. How do we work in this context and recognize our own bias? This session will be a dialogue between the audience and four seasoned consultants who have practiced statewide in communities large and small.

New Rules for Schools: School Siting Challenges and Creative Solutions • 1.25 CM

Moderator: Anne Fritzel, AICP, WA Dept of Commerce

Speakers: Karen Wolf, FACIP, King County • Kateri Schlessman, AICP, Educational Service District 112 / Construction Services Group

Planning new schools to keep up with growth continues to be a challenge in our state. This session will provide an overview of recent amendments to the GMA to address this challenge, an overview of how school districts do their planning, and some examples of innovative approaches to fit schools into tighter spaces.

1:45 pm – 3:30 pm

Intro to Tribal Law for Planners • 1.75 Law CM

1:45 pm – 4:30 pm

MOBILE WORKSHOP – Life in the Heart of the Rapids • 2.25 CM

Meet at the conference registration desk

A walking tour of downtown Spokane housing, from historic Single Room Occupancy workforce housing to mixed-use buildings with luxury apartments.

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm • BREAK & EXHIBITS

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Buildable Lands & Land Capacity Analysis: What's the Connection • 1 CM

Blue Mountain Region Trails Plan – A Regional Interconnected Non-Motorized Network • 1 CM

Speakers: Elizabeth Chamberlain, AICP, City of Walla Walla • Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, CISP, RAS, AICP, Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization • Mary Campbell, Community Council

In an unprecedented regional effort, more than 30 local, regional, state and federal stakeholder entities joined forces to develop a Blue Mountain Region Trails Plan that spans all involved jurisdictions in Columbia and Walla Walla counties and northeastern Umatilla County.

Planning for Spokane's South University District • 1 CM

Moderator: Michael Stringer, AICP, Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc.

Speakers: Lars Gilberts, Spokane University District • Latisha Hill, Avista Development • Andrew Worlock, City of Spokane • Bill Grimes, AICP, SCJ Alliance

Years of planning and public investment have laid the foundation for revitalization of Spokane's University District. In this interactive session, participants will learn about how the University District has positioned for success and will have the opportunity to share their expertise to help shape its future.