

Good afternoon!

It was great to meet all of you on Wednesday! Now that the first class is under your belt, you have an idea of how fast our sessions move as well as the volume of information contained in each presentation. You had great questions for our speakers--and that is a good thing, keep them coming.

Recap

- Pete Wooten welcomed you with some incredible statistics and information about transportation and mobility in Nashville as well as other places. You'll find that we will drill down on this as the academy progresses. I will try to get all that information from him and share with you.
- Brad Winkler welcomed you and talked about his experience with TCLA #7 and went over Transit from the viewpoint of 3rd graders.
- You learned about your classmates: where they're from and what drove them to participate in this class. I learned that everyone is here to really dig deeper to understand the issues of transportation, including transit and ways to mitigate our region's increasing traffic congestion. I believe that you will learn a lot in these classes. I don't think we will solve all the traffic woes in six weeks, but we will discuss the ins and outs and possibilities for our region. You will be informed.
- Pam Kordenbrock (Head Fed), Division Administrator at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) walked you through projects and funding structures, including relationships between FHWA, TDOT, and local entities.
- Suzanne Carlson, Multimodal Transportation Resources Division Director at TN Dept of Transportation (TDOT), discussed the brass tacks of TDOT, the IMPROVE Act, the failed referendum in Nashville, and the important point of having to think through the importance of frequency vs coverage of geographical area in a transit system.
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