Background on Peer Exchange

Transportation and Public Health Peer Exchange
Center for Environmental Excellence

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Background Resources

- **Review of Recent Meeting Records**
  - Air Quality Peer Exchange (April 2014)
  - Beyond the Mainstream Peer Exchange (June 2014)
  - Annual Meeting of the Standing Committee on the Environment (June 2014)

- **Survey of AASHTO Committee Liaisons**

- **Follow-up interviews with State DOT staff**
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Committees That Completed Survey

- Standing Committee on Finance and Administration
- Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety
- Standing Committee on Planning
- Standing Committee on Public Transportation
- Standing Committee on the Environment

To what extent has your committee addressed the topic of integrating public health and transportation?

- Yes (80%)
- No (20%)
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Which areas are of interest to your committee?

- Interaction w/ the public or public health professionals
- Performance measures
- Positive public health impacts
- Negative public health impacts
- Role of State DOT's
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What does your committee perceive as the challenges to integrating public health into transportation practice?

- Establishing causal link between investments and health outcomes
- Analyzing health data and potential impacts
- Lack of supporting health data
- Uncertainty about State DOT's role
- Lack of understanding between health and transportation communities
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What potential benefits has your committee identified to integrating public health into transportation practice?

- Additional basis for transit improvements
- Additional support for bike/ped
- Improved EJ evaluation
- Additional environmental considerations
- Improved public involvement
Key Takeaways

- Wide-range of interest and activity across states
- Partnership with public health agencies for successful actions
- HIA is a key topic of interest, but very few DOTs have participated
- Greatest uncertainty about:
  - The transportation contribution, expectations, and DOT role
  - Incorporating health into the analytical process