SCOP and Public Health: Peer Exchange Overview, and Reflections

AASHTO Peer Exchange
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Performance Measures “Beyond the Mainstream”

- SCOP/FHWA/AASHTO Peer Exchange 6/20/14
- Explore transportation’s broader role in fostering better quality of life
- Non-traditional “beyond the mainstream” measures:
  - Accessibility
  - Economic development
  - Health
- Identify current practices, challenges, research needs
Identified health challenges, needs

- **Data**
  - Existing sources, gaps, needs
  - How to obtain data: valid instruments, funding
  - How can future changes be factored in?

- **Assessing health benefits: limitations**
  - Quantifying transportation’s contribution
  - Measuring what’s outside our control
  - How health is related to accessibility

- **Communication**
  - New partners
  - Understanding the relation of transportation to health
  - Desire to learn from current examples
  - Support for a joint transportation–health peer exchange
Reflections (1)

- Transportation’s role
  - Peer education
  - “No one solution or actor”
  - “Health happens where we live learn, work and play”
    (defining State DOT’s role in local health outcomes)

- New partnerships
  - Learning new languages
  - Mutual aid: data, tools, performance measures
  - Managing expectations
Transportation's health activities
  ◦ Federal level, State DOTs, MPOs
  ◦ Caltrans examples
    • New Department Goal: Safety and Health
    • California Transportation Plan (CTP 2040)
    • Smart Mobility Framework and Complete Streets Action Plan

Health in All Policies
  ◦ Opening doors
  ◦ Challenge and opportunity: no Wizard of Oz
Questions, discussion

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