Write your answers to the following questions on separate post it notes

- PINK: What population(s) do you serve?
- GREEN: What type of place(s) do you work?
- BLUE: The challenges you’re working on
- ORANGE: What you hope to learn today
Public Transportation Participation (PTP) Pilot Program

- Research to test and evaluate innovative public involvement tools and techniques
- 29 research projects over four years
- Each project focuses on specific place types, populations, planning issues
- Tools and techniques will:
  - Be replicable and transferable across the nation
  - Build equity by engaging underrepresented communities
  - Advance the state of the practice in public involvement
- DOT will create a searchable database of tools and techniques – a public involvement “tackle box”
Who is in the room?

- **Briefly state**
  - Your name
  - Your organization
  - The city or region where you are from

- **Scott will summarize our learning objectives**
PTP Stations

- Joseph Hacker, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
  - “Dots and Dashes” board game

- Malcolm Carson, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
  - “Guide to Public Participation” workshop series

- Scott Giering, Howard Stein Hudson with Hunter College
  - “Expanding Activity Space: Engaging Low-Income Populations in the Visualization of Travel Behavior and Mobility Barriers”

- Sheila Holbrook-White, Texas Citizen Fund
  - “AAAIM (Austin Accessibility Assessment Improvement)” audit tool for persons with disabilities to assess bus stops
Dots & Dashes

Transferability

- All ages and abilities can play (public and/or technical stakeholders)
- Simple set up, interactive conduct, useful output
- Provides grounded input into planning priorities

Equity Building

- Accessible to anyone, anyone can play – results from play are valid for all participants

Cost

- CHEAP! Neither expensive nor elaborate.

Unique Creative Approach

- Board game format encourages participant interaction, discussion
Project Summary

- Distillation of the fiscally constrained, negotiated LRP process into a one hour board game
- Distinct visual branding – easy to promote
- Reality-based costing, geography, choices
- Play encourages group education, negotiation, prioritization, interaction, and consensus-building
- All game materials available for download at dotsandddashes.org
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Public Participation Workshop Series

- Popular, Community Education about Public Participation in the Transportation Planning Process
Partnerships with local CBOs to create place-specific curriculum and workshop design

Materials and presentations covering all aspects of the planning process

Interactive exercises based on imminent planning issues
  - Seamless transitions via CBOs to active engagement
  - Take-home self-help materials (translated)
Expanding Activity Space: Engaging Communities to Visualize Mobility Barriers

Tool to help:

- Represent experiential data
- Understand travel behavior
- Visualize activity space
- Identify transportation barriers
  - Real & perceived
  - Temporal & physical
  - Cultural & economic
- Understand the cost of constrained activity space
- Planners and community advocates identify ways to expand mobility
Expanding Activity Space:
Engaging Communities to Visualize Mobility Barriers

- **Vailsburg Neighborhood:**
  - Part of the City of Newark
  - Physically isolated from city
  - Limited transit service

- **Community Partner:** United Vailsburg Services Organization
  - Community Development
  - Housing Development
  - Day Care
  - Community Organizing
Austin Accessibility Assessment Improvement
Tools and Techniques

Texas Citizen Fund
Wrap up

- **Debrief the Stations**
  - What did you learn?
  - What was meaningful /useful for your work?
  - What questions did you come away with?

- **Help Us Improve the State of the Practice**
  - Where/how can FTA effectively distribute PTP tools and techniques?
THANK YOU FOR COMING!

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