



## 2018 New Partners for Smart Growth Conference Rural-Urban Connections Networking Session

Are you from a rural community or small town? Or from an urban area but want to know how to foster better rural-urban linkages? Interested in meeting others who are also working on implementing smart growth approaches to development? If so, join us for an informal networking session to discuss rural/small town smart growth issues and opportunities.

**Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**7:30 – 8:45 am**  
**Continental 9, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

Bring your breakfast and join us for conversation!

Possible discussion topics include:

- Economic anchors in small towns: The role of Eds and Meds
- Broadband, transportation, and housing
- Local food systems
- Economic diversification
- Revitalizing downtowns and main streets
- Bridging the rural-urban divide
- Framing & messaging smart growth in a rural/small town context

