

Public - Private Partnerships

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Public-Private Partnerships: Session Outline

- Some transportation modes are in the public sector and others are in the private sector. Policy and regulative decisions impact transportation/logistics operators. Limited public sector budgets entail need for new financing strategies involving the private sector. This session seeks innovative strategies/mechanisms to foster public-private partnerships.

PPP Drivers

- Innovative funding for infrastructure projects
 - Not the only option
- Incorporate economic decision making principles

Strong federal support for PPP

Challenges

- Public trust
- Public education
- Government reform & downsizing

Public entities must

- Make policy
- Maintain core competencies

Models still in transition – “we won’t go back”

- Substantial list of potential NEXTRANS projects