Transportation Workforce Development Challenges and Opportunities

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Abstract
This talk will discuss the challenges that we face preparing future transportation professionals, U.S. DOT/FHWA initiatives to meet the challenges and programs and opportunities available to educational institutions.

Biography
Dr. Moges Ayele is currently holding the position of Senior Liaison for Higher Education in the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Prior to that, he held the career Senior Executive Service position as the Director of National Highway Institute (NHI), the education and training arm of the FHWA. As the Director of NHI, he directed a multi-disciplinary, technical and non-technical staff involved in the development and delivery of education and training to Federal, State and Local highway personnel, and other customers from the private sector and international highway community. He administered the Agency's University and Grants Program including the Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program. Dr. Ayele also administered the Local Technical Assistance Program, a network of 58 centers located in each State, Puerto Rico and seven Native American communities.

In 2006, he served as Executive in Residence at Howard University. He had also served as the Director General of the Pan American Institute of Highways (PIH), a network of over 90 centers in South and Central America. He organized the Second General Assembly of the PIH, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in October 1996. He also served as a member of the Steering Committee that organized the Third African Road Safety Congress held in South Africa in April 1997.

Before joining FHWA, Dr. Ayele served as Professor of Transportation and Director of the Center for Transportation Studies of Morgan State University. He was instrumental in the establishment of Morgan's Center for Transportation Studies in 1979. As the Director of the Center, he initiated and carried out numerous grant-supported, successful research and outreach projects.

Prior to that, he served as Associate Professor of Urban Planning at Morgan State University; Research Associate, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning; Adjunct Professor, Howard University; Consultant, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; Planner, City of Norfolk; and Planner, City of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. He has lectured at several other universities, including serving as instructor for Peace Corps volunteers preparing to serve overseas.

Light refreshments will be served.