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Subject: Alternatives Analysis Courses

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The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will be offering its courses on Alternatives Analysis on February 5-7, 2008, in San Diego, CA and **on July 22-24, 2008, in Seattle, WA**. A course is also planned this spring at a location to be determined on the east coast.

An alternatives analysis is the planning requirement for projects seeking New and Small Starts funding. This course describes a number of the elements of alternatives analyses including FTA requirements. The courses were last offered in Washington DC and San Francisco last April and November, respectively.

All of our past offerings have been filled and had waiting lists, so we would encourage you to register soon if you are interested. The courses are taught by Don Emerson of PB Consult, and Jim Ryan and Ron Fisher from FTA Headquarters.

A block of rooms has been set aside for the Horton Grand Hotel (619-544-1886) in San Diego and the **Mayflower Park Hotel (206-382-6991) in Seattle**. Registration can be made at www.regonline.com/173277 for the San Diego workshop and at www.regonline.com/173279 **for the Seattle workshop.**

The draft agenda used for the course is below.

DAY 1

SESSION	MINUTES	SCHEDULE
Welcome, Introductions, and Overview	45	9:00 AM to 9:45 AM
Planning and Development of New Starts Projects	75	9:45 AM to 11:00 AM
Break	15	11:00 AM to 11:15 AM
FTA Expectations Regarding Alternatives Analysis	60	11:15 AM to 12:15 PM
Lunch	75	12:15 PM to 1:30 PM
Discussion: Big Picture Questions	45	1:30 PM to 2:15 PM
Break	15	2:15 PM to 2:30 PM

Technical Approach	30	2:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Purpose and Need	45	3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
Workshop on Problem Definition	60	3:45 PM to 4:45 PM
Wrap UP	15	4:45 PM to 5:00 PM

DAY 2

SESSION	MINUTES	SCHEDULE
Introduction to Day 2	30	8:30 AM to 9:00 AM
Alternatives – Part 1	60	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Break	15	10:00 AM to 10:15 AM
Alternatives – Part 2	60	10:15 AM to 11:15 AM
Discussion: Alternatives	30	11:15 AM to 11:45 AM
Lunch	75	11:45 AM to 1:00 PM
Service Planning	45	1:00 PM to 1:45 PM
Workshop on Service Planning	75	1:45 PM to 3:00 PM
Break	15	3:00 PM to 3:15 PM
Engineering and Capital Costing	75	3:15 PM to 4:30 PM
O & M Costing	30	4:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Wrap UP	15	5:00 PM to 5:15 PM

DAY 3

SESSION	MINUTES	SCHEDULE
Introduction to Day 3	30	8:30 AM to 9:00 AM
Transportation Benefits	90	9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
Break	15	10:30 AM to 10:45 AM
Workshop on Transportation Benefits	30	10:45 AM to 11:15 AM
Land Use	45	11:45 AM to 12:00 PM
Lunch	75	12:00 PM to 1:15 PM
Environmental Analysis	60	1:15 PM to 2:15 PM
Financial Planning	45	2:15 PM to 3:00 PM
Break	15	3:00 PM to 3:15 PM
Study Management and FTA Interactions	60	3:15 PM to 4:15 PM
Wrap UP	45	4:15 PM to 5:00 PM

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Sincerely,



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