

# ***Project and Program Evaluation***



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# TCSP

Transportation and Community and  
System Preservation Pilot Program

# ***Why Evaluation?***

- ▣ **Legislative Intent of Section 1604 of TEA-21 (TCSP)**
- ▣ **TCSP Objectives**
  - **Improve knowledge of the costs and benefits of innovative approaches to integrating:**
    - Transportation investments and strategies
    - Community preservation,
    - Land development patterns, and
    - Environmental quality.
  - **Investigate relationships between transportation and community and system preservation.**
- ▣ **Emphasis on learning**

# ***TCSP Evaluation Plans***

- ▣ Required as part of grant applications.
- ▣ Evaluation is part of the application review process.

# ***Content of an Evaluation Plan***

- ❑ **Roles and responsibilities for evaluation**
- ❑ **Project objectives and performance measures**
- ❑ **Evaluation methodologies**
- ❑ **Schedule milestones**
- ❑ **Budget**
- ❑ **Commitments to produce products for broad audience**

## ***Desired Results***

- ❑ **Build national knowledge base**
- ❑ **Provide insights into what might work and what might not**
- ❑ **Foster innovation, encourage experimentation**
- ❑ **Objectivity**
- ❑ **Document problems encountered as well as successes**
- ❑ **Falling short of expected goals is acceptable**

# ***Roles and Responsibilities***

- ▣ **Grantee - Evaluation of individual TCSP projects**
- ▣ **FHWA - Evaluation of overall TCSP Pilot Program**
- ▣ **US DOT/Volpe Center and Cambridge Systematics, Inc. - Evaluation and program support**
- ▣ **Assistance with evaluation**