“An Overview of Regional Transportation Planning in Chicago”

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Abstract: Transportation planning at the metropolitan scale has been a prerequisite of receiving federal transportation dollars for over forty years. Chicago was a pioneer in establishing the systematic and scientific method for developing regional transportation plans that became the standard approach both nationally and internationally. This presentation will give an overview of how transportation planning has evolved in the Chicago region and its continued influence on standard practice.

Bio: Kermit Wies recently joined NUTC as Senior Research Fellow and Adjunct Professor after retiring from Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) after 30 years of service. Kermit remains active in the advanced travel modeling research community and serves on several oversight panels for research efforts being conducted by USDOT and TRB.