



## **Session IV: Building Critical Infrastructure March 24-25, 2021**

**Wednesday, March 24**  
*\*\*All Times Eastern\*\**

### **Morning Session**

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| 9:00 – 9:15 am      | <b>Welcome &amp; Opening</b>  |
| 9:15 – 9:30 am      | <b>Coffee Talk</b><br><i>Bruce Decker, Owner Collective Impact</i>  |
| 9:30 – 10:30 am     | <b>Intermodal Transportation and Innovation, Landing the Hyperloop Project</b><br><i>Michael Graney, Executive Director, West Virginia Development Office</i><br><i>Moderator: Dr. Tim Ezzell, Assistant Research Professor, ISSE and Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville</i>   |
| 10:30 – 11:00 am    | <b>Break</b>  |
| 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | <b>The Future of Infrastructure and the Built Environment</b><br><i>Shae Strait, Director of Planning and Development, Fairmont, West Virginia</i><br><i>Carrie Staton, Interim Director of the Northern WV Brownfields Assistance Center at West Virginia University</i><br><i>Taylor Bennett, Director of Community Based Policy, West Virginia Community Development Hub</i><br><i>Moderator: Bruce Decker, Owner, Collective Impact</i> |

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| 1:45 – 2:00 pm | <b>Coffee Talk</b><br><i>Cat Wilt, Research Director, University of Tennessee Knoxville</i>   |
| 2:00 – 3:30 pm | <b>Keynote &amp; Book Discussion</b><br><i>Chuck Marohn, Strong Towns</i><br><i>Moderator: Cat Wilt, Research Director, University of Tennessee Knoxville</i> |
| 3:30 – 4:00 pm | <b>Break</b>  |
| 4:00 – 5:15 pm | <b>Key Tool: Cost Benefit Analysis</b><br><i>Dr. Katie Cahill, Associate Director, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy</i>                           |
| 5:15– 5:30 pm  | <b>Team Check-In on Blue Ocean</b>  |

**Thursday, March 25**

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| 9:00 – 9:05 am      | <b>The Day Ahead</b><br><i>Jessica Mosley, Program Manager, Appalachian Leadership Institute</i>   |
| 9:05 – 9:20 am      | <b>Coffee Talk</b><br><i>Cat Wilt, Research Director, University of Tennessee Knoxville</i>  |
| 9:20 – 10:45 am     | <b>Blue Ocean Team Report Out and Discussion</b><br><i>Bruce Decker, Owner, Collective Impact</i>  |
| 10:45 – 11:00 am    | <b>Break</b>   |
| 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | <b>Broadband Provision: Regional Data and Models</b><br><i>Dr. Katie Cahill, Associate Director, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy</i><br><i>Dr. Tim Ezzell, Assistant Research Professor, ISSE and Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville</i> |

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- 2:00 – 3:15 pm      **Panel: Broadband as Critical Connective Infrastructure for Addressing Community Needs**  
*Steven Puckett, Business and Community Outreach Director, Institute for Innovation and Economic Development, University of North Alabama*  
*Dr. Matthew Dunleavy, Executive Director of the Vinod Chachra IMPACT Lab at Radford University in Virginia, PI of Appalachian Support for Specialized Education Training (ASSET)*  
*Dr. Stephen Lloyd, Chief Medical Officer of Cedar Recovery, an addiction treatment company headquartered in Mount Juliet, TN*  
*Moderator: Dr. Tasha Hargrove, Research Associate Professor, Tuskegee University*
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm      **Break**
- 3:30 – 5:30 pm      **Team Challenge: Cost Benefit Analysis**  
*Dr. Katie Cahill, Associate Director, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy*  
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