

The logo for TRANSIT, with each letter in a separate colored circle: T (black), R (yellow), A (blue), N (blue), S (red), I (red), T (red).The logo for WIKI, with W (black), I (blue), K (blue), I (red).

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Caltrans Statewide Transit Technical Assistance
Web-Based Tool

Making connections to improve
transit in California

Today's Presentation

- What is TransitWiki?
- Why does TransitWiki exist?
- What's a "Wiki" anyways?
- What's on TransitWiki?
- How TransitWiki works
- How you can use and contribute to TransitWiki

What is TransitWiki?

A web-based tool that supports goals of the Statewide Transit Strategic Plan

Goals:

- Facilitate information transfer among California's transit agencies
- Accelerate the identification and implementation of cost-effective strategies to improve transit service
- Bridge the gap between research, reports, and practice for agencies which do not have or have lost in-house librarians or research staff

Why does TransitWiki Exist?

- 2011-2012: Statewide Transit Strategic Plan (STSP)
 - Caltrans developed the STSP in partnership with the California Transit Association, the California Association for Coordinated Transportation, and other stakeholders
 - STSP transit stakeholders supported a web-based tool (TransitWiki) to help transit providers further identify and pursue options for cost-effective strategies to improve transit service across the state
- Agencies have great ideas
 - Few opportunities for other agencies to learn of these ideas
- Agencies have diverse needs
 - Web is more flexible than reports



What's a Wiki?



- Web-based resource for knowledge management and information sharing
- Allows users to add, modify, or delete content via a web browser
- Wikipedia, world's 6th most popular website, is most well-known example





What's on TransitWiki?

- Articles summarizing research and practice
- Information on the California experience
 - Staff reports and studies from other California Transit Agencies
- Linked and attached in-depth reports
 - University of California Transportation Center
 - Transit Cooperative Research Program
 - American Public Transportation Association
 - Caltrans

Content Themes on TransitWiki

Existing

- Cost-effective transit service delivery

Developing and Future

- Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)
- Market responsiveness
- Transit and public health
- Transit's role in a low-carbon California





TransitWiki policies

Restricted	Allowed
Editing by guests or users with unverified email address	Contributions by users who have confirmed their email address
Explicit lobbying for state or local policy changes	Contributions that outline different policy options and evidence to support each option
Endorsements of fee-based commercial products or services	References to product names for informational purposes

- UCLA ITS Staff will monitor and moderate content
- Caltrans staff will review and approve content as appropriate



How TransitWiki works

- Live web demonstration
 - Registration and email confirmation
 - Navigate using homepage, search, and web-of-links
 - Typical article format – how to find what you're looking for





Contributing to TransitWiki

- What?
 - Your agency's experience
 - Your specialized knowledge
- Why?
- Creating
 - Create an article



How to contribute to TransitWiki

- Live web demonstration
- Editing
 - Text editor
 - Linking or attaching a report or other file from your agency
- Creating
 - Create an article
 - Adding an image



Questions?



We're here to help!

- Want to contribute by email?
- Have a report we should add?
- Have an idea for an article we should start?
- Want to set up a small-group training for your agency or MPO?
- Have other related questions?



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