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FTA Leads Outreach Meeting on 'Small Starts' Transit Projects



(Sept. 13, 2007) FTA Deputy Chief Counsel Scott Biehl, at right, discusses the evaluation and rating process for major capital investment projects. At issue is an FTA-proposed rule that would revise evaluation criteria for New Starts and Small Starts transit projects. The FTA panel was chaired by Brigid Hynes-Cherin, FTA Administrator for Region II, at the podium, and staffed by FTA officials Rich Steinmann, seated at table, and Ron Fisher and Sean Libberton. Hosted by Metro and coordinated by Marion Colston, Director of Strategic Organizational Planning, the meeting was the first in a series of five public meetings to be held nationwide. Nearly 100 transportation and local government officials, planners and civic leaders attended the full-day session. -- from Gayle Anderson