

Fall 2009 New Metropolis Lecture Series @ Virginia Tech

Climate Change: An Adaptation Challenge for U.S. Transportation

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7 pm to 9 pm

Virginia Tech's Alexandria Center
1001 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
West Room, 1st floor

The lecture is free and open to the public and there is no need to register.
We serve wine, beer, crackers, and cheese.

About the presentation:

Mike Savonis will discuss how a changing climate poses difficult challenges for transportation planners, engineers and operators as detailed in two recent reports: *Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States*, released by the Obama Administration in June 2009, and the *Gulf Coast Study*, released in 2008. Both reports suggest that rising sea levels, hotter days, and changes in precipitation and storms will flood transportation infrastructure and disrupt service over the next 50 to 100 years, virtually demanding adaptation to these changing conditions regardless of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Mike Savonis is a Senior Policy Advisor at the Federal Highway Administration. He has over 25 years of experience in transportation policy with extensive expertise in climate change, air quality, and emerging environmental issues. Mr. Savonis was instrumental in the creation of the DOT Center for Climate Change in 1999. He is co-Chair of the Transportation Research Board's Climate Change Subcommittee and holds a Masters degree in Regional Planning from Cornell University.

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