

# 2021 Planning Academy Syllabus Outline

The American Planning Association Central Coast Section is excited to announce the 2021 Planning Academy. The planning academy is a series of eight meetings which has the common theme of social equity, environmental justice, and California based planning. The academy will feature speakers that are leading the industry in the respective topics. The cost of admission is \$50 for non-members and will be free for APA members and student associates. We will be holding these meetings on a digital platform which will be shared upon registration. We're looking forward to the 2021 Planning Academy and hope that you can join us!

# 1.

## **Topic: Social Equity - Planning For All**

Date: February 17, 2021

Speakers: TBD

Abstract: How do we as planners, designers, policy or decision-makers, and/or other design professionals in the industry plan for various demographics? With numerous new legislation and a heightened social backing supporting environmental justice and healthy community policies, the importance of reaching, listening to, and planning for all voices is essential.

# 2.

## **Topic: Spaces for All - Designing for Various User Groups**

Date: February 24, 2021

Speakers: TBD

Abstract: Outdoor public spaces directly influence the relationship people have with cities and natural open space areas. Design of public spaces encouraging access for all (bike, pedestrian, ADA accessibility) has become increasingly critical to encourage multimodal access. Hear case studies about the planning process resulting in new and upcoming public parks, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and coastal access points throughout the Central Coast.

# 3.

**Topic: Transportation**

Date: March 03, 2021

Speakers: TBD (potentially representatives from Caltrans, SBCAG, MTD)

Abstract: Transportation takes many forms, and is critical to think about for any planning project. Learn about regional active transportation projects throughout the Central Coast, how public transportation has evolved to encourage more riders, and hear about new and upcoming multimodal paths along the Central Coast.

# 4.

**Topic: State Law - Application to Project Programs and Approval**

Date: March 10, 2021

Speakers: TBD

Abstract: Different from your typical legislative update, we will be sharing lessons learned for a streamlined process by applying state law and some tips / tricks for the ever-changing state legislation condition.

# 5.

**Topic: CEQA**

Date: March 17, 2021

Speakers: TBD

Abstract: CEQA continues to evolve and change. Learn about new CEQA updates, including the change towards VMTs, CEQA bills passed in 2020, case law, and what we can expect in 2021.

# 6.

## **Topic: Housing - Implementing Fair Housing Laws and Utilizing Regional Partners**

Date: March 24, 2021

Speakers: TBD

Abstract: Attendees will look to the future of housing in California with an opportunity to understand new fair housing legislation and regional opportunities on the Central Coast. Topics for the evening will include developing an understanding of how to implement California's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing as well as county-by-county introduction to programs coming to the Central Coast as a result of the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grants received by COG's in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties.

# 7.

## **Topic: Climate Action Planning - Getting the Biggest GHG Reduction for Our Buck**

Date: March 31, 2021

Speakers: TBD

Abstract: This session will discuss planning and strategies for optimizing GHG reductions. Topical areas will include analyzing community profiles and projects, understanding the value and limitations of qualitative and quantitative GHG reductions, and VMT implementation as a GHG reduction tool.

# 8.

## **Topic: Tech in Planning**

Date: April 07, 2021

Speakers: TBD

Abstract: This session will explore various technologies used in planning from the front desk of our agencies to the behind the scenes tech in the private industry offices. There will be discussions from some of the leading tech experts in the profession who will go over the latest trends and practical uses. The session will also include some of the latest trends, tips, and uses in applications/tech such as: GIS, Adobe Suite/CC, Bluebeam, 3D modeling, augment/virtual reality, digital outreach tools, and others.