



SESSION 2: ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS

Panel 2 at 4 p.m. Avoiding False Solutions – Centering People and Equity in Infrastructure

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Bio: Kari Hewitt has 15 years of experience working in the sustainability field across public, private, institutional, and nonprofit sectors. For more than a decade, she has worked as a consultant leading climate action, sustainability, and resiliency plans for communities, airports, transportation agencies, and other entities. She has facilitated public and stakeholder engagement workshops and technical meetings throughout the country and has experience integrating sustainability and resiliency into projects.

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One cannot turn on the news this year and not hear extensive discussion and debate about infrastructure – what it means, how it should be built, and who benefits. Historically, many infrastructure projects have, at best, not always benefited their communities, and, at worst, created lasting harm. This presentation will look at the past, present, and future of infrastructure development to better understand how we can place equity at the center of this work. What does it mean to do so? And how can it be achieved.