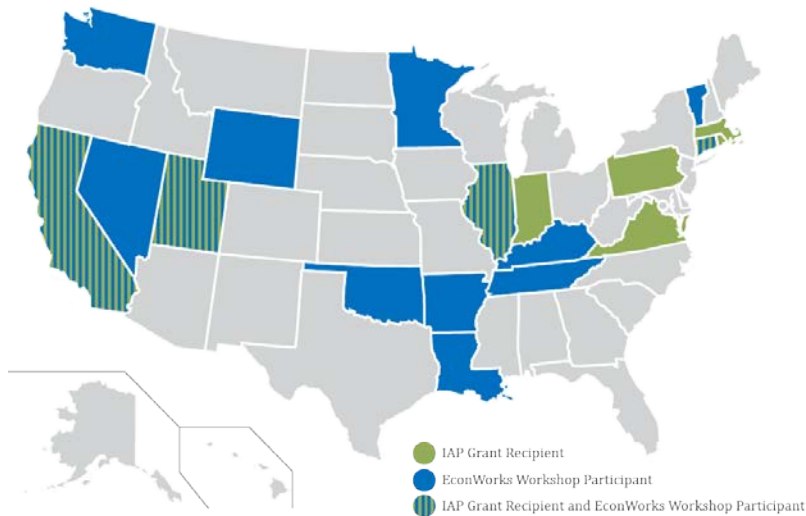


Who is Using EconWorks?



What The Tools Can Do For You!

Implementation Assistance Program (IAP) Grant Recipients:

- California Department of Transportation*
- Connecticut Department of Transportation*
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission*
- Illinois Department of Transportation^
- Indiana Department of Transportation^*
- Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program^*
- Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District*
- Utah Department of Transportation^*
- Virginia Department of Transportation and Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research*

* indicates Wider Economic Benefits tools ^ indicates Case Studies



To learn more, visit the EconWorks website:
<https://planningtools.transportation.org/13/econworks.html>



What is EconWorks?

EconWorks is a collection of web-based tools designed to help planners incorporate economic analysis into early project decision making. EconWorks includes:

➤ Case Studies

The Case Studies are designed to be used during early-stage planning, such as the screening phase. The database tool allows planners to compare proposed transportation projects to an existing database of 100+ completed projects to assess the range of potential economic impacts such as jobs, wage income, and economic output potentially created.

➤ Wider Economic Benefits (W.E.B.) Analysis Tools

These sketch planning tools are designed for analyzing the economic impacts of improved accessibility, reliability and intermodal connectivity enabled by transportation projects and to fill the gap between the screening stage and later stages. W.E.B. Tools include:

- **Accessibility:** tools designed to assess the benefits and impacts of a project improving accessibility to the labor and buyer-supplier markets.
- **Reliability:** tool designed to assess the benefits and impacts of projects designed to improve system reliability (e.g. intelligent transportation system projects).
- **Connectivity:** tool designed to assess the benefits and impacts of improved intermodal connectivity.
- **Accounting Framework:** provides a place to assemble the results of the above tools alongside more traditional benefits such as safety and travel time improvements.

Each of the tools is designed to require data that are relatively easily collected or assembled.

What EconWorks resources are available?

The EconWorks website has a host of resources on how to use the tools and about economic analysis in transportation planning. Some of the available resources include:

➤ Tool Downloads

The Case Studies and W.E.B. Analysis Tools are available for download on the EconWorks website.

➤ Reference Documents

The following references assist users in making the most of the tools:

- **EconWorks User Guides:** describe how to utilize the Case Studies tool and each W.E.B. tool.
- **Case Study Design and Development:** describes how the Case Studies database was created.
- **Data Dictionary:** includes definitions and interpretations of Case Studies data.
- **Implementation Assistance Program Awardee Final Reports:** document the challenges and lessons learned each awardee encountered when testing the Case Studies and W.E.B. tools.

➤ Training Courses

The following training courses are available for viewing:

- **Economic Analysis in Transportation Planning:** provides guidance on how to apply economic analysis in the planning process.
- **Case Study Development Training:** teaches practitioners how to assess the observed impacts of transportation projects and how to add new cases to the Case Studies database.
- **Training for Wider Economic Benefits Tool:** includes background and a walk-through of wider economic benefits and the W.E.B. tools.

➤ Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The EconWorks website has FAQ that may help users effectively understand and utilize the tools.