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## Descriptions of the Mobile Workshops for the 2015 APA Ohio Statewide Planning Conference

There will be one mobile workshop each day of the conference, which includes a walking tour on Thursday September 24 and a boat tour on Friday September 25. Descriptions of each are found below:

## Thursday September 24 Mobile Workshop (10:15am – 1:15pm) Walking Tour of the Toledo Warehouse District

<u>Cost is \$25</u>

The mobile workshop on Thursday will involve a walking tour led by Mr. Thomas Gibbons (Director of the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission). Tom has been very active over the years in the Toledo Warehouse District Association and will provide great insight on all of the planning and coordination that has transpired over the years to redevelop downtown Toledo. The tour will start at the Grand Plaza Hotel & Convention Center and head along the riverfront towards the Warehouse District. Along the way the tour will discuss on-going developments coming to downtown such as the recently announced ProMedica Headquarters that will redevelop a historic steam plant located on the riverfront as well as other areas. The tour will then enter the district and visit the key developments that have occurred and others that are planned (such as the exciting Hensville project). Lunch will be on your own during the tour, and there are plenty of restaurants to select from along the way.



Given that the planning conference is being held in Toledo (a Port City on the Great Lakes) this year; it made sense to organize a mobile workshop that included a tour by boat. Attendees will board the Sandpiper Boat and take a 3-hour tour (no Gilligan's Island pun intended) to view various existing riverfront developments; planned development; and the Port of Toledo. The tour will be guided by Mr. Thomas Gibbons (Director of the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission) and Mr. Joe Cappel (Toledo Lucas County Port Authority). The boat tour will encompass the areas of the river from the mouth of the Maumee River to near the Toledo Zoo area. The boat tour will be a unique mobile workshop that will provide a perspective on how the City of Toledo and region is taking advantage of the amazing water source the area enjoys.

For more information on the full conference visit: <u>www.ohioplanning.org/Conference</u>





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