



AEP 2026 Conference Mobile Workshops

1 Old Town Mobile Workshop #1: A Walk Through California's Origins

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026 – 1:45 – 4:45 pm

Price: \$70, Limited to 25 attendees

Discover Old Town San Diego State Historic Park with a guided experience that brings the region's layered history into focus. The Old Town Mobile Workshop will lead you through original adobe homes, historic gardens, and the spaces where Kumeyaay, Mexican, and early American communities shaped the city's beginnings. With an experienced guide, you'll explore the stories of trade, daily life, military presence, and cultural exchange that defined early San Diego. Bring your camera, wear comfortable shoes, enjoy local shops, and step into the places where California's past is still very much present. At the end of the workshop, attendees may have the option to gather for informal drinks at a nearby restaurant- location to be determined.

2 Balboa Park Mobile Workshop #2: Planning for Preservation in Action

Friday, April 24th, 2026 – 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm

Price: \$80, Space Limited to 25 attendees

Step outside the conference room and into living history with this immersive mobile workshop through Balboa Park. Discover how thoughtful rehabilitation is extending the life of San Diego's architectural treasures while preparing them for the future.

Through a guided walking tour, participants will explore historic, recently completed, and active rehabilitation projects that balance preservation mandates with accessibility, resilience, and long-term operational sustainability. You'll see how visionary teams are restoring the park's architectural gems, including the iconic and recently rehabilitated Botanical Building, with insight into funding mechanisms, stakeholder alignment, regulatory navigation, and implementation challenges behind its transformation.

Join fellow planning professionals to see how vision, policy, and place converge, all while exploring one of the country's most significant historic parks.

3 Mobile Workshop #3: UC San Diego's Campus Transformation

Saturday, April 25th, 2026 – 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Price: \$60, Space Limited to 25 attendees

Join UC San Diego Campus Planning for a 1.5-hour walking tour that explores the campus through the lens of its Long-Range Development Plan (LRDP). Beginning at the Central Campus Trolley station, the tour will move through the university core to illustrate how targeted infill, transit-oriented development, and adaptive planning have enabled UC San Diego to become the nation's largest on-campus housing provider without expanding its footprint. Tour participants will visit key sites within the center of campus that demonstrate the success of CEQA streamlining tools, as Campus Planners share insights on lessons learned from both large and small projects. Stops will include existing and future sites of living and learning neighborhoods, public realm spaces, Stuart Collection art installations, the "Triton Center" project (under construction), examples of micromobility infrastructure, historic buildings such as the Geisel Library, and more.

This interactive field trip session will showcase how UC San Diego is turning bold ideas into real-world places that enhance the student experience. It is complementary to the "Planning with Purpose: Leading Complex CEQA Efforts for Long Range Campus Development" session to be held earlier in the day, though attending the previous session is not a requirement to join the tour.

Learn more about UC San Diego here: <https://univcomms.ucsd.edu/about/campus-profile/>

