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The conference featured panelists representing the US, Mexico and Canada, and more than 60 people attended the two-day event.

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Here, Mark Rosentraub, Cleveland State University, presents “Consolidation and Regional Cooperation for Economic Development: Lessons from Indianapolis's UniGov and Cleveland’s Forms of Regional Cooperation”.

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The conference examined the ways that metropolitan regions deal with the government versus governance balance.

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The conference provided a series of lectures, as well as informal time that allowed guests and presenters to exchange ideas and share experiences.

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Hank Savitch, above, presented a series of budget figures spanning 1999-2006, which showed the personnel and capital projects expenditures for Louisville.

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Presenters spoke from both academic and professional perspectives, providing both the theory and the actual experience relevant to North American metropolitan areas.

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Don Norris presented a slideshow in which he explored regional governance in Baltimore, examining the ways in which governance can foster regional cooperation.

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Susan Trautman, from the City of Des Peres, Missouri, spoke about municipal cooperation in recreational programs for people with disabilities.

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Ron Vogel presents on the pros and cons of the Louisville merger.

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The core of the conference focused on ways that the St. Louis region has addressed the fragmentation of public governmental authority.

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Conference sessions emphasized changes, both comprehensive and incremental, in the structure and functioning of the Metropolitan St. Louis government.

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Robert Whelan, presenting on metropolitan governance in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.