# TRB Major Cities Committee Conference Call 12/14/15, 3:00pm EST

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## Welcome and Introductions

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## Announcements from Rina

Eric Sundquist, one of our paper review coordinators, is stepping down in that role. He is taking on the role as section chair of the Social, Economic and Cultural Issues Section. Congrats to Eric! We will be looking for a new co-chair for the paper review coordination subcommittee along with Deb Lightman. If you are interested, please let Ema know.

Rina will be stepping down as chair in April 2016. Steve Buckley with Toronto will be taking over as chair. Rina will remain active in the committee, just not as the chairperson.

## 2. Sub Committee Reports

### Webinar

The most recent webinar, Future Directions in Multimodal Research and Practice, was held last Wednesday. The speakers were Kristine Williams from the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida, Darby Watson with the Seattle DOT, John Gordon with Metro, and Tiffany Chu with Remix. They discussed general challenges in multimodal planning and research, and issues specifically related to public engagement and social media.

For this webinar, 212 sites logged in with an estimated 286 attendees total. 91% of webinar attendees were satisfied.

In our inaugural year of the webinar series we had 4 webinars, with up to 350 attendees at some webinars.

Ivana announced the webinars currently planned for next year:

March 7 – Cities beyond driving (carshare, CV/AV, integrating non-drivers)

June – Special events planning in the cities

### Communications

Stephanie announced that the new website should be up and running in the new year. One exciting feature will be the ability to have discussions around blog posts. The new blog feature will hopefully allow for more discussion between friends and members outside of committee calls and meetings.

### Paper Reviews

Deb reported that we accepted two papers for publication and those have been revised and resubmitted. We are set for the annual meeting otherwise.

### Research

Ema asked that folks keep in mind what research we would like to see come out of our committee next year. We will be doing an ice-breaker at the start of the committee meeting to help get that fleshed out some.

### Annual Meeting Organizing

Ema outlined the sessions we are involved in at the annual meeting, outlined below (and on the website!):

## 3. TRB Annual Meeting Presence

**Sunday, January 10**

***9:00am - 12:00pm | Workshop Session 105: Designing Streets for Transit***   
This workshop explores street design and how cities can and must actively provide for transit with street design beyond simply accommodating existing service. The Major Cities Committee will partner with the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) to unveil the new NACTO Transit Street Design Guide. Following expert presentations about designing streets for transit, a transit street design charrette will apply the guide's principles to a local transit corridor.  
Location: Convention Center, 151B   
  
***9:00am - 12:00pm | Workshop Session 104: Ignite Your Future: Scenario Planning***   
This fast-paced workshop combines the power and allure of scenario planning with NCHRP Foresight 750 customizable tools.  With the rate of change in the transportation world accelerating due to emerging trends in technology, demographics, extreme weather and more, it’s time to get serious about planning for the future even though day to day challenges clamor for our collective attention.  From those focused on maintenance and operations to finance to multi-modal long-range planning, everyone needs to bet thinking about the long-term future and its implications for transportation programs.  Inspire strategic planning across your agency using insights and strategies developed in this hands-on workshop.  Enjoy exploring, discussing and debating the next 30 – 50 years in transportation – and then pivot quickly to identify specific and scalable steps that can be implemented in your agency now to prepare for the future.  
Location: Convention Center, 151A   
  
***9:00am - 12:00pm | Workshop Session 106:*** [***Bringing Extraordinary Data to Your Everyday Work***](https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbnx0cmJhYmUzMHxneDo1MmVkNjM0NmNmZTk3ZGYw)   
Transportation professionals have the potential to be consumers of massive data sets that can help make surface transportation more efficient. Join data scientists and other transportation professionals in this workshop that will help you move beyond buzzwords and learn the practical steps and costs to transforming "big data" into information useful for planning and policy decisions.Each presentation will describe projects where transportation planners worked through the process of answering an analysis question using data derived from GPS, cellphone, parking-payment, fare-payment, and mobile-application data. Then, to get you thinking about how you might apply their techniques to your work, join the speakers in small-group discussions where you will be able to ask follow-up questions, and explore topics of interest from the presentations in greater depth.   
Location: Convention Center, 147B   
  
***1:30pm - 4:30pm | Workshop Session 193: Protected Bike Lanes in North America and the European Union: New FHWA Guide, Emerging Research and Research Gaps, and Lessons Learned***  
Current research and practice for protected bike lanes in urban and rural areas examine design, usage-level forecasts, safety, and impacts on land use and business, including case studies in North America and Europe and identification of critical success factors. Early and experienced planners and designers and others learn about the operation and performance of protected bike lanes, including aspects of conflicts with pedestrians as well as ADA requirements.  
Location: Convention Center, Salon B

**Monday, January 11**

***1:30pm - 3:15pm | Lectern Session 333: Complete Streets for Transit: Best Practices in City and Transit Agency Collaboration***

Cities depend on good transit service, yet city transportation agencies often feel constrained in embracing good transit design because of competing objectives (e.g., parking loss, automobile delay). This session will explore successful partnerships between North American cities and transit agencies to implement innovative transit improvements, including exploration of the political, policy, and financial commitments necessary for effective collaboration.  
Location: Convention Center, 152A

***1:30pm - 3:15pm | Lectern Session 369: Integrating Freight Needs into Transportation Planning for Healthy and Active Communities***  
Since the intersection of active transportation and goods movement is a relatively new consideration in urban and transportation planning and policy, this session will seek to facilitate a dialogue between the panelists and audience regarding options and opportunities for advancing research and practice in this area.   
Location: Convention Center, 144B

***7:30pm - 10:00pm | Lectern Session 474: Vision Zero: Pathways to the Safe City***As Vision Zero gains popularity throughout the United States, research exposes the diversity of implementation policies and practices as well as data needs. This session will review the findings of  papers discussing the importance of reliable crash data, cities' varied experiments with physical design, and strategies to holistically structure Vision Zero policies.   
Location: Convention Center, 151B

**Tuesday, January 12**

***8:30am - 10:15am | Poster Session 528: Transportation Issues & Solutions in Major Cities***  
Location: Convention Center, Hall E

**Wednesday, January 13**

***8:00am - 9:45am | Lectern Session 746: Well, That Didn't Go Exactly as I Planned: Failures and Lessons Learned from Past City Transportation Officials***At conferences we often hear only about success stories. However, just as much can be learned from sharing and hearing stories of "failure." The Major Cities Committee is excited to present a judgment-free session in which three past city transportation officials will talk honestly about the policies, projects, programs, and approaches that didn’t work and the lessons they and their agencies learned as a result.  
Location: Convention Center, 151B ***2:30pm - 6:00pm | Committee Meeting***  
Agenda coming in December! We are aiming to do more of a 2 hour meeting. It will be a dynamic meeting with 3 Pecha Kucha sessions lined up.  
Location: Marriott Marquis, Monument (M4)

## 4. Miscellaneous Business

There were no other announcements