# TRB Major Cities Committee (ABE30)

**Fall Committee Meeting @ NACTO Designing Cities Conference (Los Angeles, CA)  
October 3, 2018 11am-12pm ET/8am-9am PT**

Attendees:

* Steve Buckley, WSP - Chair
* Aimee Jefferson, NJTPA
* Bill Anderson, TRB
* Claudia Preciado, Remix
* Danielle Elkins, Civic Ideation/City of Minneapolis
* David Kuehn, USDOT
* David Seglin, City of Chicago
* Eric Sundquist, UWisconsin
* Eric Tang, VHB
* Frank Mongioi, ICF
* Fred Dock, City of Pasadena
* Jeff Purdy, FHWA
* Jim Amundsen, Alaska DOT
* Julia Salinas, Los Angeles
* Luann Hamilton, City of Chicago
* Madeline Brozen, UCLA
* Matthew Roe, NACTO
* Melissa Ruhl, Arup
* Mike Flynn, Sam Schwartz
* Paul Supawanich, Remix
* Stephanie Dock, Washington, DC (DDOT)
* Tommy Lui, LA Metro
* Wes Marshall, UC Denver
* Julie
* \_\_\_\_, World Bank
* Dale \_\_\_\_, HDR

**Welcome and Introductions: Steve Buckley**

NACTO takes the lead on shorter-term implementation things, TRB on longer-term research

**TRB Updates: Bill Anderson, TRB [See also attached presentation from Bill]**

Upcoming deadlines:

* Annual Meeting
  + TRB is using a new paper review system and working out some kinks, which has delayed final selections. Bill will send an update on the number of papers and how they responded to the call. Our committee put our paper calls out earlier and it helped to bring in more papers since we gave people more time.
  + All reviews are done. Now need to decide what to do with them – 2 sessions that can be paper-based or invited speakers. Can have one or more poster sessions. Can also invite to speak at committee meeting. Sessions are due October 7th. First must submit the paper decisions, Bill will review, then send out for system approval.

**Request for Input:** Steve noted that the system outputs were somewhat indecipherable. For those that are using the system and running into questions or issues, send comments to Steve and Stephanie to compile and send to TRB.

* NCHRP – research statements due in November 1
  + Stephanie notes it would be better to have these before then so they can be shopped around to the other states for support.
* TRB Webinar deadline: propose by Oct 15 in the next 6 months of. Could do well with the workshop we were trying to develop

Upcoming Activities:

* TRB Centennial – TRB is asking all committees to write about their committees to talk about impact of the committee (e.g. 2 page narrative)
  + **Reach out to Steve if you are interested**
* Last TRB Annual Meeting hosted a gathering about transportation equity and the need to address it. Now forming a joint subcommittee with 6 committees supporting, including ABE30. This is a topic in our strategic plan and one we are interested in pursuing further.
  + Conference coming up in 2020.
  + **Reach out to Steve if you are interested in being involved.** Steve will select 1-2 people to be on the subcommittee and report back to the larger committee.
* This year’s EU-US Transportation Research was held this summer on the topic of socioeconomic impacts of connected and autonomous vehicles. There will be a report back at TRB. Now working on 3 focused areas. Now developing a research network to get support from EU, USDOT, TRB, and others.
* Resilience – next week in Denver, CO is a conference and an exchange about resilience at the state level (41 state DOTs attending). What has not been addressed is the linkage between local response and state/federal resilience. Bill recommends this committee get more involved to bring in the local perspective.

**NACTO Update, Linda Bailey**

* Working on the Green Book 8 updates input
  + Also working on a preliminary review of Green Book 7, which just came out
* Working on speed limit setting guidance – a hot topic in several cities, particularly in California where there is a state commission working on this. See a gap in the available engineering guidance. (Signals and automated enforcement might be future topics)

Developing guidance on ….

Working on the research needs from the cities:

* Redesign and lane repurposing of major streets, like 5 to 3 or 7 to 5 conversions, and the crash modification factors (CMFs) and the speed impacts of those changes
* Protected bike lanes CMFs getting underway
* Protected intersection yielding - Kristin Nordbeck wrapping up a study on this, would like to potentially expand. What is the right number of feet for lateral offsets?
* 2019 NCHRP project on crash barriers for multimodal conditions – hoping to connect with that.
  + Luann notes that with terrorist attacks in cities, word has gone out to emergency management agencies about barriers.
* Potential for elevating the work that our cities have done – 2 way signal progressions for speed management (SF, NYC have done). Not much documented much less studied on this

If interested in advancing these, reach out to Matthew Roe, [matthew@nacto.org](mailto:matthew@nacto.org).

**Sub-Committee Updates:**

**Research, Wes Marshall**

Put out 5 calls for papers based on our strategic plan that we updated last year. 1 was identified for a workshop, 4 were more general.

Historically have not pushed a lot for NCHRP research because of the timeline of that research (slow) but some of these are more conducive to that work.

In March start fleshing out our 2020 calls for papers – feel free to reach out to Wes with ideas!

**Paper Review, Julia Salinas & Melissa Ruhl**

We got 41 papers this year. Thank you to all our reviewers for bearing with us as we worked out the new system. Challenge: couldn’t really share the load of assigning reviews

Still looking for a couple small review issues.

Aimee, Fred, Melissa, Julia, and Steve getting together this week to figure out what to move through.

**Annual Meeting Organizers, Fred Dock & Aimee Jefferson**

* ABE30 requested to co-sponsor sessions - 4 workshops, 1 lectern. The lectern is on equity and we were able to help arrange one of the speakers, Ed Reiskin.
* The workshop we applied for (Improving Surface Transit Reliability) will likely take the form of a webinar rather than a workshop at TRB since they are trying to consolidate the workshops this year.
* The ABE30 City Officials panel will be on the topic of cross-agency work where panelists would talk about a project from the perspective of different agencies and how they had to work together, such as operations and capital/infrastructure when planning BRT. Possible cities on the panel are: Denver, Minneapolis, Boston
* ABE30 released 5 paper calls, and we are still waiting on the paper reviews to finalize which paper calls will turn into lectern or poster sessions
* For the Committee meeting we are pushing for Tuesday morning, but TBD.

**Webinars, Ivana Tasic**

We have proposals to be submitted this year –

1. Smart infrastructure management and design
2. Solutions for sustainable urban transit – may try to marry

For 2020 – 2 ideas: peds in fully autonomous environments

**Communications, Stephanie Dock**

Stephanie looking to share the load a bit this year to keep things moving. Thanks to those that have been active with communications already!

**Opportunities to Get Involved**

* War Games – sent out call for participants.
  + **Andy Nash organizing a team – email him at** [**andy@andynash.com**](mailto:andy@andynash.com)**.**
* Getting Real about National Transportation Performance Measures
  + Stephanie volunteered because she is well aware of the urban frustrations.
* Cross-modal subsidies workshop planning committee
  + **Any interest? Email Steve**