



City Transportation Issues Coordinating Council

TRB Annual Meeting
January 14, 2021

Agenda



10:00 | Welcome and Ground Rules

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10:30 | Strategic Focus Areas

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11:20 | Next Steps & Open Floor (if time)

11:30 | Adjourn



Ground Rules

- Mute yourself when not speaking
- Raise your hand to speak
- Video on only when speaking (to save bandwidth, no need to turn on at all)
- No need to apologize if life intrudes on the call (dogs, hungry cats, kiddos, the mailman...), just try to mute and manage as best you can

TRB values diversity, honesty, civility, and respect for each person as an individual in all our activities and undertakings. Do your part!

<http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/dva/2021Chair/01-NASEMCCodeofConduct.pdf>

Report harassment: 202-253-3865



Introductions

1. Rename yourself in Zoom to have your name and (short) affiliation
 - Example: Stephanie Dock, DDOT
2. Please take the attendance survey:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIUedZKai_OSil5d99_49HLjNz_bG0Se9z-NiPNwkPOLjhdw/viewform?usp=sf_link

TRB Updates

NACTO Updates

Our New Role

City Transportation Issues Coordinating Council



The City Transportation Issues Coordinating Council promotes among the Technical Activities committees attention to the **specific and unique circumstances** related to providing transportation to and within municipalities and urbanized areas.

All aspects of **planning and providing transportation** to and within cities are considered, including but not limited to planning, design, construction, operations and service provision, maintenance.

This relates to transportation of **both people and goods** and service to urbanized communities, markets and people.



Coordinating Councils: What We Know

- These are new!
- Three Functions
 - Coordinate – provide a forum to coordinate needs and topics for cities
 - Advise – communication and collaboration mechanism, serve as a resource for city expertise
 - Convene – meet during the AM, work with committees to put on sessions and workshops
- Activities
 - Strategic plan (brief) with goals, objectives, and our communication strategies
 - Annual written report (also brief) on the outcomes we have achieved that year
- Structure
 - Chair
 - Members – up to 25, all must be members of other committees with no more than 2 per committee
 - Liaisons - outside orgs (e.g. NACTO), federal agencies, other parts of NASEM
 - Friends



Today's Goals

Lay the foundation for our strategic plan

- Come together on a vision of what this Council can do
- Start figuring out how to advance that vision

Proposed Outcomes:

- Identify 2-3 focus areas to guide our work
- Figure out who we need to engage (membership)
- Structure our Council activities (keep in touch, advance our agenda, figure out next steps)
- Build momentum towards a larger research agenda (and possibly a future research needs conference?)

Strategic Focus Areas

City Transportation and TRB



- Because of the way transportation money flows, there is a strong bias towards a state perspective in TRB, and in transportation research generally.
 - Did you know? The State DOTs are core sponsors of TRB and the primary funders for NCHRP.
 - Did you also know? State DOTs have dedicated federal research funding.
- We have the opportunity to talk about what really matters from an urban perspective.
 - There is a lot of good research on how to do accelerated bridge construction. Those apply in a broad range of contexts. We probably don't need to focus there.
 - ***Where do we need to focus?***



How Do We Pick?

- **Urban-specific**, or at least urban-focused
- **Cross-cutting**, otherwise a committee can take care of it
- **High-level** enough that it can encompass several activities

<https://poll.ly/#/LdnDKbJn>



ABE30's Key Research Focus Areas

- Designing cities for **changing populations** and conditions
- **Multimodal safety**
- Providing **equal access and mobility** for all users
- Best practices sharing on **innovative urban solutions**
- Balancing **competing demands** on the streets, including parking & freight
- Opportunities through **technology and data**
- Developing urban transportation **performance measures**
- Improving **relationships with partners**, such as MPOs, transit agencies, state DOTs, and federal agencies

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Focus areas

- Providing equal access and mobility for all users
 - Advancing racial justice in cities through transportation policy
 - New approaches to addressing equity in urban transport - policy and mobility services
- Balancing competing demands on the streets, including parking & freight
- Urban transportation performance measures
- Designing cities for changing populations and conditions
- Covid's longer term impacts on cities and lessons learned
 - Frame in a long-term resilience perspective?
 - Responding to uncertainty

Council Activities



How do we serve our community & TRB?

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Coordinate

Bring together the city-oriented folk of TRB

- Regular updates to touch base
 - Do as an email or a web meeting?
- Working groups on our identified focus areas
 - Advance workshop, webinar, paper calls, research needs statements
 - The meat of our work is done in these groups
- Larger objective: city research needs conference?
 - Ideally in collaboration with NACTO and other liaison organizations
 - Do in conjunction with the Designing Cities conference in a couple years?
- Push information in other TRB sources
 - E.g. articles in TR News

Advise



Serve as a resource on city transportation

- **Maintain a list of reviewers on city topics that other committees can tap?**
 - We will not be getting papers assigned to us directly
 - Would mean we would still do our annual survey about interest/availability/areas of expertise
- **Find experts for other committees (beyond reviewers)**
 - How would you like us to find you?
- **Spread the word about city-oriented activities at TRB**
 - Primarily via our Google Group, but also our Twitter
 - Other means?
 - Do you prefer things to be bundled up (e.g. into a monthly email) or sent as they come up?

Convene



- Meet during TRB Annual Meeting (like now!)
- Develop & promote sessions
 - We have **one session** to program ourselves, all others need to be led by another committee
 - Note: we do not get papers to review ourselves.
 - Do we set an expectation that our member committees will host a session with a city connection?

Who Should We Engage With?



Member Committees

Strongest existing linkages:

- Bicycles
- Pedestrians
- Urban Data
- Strategic Management
- Travel Demand Management
- Equity in transportation

Others in development:

- Community Resources & Impacts
- Traffic Signal Systems
- Several transit committees

**Which committees fit
our focus areas?**

Who are we missing?



Liaison Organizations

- NACTO already a partner – strong relationship
- Who else would we want as a liaison?
 - Other organizations – POLIS? NLC?
 - Federal agencies?
 - Other parts of NASEM?

Next Steps



Seeking volunteers!

- Focus area work groups
- Strategic direction work group – how does the Council do its business

Interested? Email Stephanie!

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Don't forget to self-nominate as a friend on MyTRB.org (A0030C)

<https://www.mytrb.org/Committees/SelfNominationAsFriend>



Attend our TRB session!

Equitable Recovery: Reimagining City DOTs (Session 1236)

Tuesday, January 26, 4-5:30pm ET

This session brings together leaders from four city departments of transportation for a panel discussion about how they are reimagining city DOTs to bring about a more equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and racial justice protests of 2020. Attendees will learn how agency leaders are reimagining public space, public safety (traffic enforcement and transit policing), community engagements and their agencies.

Speakers:

Gia Biagi, Chicago DOT

Barbara Gray, City of Toronto

Keith Benjamin, Charleston DOT

Ryan Russo, Oakland DOT

Open Floor



THANK YOU!

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