

## **2005 Annual Meeting: Sessions for Spotlight Theme & Cross Cutting Issues**

At its January 2005 meeting, the Council designated “Transportation from the Customer’s Perspective: Providing a Safe, Secure, and Integrated System” as the spotlight theme for the 2005 meeting. It was also agreed that Groups should take a lead role in developing sessions to address this and other cross-cutting issues. Sessions need to be identified in June and fully developed by October 1.

Sessions addressing customer perspectives should not be too difficult to achieve. Technical Activities Council (TAC) members and TRB staff work together to develop sessions on the following critical and cross-cutting issues. TAC should take ownership of these sessions as a committee. These will not count against committee allotments:

- Transportation from the Customers’ Perspective (Canby & Norman)
- Mega-session w/high ranking speakers to set the theme for the meeting
- Separate sessions on passengers and freight?
- Consider including both transportation suppliers and users in the same session
- Ask speakers to address how to pay for recommendations they make
- Addressing personnel shortages (Policy & Organization, Freight Systems, Marine)
- Incorporating freight issues into transportation planning process (Planning & Environment, Freight Systems, Policy & Organization)
- Making investment decisions (Policy & Organization)
- Meeting long term funding needs (Policy & Organization)
- Getting rid of the seams (Public Transportation)
- Asset management across the modes (Policy & Organization, other Groups)
- Addressing invasive species (Planning & Environment, Marine)
- Environmental management systems (Planning & Environment, Policy & Organization, Rail, Marine)
- Technologies and strategies that can make a real difference in safety (Systems Users). (This session can draw from planned January TRB ExComm policy session that will bring in international speakers)
- Capacity and congestion: what does the future hold? (Aviation, most other Groups)
- Matching transportation systems to the communities they serve (Planning & Environment, Public Transportation, Legal, Policy & Organization)