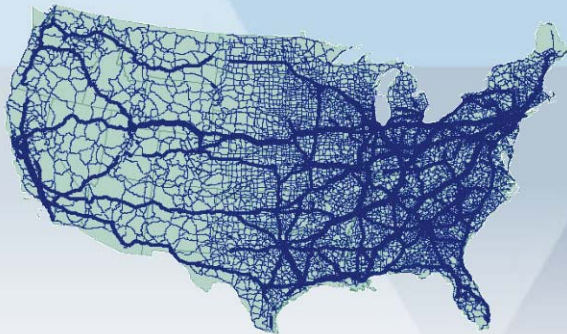


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The *mission* of the Transportation Research Board is to provide leadership in transportation innovation and progress through research and information exchange, conducted within a setting that is objective, interdisciplinary, and multimodal. The program is supported by state transportation departments, federal agencies including the component administrations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, and other organizations and individuals interested in the development of transportation.

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What is the Freight Systems Group?

TRB's Freight Systems Group consists of thirteen standing committees and one task force that propose research, share research findings, sponsor special activities, and provide a forum for transportation professionals to discuss current and future freight systems-related transportation issues.

Standing committees are communities of individuals that share a common interest and expertise. They serve as open and unparalleled forums to disseminate and examine the results of research.

The chairs of each of the committees are members of the Freight Systems Group Executive Board, along with liaisons from relevant TRB sponsors and the Data and Information Systems section.

Why Get Involved?

Serving on TRB committees provides you with an opportunity to contribute to advancing the state of the art and the state of the practice in transportation. You will participate with individuals from around the world with multimodal backgrounds in the freight transportation discipline, including public and private sector interests, academia and consultants. This broad representation creates a diverse forum with unique opportunities to contribute, to learn, and to interact with others who share your passion for transportation. There are no dues or fees associated with participation—only the time you voluntarily contribute to committee activities and travel expenses to attend occasional meetings.

How Can I Get Involved?

Visit TRB's Website to see the list of all committees, including contact information for the committee chairs. If you are unsure which committee best suits your interests, contact Barbara Ivanov, the Freight Systems Group Chair, at ivanovb@wsdot.wa.gov or TRB staff representatives, Scott Brotemarkle at sbrotemarkle@nas.edu or Scott Babcock at sbabcock@nas.edu

Contact the committee chair by email to learn of current activities in which you may wish to participate. Share a brief synopsis of your background and areas of expertise and let the chair know you are interested in active participation.

Participate in committee meetings, which are generally open to anyone who wishes to attend. Don't be shy—introduce yourself to the chair, sign the attendance sheet to get on the email distribution list, and be sure to follow up by email with the chair after the meeting.

Volunteer to serve as a reviewer of research papers, to work on a committee project, or to give a presentation or preside at a session of the TRB Annual Meeting, webinar, or a specialty conference.

Express your interest in committee membership at the first opportunity. Membership requires a formal process; however, participation in committee activities is not limited to members. Active participants who are not members are called "friends" of a committee. Chairs look at the list of active "friends" when an opportunity for membership arises.

Benefits to You

Benefits to you, your organization, and others resulting from participation in TRB committee activities include:

- **Networking** with colleagues and establishing professional relationships with individuals from other geographical areas and disciplines to broaden knowledge and perspectives
- **Receiving** valuable and timely information about ongoing and recently completed research, new technologies, and current practice
- **Gaining** early awareness of new research findings, as well as the opportunity to encourage research addressing problems faced by your employer
- **Assisting** your organization in contributing to the broader transportation community by sharing information about your organization's research results and practices
- **Connecting** you to other freight-related research activities conducted by TRB, including those of the National Cooperative Freight Research Program (NCFRP)

