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Getting Involved in TRB’s Rail Group

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What is the Rail Group?

TRB’s Rail Group consists of eight committees that propose research, share research findings, sponsor special activities, and provide a forum for transportation professionals to discuss today’s and tomorrow’s rail-related transportation issues. Standing committees are communities of individuals who 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 Rail Group Executive Board, along with liaison members from TRB’s rail-related sponsors and from other groups with overlapping interests.

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 rail 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 as well as 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, please contact TRB Staff Representative:

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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.

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. Go to www.MyTRB.org to become a friend of a committee.

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 disciplines and geographic areas 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 rail-related research activities conducted by TRB, including those of the National Cooperative Rail Research Program (NCRRP)