TRB Snap Search: Public Transportation

TRB's involvement in research on Public Transportation from 2018-2019

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TRB Research

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- Click here to view search results on TRB published research on Public Transportation within the past year.

Subject Webpages

- Public Transportation Research at TRB
- Passenger Transportation Research at TRB
- Public Transportation Maintenance Snap Search

Recent Reports & Publications

- Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP)
  - Synthesis 91 - Microgrids and Their Application for Airports and Public Transit
  - Synthesis 89 - Clean Vehicles, Fuels, and Practices for Airport Private Ground Transportation Providers

- National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)
  - Report 855 - An Expanded Functional Classification System for Highways and Streets
  - Web-Only Document 239 - Impacts of Laws and Regulations on CV and AV Technology Introduction in Transit Operations

- Policy Studies
  - Special Report 326 – Admissibility and Public Availability of Transit Safety Planning Records

- Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP)
  - Letter Report - Transit Research Analysis Committee - August 24, 2018
  - Letter Report - Transit Research Analysis Committee - February 27, 2018
  - Legal Research Digest 53 - Legal Considerations in Relationships Between Transit Agencies and Ridesourcing Service Providers
  - Legal Research Digest 52 - Legal Implications of Video Surveillance on Transit Systems
  - Report 202 - Handbook for Examining the Effects of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Brokerages on Transportation Coordination
  - Report 201 - Understanding Changes in Demographics, Preferences, and Markets for Public Transportation
  - Report 199 - Transit Technical Training, Volume 2: Guide to Overcoming Barriers to Implementing Best and Innovative Training
  - Report 198 - The Relationship Between Transit Asset Condition and Service Quality
  - Report 197 - Tools for a Sustainable Transit Agency
  - Report 196 - Private Transit: Existing Services and Emerging Directions
  - Report 195 - Broadening Understanding of the Interplay Among Public Transit, Shared Mobility, and Personal Automobiles
  - Report 194 - Knowledge Management Resource to Support Strategic Workforce Development for Transit Agencies
  - Report 193 - Tools and Strategies for Eliminating Assaults Against Transit Operators, Volume 1: Research Overview

Updated 12/03/2018
- **Synthesis 136** - Contracting Fixed-Route Bus Transit Service
- **Synthesis 135** - ADA Paratransit Service Models
- **Synthesis 134** - Customer-Focused Service Guarantees and Transparency Practices
- **Synthesis 133** - Administration of ADA Paratransit Eligibility Appeal Programs
- **Synthesis 132** - Public Transit and Bikesharing
- **Synthesis 131** - College Student Transit Pass Programs
- **Synthesis 130** - Battery Electric Buses—State of the Practice

- **Transportation Research Circulars**
  - **E-Circular 228** - Rebuilding and Retrofitting the Transportation Infrastructure

**Current & Upcoming Projects**

- **Current Projects**
  - **NCHRP 03-131** - Guidance for Planning and Implementing Multimodal, Integrated Corridor Management
  - **NCHRP 19-14** - Right-Sizing Transportation Investments—Methods for Planning and Programming
  - **NCHRP 20-65/Task 73** - Best Practices and Marketing to Increase Rural Transit Ridership and Investment
  - **NCHRP 20-65/Task 76** - Opportunities for State DOTs (and Others) to Encourage Shared Use Mobility Practices in Rural Areas
  - **NCHRP 20-65/Task 77** - Lessons Learned and Impacts to Date of State DOT Implementation of New Federal Transit Asset Management and Public Transportation Agency Safety Requirements
  - **NCHRP 20-102(11)** - Mobility-on-Demand and Automated Driving Systems: A Framework for Public-Sector Assessment
  - **NCHRP 20-112** - A Research Roadmap for Transportation and Public Health
  - **TCRP C-23** - Assessing and Mitigating Electrical Fires on Transit Vehicles
  - **TCRP F-26** - Improving the Health and Safety of Transit Workers with Corresponding Impacts on the Bottom Line
  - **TCRP G-17** - Assessing Lifecycle and Human Costs of Bus Operator Workstation Design and Components
  - **TCRP H-51** - Understanding Changes in Demographics, Preferences, and Markets for Public Transportation
  - **TCRP H-54** - Guide to Equity Analysis in Regional Transportation Planning Processes
  - **TCRP I-11/Task 26** - Collaborations and Partnerships between Public Transportation and Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)
  - **TCRP I-11/Task 29** - Output-Oriented Strategic Communications for Transit Agencies
  - **Transit IDEA J-04/IDEA 85** - Location Aware Networks Optimizing Use of Transit
  - **TCRP Synthesis J-07/Topic SA-44** - Comprehensive Bus Network Redesign
  - **TCRP Synthesis J-07/Topic SB-31** - Implementing the US DOT Reasonable Accommodation Rule
  - **TCRP Synthesis J-07/Topic SD-05** - Third Rail Insulator Failures- Current State of the Practice
  - **TCRP Synthesis J-07/Topic SF-20** - Managing the Transit Scheduling Workforce
  - **TCRP Synthesis J-07/Topic SH-18** - On-Board Survey Methods and Technologies

- **Upcoming Projects**
  - **ACRP 11-01/Topic 10-04** - Updated Survey of Laws and Regulations Applicable to Airport Commercial Ground Transportation
  - **ACRP Synthesis 11-03/Topic S01-22** - Last Mile in General Aviation - Challenges with Courtesy Cars and other forms of Ground Transportation
  - **NCHRP 20-65/Task 82** - Issues Associated with Providing Customized, Client-Based Transportation Services
  - **NCHRP 20-65/Task 81** - Best Practices in Rural Service Assessment
  - **NCHRP 20-65/Task 80** - Capacity Building Options for DOT Transit Staff
  - **NCHRP 20-65/Task 79** - 5310 Sub-Grantee Consolidation
  - **NCHRP 20-65/Task 78** - Impact of Decline in Volunteerism on Rural Transit Systems
  - **NCHRP 20-65/Task 75** - Baseline Research on Allowable In-Kind and Local Match Sources
  - **TCRP A-43** - Recent Decline in Public Transportation Ridership: Analysis, Causes, Responses
  - **TCRP C-24** - Transit Traction Power Cables: Replacement Guidelines
  - **TCRP F-27** - Characteristics and Elements of Non-Punitive Employee Safety Reporting Systems for Public Transportation
  - **TCRP H-56** - Redesigning Public Transportation Networks for a New Mobility Future
  - **TCRP J-05/Topic 18-04** - Joint Development Agreements Using FTA Funds or FTA-Funded Assets
  - **TCRP J-05/Topic 18-02** - Codes of Conduct on Transit Vehicles and Property: Legal Issues
  - **TCRP J-11/Task 33** - Guidebook for Deploying Zero Emissions Transit Buses
Reports from the National Academies Press on Public Transportation

- Achieving Rural Health Equity and Well-Being
- Community-Based Health Literacy Interventions
- People Living with Disabilities - Health Equity, Health Disparities, and Health Literacy: Proceedings of a Workshop

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- ABE60 – Accessible Transportation and Mobility
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- AP000 – Public Transportation Group
- AP010 – Transit Management and Performance
- AP015 – Transit Capacity and Quality of Service
- AP020 – Emerging and Innovative Public Transport and Technologies
- AP025 – Public Transportation Planning and Development
- AP030 – Public Transportation Marketing and Fare Policy
- AP040 – Automated Transit Systems
- AP045 – Passenger Intermodal Facilities
- AP050 – Bus Transit Systems
- AP055 – Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation
- AP060 – Paratransit
- AP065 – Rail Transit Systems
- AP070 – Commuter Rail Transportation
- AP075 – Light Rail Transit
- AP085 – Ferry Transportation
- AR055 – Rail Transit Infrastructure

Task Forces - Search for task force under committee here

Policy Study

- B0085 – Transit Research Analysis Committee (TRAC)

CRP Panels

- Project Panels Related to Public Transportation
- Project Panels Related to Passenger Transportation

Councils

- A0040T – Young Member Council

Recent and Upcoming Events

Upcoming Conferences - Left hand menu “upcoming conferences by topic”
(Conferences cosponsored by TRB are denoted with an asterisk.)

14th National Light Rail and Streetcar Conference
April 7-9, 2019
Jersey City, New Jersey

International Conference on Demand Responsive and Innovative Transportation Services
April 15-17, 2019
Baltimore, Maryland

Webinars – View upcoming webinars, suggest a webinar or add registration information

Past Webinars

- Public Transportation
- Passenger Transportation

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- **Research in Progress (RiP) Database** – Current or recently completed transportation research projects - rip.trb.org

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