

**S**ince its founding in 1885, the Union Internationale des Transports Publics (UITP), which is located in Belgium, has been dedicated to improving urban mobility. For more than a century, its primary objectives have been to (a) study all questions concerning public transport in order to find progressive solutions to problems that affect the mass transit sector and (b) represent and serve the interests of its members through direct contact with individual members and other international organizations.

UITP and the Transportation Research Board (TRB) share several common themes, and in many ways both organizations have similar goals; for example, both organizations stimulate, correlate, and disseminate the findings of research and undertake special studies. There are differences, however. Based in the United States with primarily a North American constituency, TRB is multimodal and serves as a clearinghouse for transportation research in all modes. UITP, on the other hand, is a worldwide organization with a focus on mass transit operations along with a strong interest in all aspects of urban mobility and the research needed to achieve it.

With headquarters in Brussels, UITP has 1,700 members representing more than 60 countries, including the United States. The organization is funded primarily through membership fees, as well as by sales of publications and registration fees from the many events it sponsors worldwide.

UITP collects, examines, and shares information about public transport throughout the world. In turn, the various UITP commissions and committees

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