

Welcome To TRB's Technical Activities Division, TAD

TRB is where the nation's leaders and the global transportation community turn for information exchange, research, innovations, and advice on current, emerging, and critical transportation issues to foster a high-performing multimodal transportation system that enhances society.

WHY TRB IS UNIQUE

- Provides a "big tent" environment that invites perspectives and exposure to ideas from all levels of government in the public sector, all types of private sector organizations, universities and research institutes, and associations of many types, both domestic and international.
- Presence and involvement of all modes of transportation.
- Multi-disciplinary expertise represented in volunteers, committees, and activities.
- Promotes the inclusion of all who are interested, no matter what stage of education, career, sector, or credentials.
- Interaction between researchers and practitioners to promote and support the application of research.
- In accordance with its parent organization, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, TRB adheres to the values of independence, objectivity, rigor, integrity, inclusivity and truth when in pursuit of trusted, timely, impartial, and evidence-based information exchange, research, and advice regarding all modes of transportation.

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GET INVOLVED!

- Consult the list of topical interest areas at <https://trb.secure-platform.com/a/page/resourcepages/newattendee>. Click on the topic of interest to reveal the standing committees within each area. Then send an email to the committee Chair to express your interest in becoming involved with the committee.
- Sign-up as a "Friend" of committees through [MyTRB.org](https://mytrb.org) to receive correspondence and updates, and to begin participating. Friends are able and encouraged to be involved in all committee activities, including paper reviews and event planning.
- 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 Annual Meeting or a specialty conference.
- Participate in committee meetings, which are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Introduce yourself to the Chair and other committee members.
- Express your interest in joining as a formal member of the committee at the first opportunity. Each committee has a required turnover of one-third of its members every three years.
- Spread the word of TRB's benefits to colleagues in your organization.



BENEFITS OF BEING INVOLVED

- Continuous exposure to valuable and timely information about ongoing and recently completed research, new technologies, and current practice in transportation and innovation across a wide range of topics, disciplines, and modes.
- Opportunity to identify and articulate research needs, and thus influence national and international research agendas on equal footing with all of the players represented (public/private/academia/consulting).
- Form life-long professional networks providing opportunities to informally share experiences, solve mutual problems, and seek guidance.
- Career enrichment, through networking with a wide array of individuals from different types of organizations.
- Technical and leadership visibility to national and international audiences.
- Provides a forum to support the formal and informal recruitment of new employees.
- Enhances the professional development for employees.

VALUE FOR PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS

- Opportunities to publish, conduct peer reviews, and chair or serve on conference planning committees.
- Awareness of research needs/gaps that may generate ideas for dissertations or new directions in one's research.
- Identification of potential partners for future research.
- Channels for delivering research results to practitioners who can implement them, burnishing the university's reputation for doing relevant research.
- Broad exposure of students to a diverse community and array of ideas.
- Experience writing and presenting one's work, engaging in professional discussions with academic and practitioner experts, and accepting and incorporating constructive criticism.

VALUE FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

- Opportunities for formal and informal mentoring.
- Chances to demonstrate technical and leadership skills.
- Opportunities to build confidence through building communication skills by interacting with a wide array of transportation thinkers and practitioners.
- Exposure to potential career paths and specific job opportunities.