



Transportation

Professional Practice Network Update



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More than ever, landscape architects are needed to lead the transportation conversation. How will disruptive technology from autonomous and connected vehicles shape our cities and towns? How do we advocate for street designs and cross-discipline collaboration to make our roadways safe? How do our transportation systems respond to the effects of global climate change? In this quarterly newsletter, we're focusing on how landscape architects and ASLA can influence transportation research, policy, and practice.

Research through Interdisciplinary Collaboration

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) provides independent, objective analysis and advice to the nation and conducts other activities to solve complex problems and inform public policy decisions. Each year, thousands of researchers and practitioners participate in TRB committees. TRB's Landscape and Environmental Design Committee (AFB40) has a long history of collaboration between landscape architects, engineers, and roadway agencies. This committee is focused on research integrating transportation facilities with conservation of natural elements, preservation of cultural and historic resources, maintaining aesthetic and scenic quality, and identification and preservation of scenic opportunities.

ASLA VP of Professional Practice Wendy Miller says, "The Landscape and Environmental Design Committee (AFB40) of TRB is one of the oldest standing committees with over 75 years of leadership in guiding the aesthetics and ecological function of our transportation systems. ASLA membership, support, and collaboration with AFB40 has been crucial in expanding research and knowledge on Context Sensitive Design, Complete Streets, and Green Infrastructure that provide landscape architects with the tools to create high quality transportation projects in our communities." The Transportation PPN Leadership Team encourages ASLA members to engage with the activities of this committee to continue the legacy of landscape architects shaping transportation policy. Interested? [Visit their website](#) to learn more about how you can sign up to be a 'friend' of the committee and volunteer for service.

Current Issues Resource Library & iAdvocate

ASLA's Government Affairs Advisory Committee and staff continue to shape a strong legislative agenda for the Society around active transportation, transit and transit-oriented development, infrastructure, and transportation funding. The agenda is shared with Legislators and staff during ASLA's annual [Advocacy Day](#) on Capitol Hill. **Vision Zero**, **autonomous vehicles**, and **climate resiliency** are new emerging issues and ASLA is gathering information to shape ASLA's policy and legislative agenda. If you have access to white papers, research, and publications, ASLA wants to hear from you. Please contact Alexandra Hay, Professional Practice Coordinator at ASLA, at ahay@asla.org with your information and resources.

Public investments are the lifeblood of the transportation industry. ASLA's [Government Affairs](#) team is proactively advocating for policies and funding programs to support landscape architecture opportunities in the transportation industry. [Subscribe](#) to ASLA Advocacy News to keep up to date with the latest news and initiatives from Capitol Hill, and make sure your voice is heard in Washington during [Advocacy Alerts](#).



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Join us in Los Angeles!

The [ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO](#) is the place to connect with your PPN peers in person. This year, there are several opportunities to network, share stories, and learn. We hope to see you there!

Transportation PPN Meeting: Sunday, October 22, 9:15 – 10:00 am

The Transportation PPN meets once each year on the EXPO floor to share interests and find focus for PPN activities.

Network and Learn at ASLA EXPO - Transportation Tour (schedule TBA)

Tours are returning to the EXPO floor this year. Meet with Transportation PPN members and product exhibitors in a show floor tour that will provide 1.0 PDH (LA CES/NON-HSW). [Exhibitor sign up is now open.](#)

PPN EXPO Reception: Sunday, October 22, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

We had a great time last year on the EXPO floor seeing old friends and making new ones at this annual reception. It's free to all registered annual meeting attendees, and non-PPN members are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your continued interest and participation in the Transportation PPN. Our quarterly emails share relevant opportunities, events, and other information with our members. If you hear of any additional information you'd like to share with the PPN, please send it to ahay@asla.org so that it can be included in the next email.

Feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Best,

Allysha Lorber, ASLA, and Lucy Joyce, ASLA
Co-Chairs of the Transportation PPN

Transportation PPN Quarterly Listings

Conferences

[TRB AFB40 2017 Mid-Year Committee Meeting: Retrofitting for Resilience](#)

August 6-9, 2017, Hartford, CT

[American Public Works Association Public Works Expo \(PWX\)](#)

August 27-30, 2017, Orlando, FL

[Transportation & Communities Summit](#)

September 11-12, 2017, Portland, OR



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[National Walking Summit](#)

September 13 – 15, 2017, St. Paul, MN

[Rail~volution](#)

September 17-20, 2017, Denver, CO

[XVIII International Walk21 Conference on Walking and Livable Communities](#)

September 19-22, 2017, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

[2017 International Cycling Safety Conference](#)

September 21- 22, 2017, Davis, CA

[Protecting Pollinators in Urban Landscapes Conference](#)

October 9-11, 2017, Traverse City, MI

[ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO](#)

October 20-23, 2017, Los Angeles, CA

[NACTO Designing Cities](#)

October 30-November 2, 2017, Chicago, IL

[Transportation Research Board \(TRB\) 97th Annual Meeting](#)

January 7-11, 2018, Washington, DC

[New Partners for Smart Growth Conference](#)

February 1-3, 2018, San Francisco, CA

[Environmental Design Research Association: EDRA49 Annual Conference](#)

June 6-9, 2018, Oklahoma City, OK

[Walk Bike Places](#) (formerly Pro Bike/Pro Walk/Pro Place)

September 16-19, 2018, New Orleans, LA

Webinars & Continuing Education

[FHWA Pedestrian and Bicycle webinars](#) (FREE!)

Education resources for professionals. Subscribe for notices about upcoming webinars and watch recorded webinars online.

[Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals \(APBP\) Upcoming Webinars](#) (\$)

Learn the latest in the state of the practice from professionals working in bicycle and pedestrian design.

[FHWA Context Sensitive Solutions](#) (FREE!)

FHWA produces several webinars each year. Watch recorded webinars in the online archive.

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[America Walks Learning Center](#)

Advocacy and technical resources for increasing walking and expanding walkable communities. Online library of case studies, research articles, white papers and other educational materials.

[Technology Transfer Center](#)

UC Berkeley Institute for Transportation Studies
Online and classroom courses for professionals

News

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