

# PPN Transportation

Professional Practice Network Update



*Sent on behalf of the Transportation PPN Leadership Team*

## Defining the Role of the Transportation Landscape Architect

The Transportation PPN is a forum for landscape architecture issues in transportation policy, planning, design and construction. This group is dedicated to sharing information from a variety of sources and building awareness about the contributions of landscape architects in transportation. Landscape architects have a strong voice in transportation issues and often bridge the gap between colleagues in planning and engineering. Our mission statement reflects our goal for our PPN community: Empowering landscape architects to establish stronger roles in transportation projects as innovators, collaborators and leaders.

We recently asked our PPN Leadership Team to describe their own work as Transportation Landscape Architects to define that role. The wide array of responses can be found in [this recent post on \*The Field\*](#). We learned that much of our work crosses over into many other practice areas for landscape architects and that we add value to projects, plans and policies in many ways. It affirms our place as a PPN to bring together landscape architects working in transportation.

## Join our Leadership Team: Become a PPN officer!

Our PPN has over 500 members from across the country, led by a dedicated leadership team. Are you passionate about landscape architecture and transportation and want to shape the PPN's direction? Want to increase your participation and expand your professional network? Want to ensure ASLA's Online Learning presentations and *The Field* include transportation topics? [Let us know](#) and we'll tell you more about serving as a [PPN officer](#).

Open positions include:

- Online Learning Webinar Coordinator
- Website Coordinator
- LinkedIn Group Coordinator

## Make Membership Meaningful: Connect, Share, and Learn

Are you ready to share your expertise with a national audience? Have an innovative project or program to share with others? **Write a post for *The Field* or offer an [Online Learning](#) webinar through ASLA.** Please contact [propractice@asla.org](mailto:propractice@asla.org) with your ideas.

Our quarterly PPN 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 [propractice@asla.org](mailto:propractice@asla.org) so that it can be included in the next email.

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



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Best,

Lucy Joyce, ASLA  
Transportation PPN Chair

## Transportation PPN Quarterly Listings

### ASLA Advocacy

The ASLA iAdvocate Network provides you with the information and tools you need to quickly and effectively communicate with your policymakers about issues important to you and to the profession. Sign up today to [receive email alerts](#) from ASLA. With a few clicks, you can send a message to your Senators and Representative and make your voice a part of ASLA's advocacy efforts. Your support is needed today on the legislation listed below.

#### [Take Action: Support Active Transportation Today](#)

Recently, the House of Representatives approved a fiscal year 2018 (FY18) Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (T-HUD) spending bill that eliminates ALL funding for the highly successful Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants.

Want to stay connected? Follow [ASLA Advocacy on Twitter](#) to get the latest in advocacy news.

### Conferences

#### [TRB Call for Papers](#)

The 2019 TRB Annual Meeting and the Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board (TRR) are open for submissions.

Deadline: August 1

#### [Association for Commuter Transportation \(ACT\) International Conference](#)

July 29-August 1, 2018, Anaheim, CA

#### [Institute of Transportation Engineers \(ITE\) Annual Meeting & Exhibit](#)

August 20-23, 2018, Minneapolis, MN

#### [Transportation and Communities Summit](#)

September 13-14, 2018, Portland, OR

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

September 16-19, 2018, New Orleans, LA

#### [TRB AFB40 \(Transportation Research Board Committee on Landscape & Environmental Design\) Mid-Year Meeting](#)

September 16-20, 2018, Rockwall, TX

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[American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials \(AASHTO\) Annual Meeting](#)  
September 20-24, 2018, Atlanta, GA

[NACTO Designing Cities 2018](#)  
October 1-4, Los Angeles, CA

[International Walk21 Conference on Walking and Livable Communities](#)  
October 15-19, 2018, Bogotá, Colombia

[ASLA 2018 Annual Meeting and EXPO](#)  
October 19-22, 2018, Philadelphia, PA  
September 14: advanced rate registration deadline

**Transportation PPN Meeting** during the Annual Meeting  
Saturday, October 20  
12:45-1:30 PM, Dilworth Park Meeting Room in PPN Live

[Rail~volution](#)  
October 21-24, 2018, Pittsburgh, PA

[Vision Zero Cities Conference](#)  
November 7-8, 2018, New York City, NY

For more upcoming conferences, see ASLA's [Conferences for Landscape Architects](#) list.

## Webinars & Continuing Education

### [Professional Development Preferences](#)

Please help ASLA national ensure that we develop continuing education content that supports your individual interests and needs by completing this [short survey](#). ASLA is interested in hearing from licensed and non-licensed professionals.

[ASLA Online Learning](#) (\$, discounts for ASLA members)  
See all ASLA Online Learning [Transportation / Complete Streets](#) recorded webinars  
Next live online presentation: [Water Conservation in Landscape Irrigation](#) on August 7

[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.

[America Walks Learning Center](#) and [Webinars](#)  
Advocacy and technical resources for increasing walking and expanding walkable communities. Online library of case studies, research articles, white papers and other educational materials.

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[Technology Transfer Program](#), UC Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies  
Online and classroom courses for professionals

[United States Access Board Webinars](#) (FREE!)

The Access Board, with the National Network of ADA Centers, offers a monthly webinar series on the Board's guidelines and standards and other aspects of accessible design.

## News & Publications

[Meet the Transportation PPN Leadership Team](#) - *The Field*

[TRB Committee on Landscape & Environmental Design Mid-Year Meeting](#) - *The Field*

[What Exactly is a Transportation Landscape Architect?](#) - *The Field*

[At Congress for New Urbanism, Debate Rages Over Autonomous Vehicles](#) - *The Dirt*

[How Cities Can Prepare for Autonomous Vehicles](#) - *The Dirt*

[Flying High](#) - *Landscape Architecture Magazine*

Plans to string gondolas over American cities abound.

[Transit: The Better Underbelly](#) - *Landscape Architecture Magazine*

Bowen Place Crossing by Spackman Mossop Michaels is more than just a shady underpass.

[Copenhagen Cool](#) - *Landscape Architecture Magazine*

The firm COBE gives two public spaces in the Danish capital a new look and renewed purpose as transportation infrastructure.

[Oh, and Cars, Too](#) - *Landscape Architecture Magazine*

Los Angeles isn't known for being pedestrian-friendly, but its [Great Streets Initiative](#) is changing that image.

[Bridge to Everywhere](#) - *Landscape Architecture Magazine*

With the rushing water 120 feet beneath it and roaring trains 10 feet away, the Harahan Bridge offers pedestrians and bikers a thrilling new way to cross the Mississippi River.

[10 Streets that Changed America](#) - *Curbed*

From Broadway to Wilshire Boulevard, a new PBS show examines how street life defines our city life.

