



Sent on behalf of the Transportation PPN Leadership Team

In Case You Missed It: PPN Live in Los Angeles

We were pleased to see many of you at our annual Transportation PPN meeting in Los Angeles last fall. Every seat was filled! Our attendees came from every corner of the US -- and from as far away as China. We were also joined by a number of student members who shared their interest and enthusiasm in transportation as a career path. Meeting so many members engaged in transportation reaffirmed our mission to empower landscape architects to establish stronger roles in transportation projects as innovators, collaborators and leaders.

Wendy Miller, FASLA, Vice President of Professional Practice, gave an overview of ASLA's subcommittee on **Autonomous Vehicles and Planning**. The committee has identified six goals for 2018, including developing an online resource library and drafting ASLA policy to address autonomous vehicles and urban design. Interested in how autonomous and connected vehicles are going to change our cities? Sign up to join the subcommittee by sending an email to propractice@asla.org.

ASLA's Director of Federal Government Affairs, Roxanne Blackwell, Hon. ASLA, shared updates on ASLA's [legislative agenda](#). She discussed opportunities to reclaim right-of-way with the advancement of autonomous vehicles. [Vision Zero](#) continues to be a relevant topic, and Roxanne noted that many state and local governments have initiated Vision Zero programs. She cautioned that the [TIGER funding program](#), a competitive grant program that provides funding to rebuild community infrastructure, is in danger of being eliminated, and urged ASLA members look for opportunities, including social media programs such as Twitter, to advocate for the program.

Roxanne also discussed the new administration and their impending **infrastructure plan**. At the time of the annual meeting, the new administration had not yet proposed (formally) a transportation plan. Roxanne reminded everyone that all infrastructure modes, pedestrians, bicyclists, and trails, as well as stormwater management, parks, and outdoor spaces, are up for grabs. ASLA is advocating on these topics and continues to work with stakeholders to ensure that multi-modal projects continue to be funded at current levels.

Roxanne concluded her review by discussing **transportation equity**, another issue receiving a lot of attention at the federal level. She pointed to several studies that suggest minority and low-income populations are disproportionately exposed to the negative impacts of transportation infrastructure. The [Department of Transportation](#) proposes several strategies to improve these impacts, including providing safety, air quality, and connectivity improvements in low-income and minority communities. To achieve this, the DOT recommends upgrading pedestrian infrastructure and connectivity, using vegetation near high-volume roads to reduce the impacts of pollution on communities, offering reduced public transportation fares, targeting demand response service toward at-risk populations and addressing housing affordability.

Roxanne encouraged us all to [sign up for ASLA's iAdvocate network](#) so that we can continue to support the Society's efforts to impact public policy at national, state and local levels.

Join our Leadership Team: Become a PPN officer!



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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 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 so that it can be included in the next email.

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

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.



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

Conferences

[Smart Growth America National Complete Streets Conference - Intersections: Creating Culturally Complete Streets](#)

April 3-4, 2018, Nashville, TN

[Congress for New Urbanism 26](#)

May 16-19, 2018, Savannah, GA

[Intelligent Transportation Society \(ITS\) of America Annual Meeting](#)

June 4-7, 2018, Detroit, MI

[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

[NACTO Designing Cities 2018](#)

October 1-4, Los Angeles, CA

[ASLA 2018 Annual Meeting and EXPO](#)

October 19-22, 2018, Philadelphia, PA

[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

[ASLA Online Learning](#) (\$, discounts for ASLA members)

Education session recordings from the 2017 ASLA Annual Meeting have been added to the ASLA Online Learning website, including:

- [Brave New World - How Autonomous Vehicles Will Shape Our Built Environment](#)
- [Alt-Practice Outside the LA Studio: Exploring the Breadth of the Profession](#)
- [The Public Landscape: A Vital constituent in the Human Quality of Life](#)
- [Better Cities: Reclaiming Land for Cars into Space for People!](#)

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See also: all ASLA Online Learning [Transportation / Complete Streets](#) recorded webinars

[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.

[Technology Transfer Center](#), UC Berkeley Institute for Transportation Studies

Online and classroom courses for professionals

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

Next webinar: [Accessible Shared Streets: Notable Practices and Considerations for Accommodating Pedestrians with Vision Disabilities](#), April 5, 2018

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

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

[Curb Clots](#) - *Landscape Architecture Magazine*

[The Automotive Liberation of Paris](#) - *CityLab*

[Blueprint for Autonomous Urbanism](#) - NACTO

[Securing Safe Roads: The Politics of Change](#) - World Resources Institute (WRI) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

[FHWA Releases New Interim Approval for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons](#) - Alta Planning + Design

