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# Greetings!

Last week I had the great opportunity to attend the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Annual Meeting. The event brought together DOT officials from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC and provided a unique opportunity to hear what is top of mind for many of the agencies.



During my time there, I was able to share the benefits of investing in and expanding the use of TDM strategies to achieve their agency goals along with those of the US DOT's related to reducing inequities in our transportation system; reducing GHG emissions and building a more sustainable transportation system; and supporting access to jobs and the movement of goods. In the coming months, ACT will be exploring opportunities to further collaborate with AASHTO.

Speaking of collaboration, I am thrilled that tomorrow ACT will be hosting our first ever virtual Transportation Career Fair in collaboration with our friends at COMTO. This event builds on ACT's efforts to introduce students to TDM and expand opportunities for student will feature over 40 employers and bring in over 200 students from more than 50 schools across the country. If you know someone that may be interested in attending this free event, send them to www.actcomtocareerfair.org.

I am looking forward to ACT's final event of the year, our TDM Forum, which will be held in just a few short weeks in Atlanta, November 15-16. The two-day event will feature timely and important content, the celebration of our 2022 40 Under 40 Awards (and evening reception) and presentation of our TDM Excellence Awards. There is still time to register, and I hope that you will join us.

Lastly, I want to put out a friendly reminder that Statements of Interest for appointment to one of ACT's National Committees are due tomorrow, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Participation on a committee is a fabulous opportunity to take on a leadership role within the organization, give back to your industry, and earn valuable

As always, I invite you to share your feedback and ideas for how ACT can best meet your needs and provide you with value. Please reach out to me at any time to share your thoughts at dstraus@actweb.org.

Best regards,

**David Straus** 

TDM-CP recertification credits.





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### Time To ACT on Decarbonizing Vehicle Fuels

by Ian Todreas, Vice President, and Jonathan Ells, EV Program Manager, ERG

Even with the all-hands-on-deck approach to reducing single occupancy commute trips in which we are all engaged, we still have work to do to address the climate impacts of our commute trips. The trains, buses, shuttles, and vehicles we are deploying to move commuters around are, for the most part, powered by internal combustion engines that burn carbon-



intensive fossil fuels. While they are more efficient in moving people, they are nonetheless significant contributors to climate change.

Unfortunately, change is never easy, and decarbonizing vehicles can feel a bit overwhelming. There are alternative biofuels to use as a substitute and a growing number of electric models to purchase and lease, and they all introduce a new layer of complexity to operations: upfront costs, maintenance and repair considerations, fueling logistics, driver training, and more.

The good news is that there is a dramatic market transformation underway, and fleet electrification is no longer so daunting. New resources are out there to help you prioritize vehicles to electrify, understand charging infrastructure considerations, and serve disadvantaged populations with options.

If you can take a step toward decarbonizing your vehicles, check out these free...



### **Committee Nominations**

Nominations for Committee positions close tomorrow. Make sure to submit today! Committees are yet another chance for you to contribute to advancing your professional association and the field of TDM. By joining a committee you are taking on a role of national prominence within the industry, putting yourself at the center of the action for specific aspects of the organization's work plan.

Submit Your Statement of Interest

## **Member Spotlight: Matt Lyhne**

Matt Lyhne is Public Sector Account Manager at Commute with Enterprise

My name is Matt Lyhne and I work for Commute with Enterprise. I am two months into my new role as the Public Sector Account Manager for the Northern half of the US. I have been with Enterprise Holdings for about 10 years and in our vanpool division for the last 4 years. Commute with

Enterprise currently has over 85 public sector partnerships and 8,500 vanpools in operation across the United States. Annually our program eliminates 992 million commuter miles which equates to a reduction of 771 million pounds of carbon emissions.

## What brought you to TDM/how did you get involved in the field?

I love making a positive impact on the environment and found that encouraging ridesharing in the form of vanpooling was a great way to do that...



Learn More About Matt

## **November is Native American Heritage Month**

ACT's DEI Committee, in its effort to promote awareness and inform members of the many cultures and people that make up the diversity of our industry is celebrating Native American Heritage Month. Native American Heritage Month was born out of efforts to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. We want to



acknowledge the importance of this month by providing you with a few resources to learn about Native history and culture. You'll find an interactive map of historical native land, reading on the transportation issues facing Native Americans, information on scholarships for Native Americans wishing to pursue transportation related fields in higher education, and more.

#### **Learn More About Native American Heritage Month:**

Native Land Reference Map
NCAI- Transportation Policy Issues
Native American Leaders in Transportation
20 Best Books by Native American Authors
FTA NOFO Public Transportation on Reservations

## **2023 Conference Session Proposals**

ACT will begin accepting session proposals in early November for the 37th Annual International Conference. Start thinking about your session proposals now! That means contacting your co-presenters, narrowing down topics and hammering down a general plan. If you have any questions reach out to Casey Murphy: <a href="mailto:cmurphy@actweb.org">cmurphy@actweb.org</a>



### Don't Miss These Connect Discussions

There are many great conversations taking place on *Connect*, ACT's online member community. And don't forget to introduce yourself and welcome new members!

**TDM Registrant Forecasting** 

**Canadian Community** 

Vanpool Council Elections Close 10/31

Commuter Benefit "cap" to increase for 2023



### **Welcome New Members!**

**Heather Cilny** 

University of Houston

Sylvia Crum

Washington State Department of Transportation

**Matt Curwood** 

CCG

**Sandy Doebler** 

City of Aspen

**David Frazier** 

The Routing Company

**Patrick Green** 

Washington State Department of Transportation

**Perry Holmes** 

Circuit

**Bronwen Keiner** 

Self-Employed

**Kimberly Lam** 

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Apple

Jodi Miller

TriMet

Kim Nguyen

Student UC Berkeley Parking & Transportation

Jose Nunez

LinkedIn

Helya Oghabi

City of London Ontario

Terri Partch, PE

City of Glenwood Springs

**Blair Schlecter** 

Stantec Generation AV / Smart Mobility

**Tan Truong** 

Student UC Berkeley

Cara Vojdani

Arcadis

# <u>Encourage your colleagues to join</u>; the larger our community, the greater our impact!

Don't forget that you get credit for every new organizational or self-employed member you recruit over the lifetime of your membership. Want to Win the Pin? Check out the details and report your recruitment efforts on ACT's Member Recruitment Campaign page.















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