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Greetings!

As we reflect on the **recent election** and prepare for the upcoming change in administration, ACT stands ready to champion TDM as a key strategy to boost economic activity, improve access to jobs, and create efficiencies within our transportation systems. Reduced congestion, more time with family, and lower transportation costs are benefits that resonate with all Americans, and ACT is committed to working closely with policymakers, industry leaders, and stakeholders to elevate TDM's role in achieving these outcomes.



Last week, it was so energizing to gather in Charlotte for our [TDM Forum](#). With over 200 leaders, innovators, doers, and advocates coming together; the two days were filled with fantastic discussions and new ideas.

Before the event, **ACT's Board of Directors** convened for its final in-person meeting of the year. The agenda was packed with significant topics, including an initial review of the organization's 2025 budget and work plan. The board also focused on advancing key initiatives within the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, considered a proposal from the Professional Development Committee to launch a new awards program recognizing leaders in the TDM field, and explored ideas for enhancing the organization's election procedures. Additionally, the board adopted [updated chapter policies](#), providing clearer guidance on their formation and operations. These updated policies marked the culmination of a multi-year effort, supported by the contributions of numerous volunteers from across the membership.

[Appointments](#) to ACT's Committees for the 2025-26 term were also approved by the board. On behalf of the board and staff, I want to thank the more than 40 individuals who stepped up to volunteer their time, energy, and expertise to serve. Your dedication and ...

[Keep reading the Executive Director's report for information about Committee appointments, ImpACT! Leadership, and more...](#)



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MEMBER ARTICLE

Using TDM to Enhance the Patient Experience

Unlike businesses, cities, or universities, hospitals have a unique patient audience to serve. Improving the health and well-being of every patient and their loved ones is at the core of any great medical institution. Whether visiting once or weekly, the system for patient outreach, education, transportation, reception, care, and departure must work flawlessly.

Read the full article by Aaron Buckley, TDM-CP below

[Learn more](#)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2025-2026 Board Spotlight: Russell McDermott

Russell McDermott is a Program Director at AECOM, a Patriot Chapter member, and an incoming At-Large Director on ACT's Board of Directors. Meet Russell and learn more about him in this November board spotlight!

Throughout his sixteen-year career in transportation, Russell McDermott has held various roles, all sharing a common goal: prioritizing the...

Continue reading the article below.

[Meet Russell](#)



VIDEO

Congratulations, 2024 ImpACT! Leadership Class!



POLICY

Updated CMAQ Guidance is Now Available

At ACT's TDM Forum in Charlotte, we recognized graduates of the 2024 ImpACT! Leadership cohort. These fantastic individuals have officially completed the program and graduated with new skills and knowledge.

Check out a special congratulatory video that we shared during the ceremony!

[Watch the video](#)



COMMITTEES

Announcing 2025-2026 Committee Appointments

ACT's Board has approved and finalized the 2025-2026 Board Committees. The following dedicated volunteers will serve two-year terms, working together to shape key aspects of association operations.

Their insights and perspectives will help guide the association forward through collaboration and action. Thank you to these leaders for their commitment to ACT's success!

[View the appointments](#)

FHWA recently distributed a notice that [2024 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement \(CMAQ\) Interim Guidance](#) is available.

Details from eligibility to transit operating assistance, transfer, and more are included in the document.

Recordings of two recent webinars with details about the guidance will also be posted on [the website](#).

[Access the guidance](#)



MEMBERSHIP

Supporting Inclusivity through the Membership Diversity Initiative

ACT launched the [Membership Diversity Initiative](#) pilot this June as part of our commitment to fostering and promoting inclusivity. This pilot is still underway, and organizations can apply to receive financial assistance for the cost of membership.

Learn more about the initiative and how it aims to enrich our community with diverse perspectives below.

[Read about the pilot](#)



COUNCILS

The Results are in for 2025-2026 Council Leadership

Elections have closed, and ACT is pleased to recognize the newly elected Council leaders for 2025-2026! A total of [six Councils held elections](#) this year, and they will soon welcome new leadership.

Councils are a vital pillar of ACT, and their exchanges of information, resources provided, and activities planned add a significant amount of value to our membership. Thank you to the volunteers who have stepped up to lead the councils forward!

[Meet the leaders](#)

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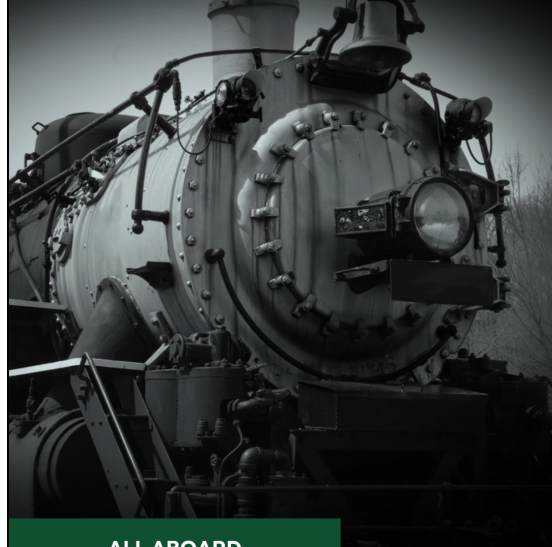
[TDM Coordinator II](#)
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Caltrans

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ALTRANS

[Deputy Executive Director, Planning Programs and Policy](#)
Contra Costa Transportation Authority

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ALL ABOARD

All Aboard: Native American Heritage Month

November is designated as Native American Heritage Month. For this edition of [All Aboard](#), we wanted to highlight our efforts to promote Indigenous land acknowledgements and share resources with you.

If you have attended an ACT International Conference or TDM Forum recently, you would likely have heard and/or seen a land acknowledgement that honors the host area's Indigenous people...

[Read more](#)

Upcoming Events and Programs



[The 39th Annual International Conference](#)

August 3-6, 2025
New Orleans, LA

RFP Hub

Have an RFP you'd like to distribute? [Visit this page](#) for information about submitting to ACT's RFP Hub

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[ACT's 2025 TDM Forum](#)

October 28-29, 2025
Portland, OR

[View ACT's calendar](#)

Please join ACT in welcoming **Emma Wasserman**, our newest team member! Emma joins the ACT staff as **Government Affairs & Policy Manager**.



Before joining the association, Emma held various positions in politics and government, spending time on Capitol Hill and working on a Congressional campaign. She also spent over a year working in education consulting, focusing on higher education enrollment strategies. Emma is passionate about creating meaningful change through policy and is thrilled to further ACT's mission of creating more accessible and efficient transportation options.

Members in ACTION



1. TDM Forum attendees take a special moment to honor veterans, both those they know personally and those in their larger communities. This session, part of the Ensuring TDM for Everyone track, focused on how to center those with diverse needs in the TDM planning process.
2. Recipients of the 2024 [TDM Excellence Awards](#) pose with their trophies in Charlotte. Members TripSpark, Central Pines Regional Council, Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, and Stanford Medicine earned recognition, and so did the University at Buffalo. [Learn more about the awardees here.](#)

Welcome, new members!

Cascade Chapter

Hailey Rilkoff, University of British Columbia

Eric Breitenstein, Lane Transit District

Carlos Medel, City of Houston - ParkHouston

Shivangi Chauhan, MTA Harris County-Vanpool

Midwest Chapter

Laurie Eggers, Anoka County TMO
Commuter Solutions
Owen Crain, Ann Arbor Area
Transportation Authority

Rocky Mountain Chapter

Amy Gola, Colorado State University
Erica Hine, Transportation Solutions
Foundation
Shayla Cato, Arcadis
Tiffany Moore, Arcadis

Northern California Chapter

Andrew Bocanegra, Urban Worldwide
Cassandra Cortez, City of Menlo Park
Melissa Ablang, Dibs

SEACT Chapter

Daniel Capparella, Vanderbilt University
Dhyaneswar Gandhi, Center For Urban
Transportation Research (CUTR)
Jeff Hinton, SP Plus

Patriot Chapter

Allan Feldman, Brandeis University
Kashia Point Du Jour, Longwood
Collective

Southern California Chapter

Sai Soe, Orange County Transportation
Authority

Red River Chapter

Catherine Gray, Houston-Galveston
Area Council

International

Sam Rana, Delhi Technological
University

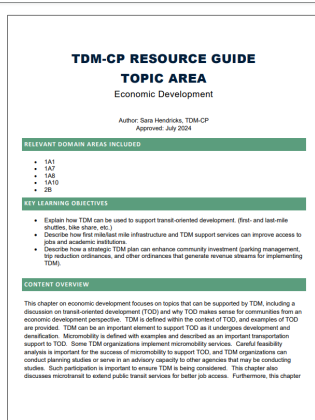
Spotlight: TDM-CP Exam Prep resource

Economic Development (July 2024)

With a new year approaching, you might be setting professional goals for 2025. If becoming a [TDM-CP](#) is one of them, we have just the exam prep resource for you!

In this month's featured material, [Economic Development](#), you'll learn how TDM can be used to support transit-oriented development, how first mile/last mile infrastructure and TDM support services can improve access to jobs and academic institutions, and more! This resource is free to ACT members and is a fantastic place to start studying.

[View the resource...](#)



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Join today

You'll gain these benefits and more as a member of ACT! Become one today to join an association that has your back and equips you with the knowledge, tools, and resources you need to advance sustainable transportation options in your community.



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