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Greetings!

The start of this year has been nothing short of eventful. With many controversial actions being taken by the new Administration through Executive Orders and agency memorandums that have caused confusion and uncertainty, it's clear that many of us have concerns and questions about what these changes might mean for our TDM work and beyond. ACT has developed a [resource page](#) to track these orders and memos and will continue to update it as new information becomes available.



As we saw during the early days of the pandemic, it is times like these that highlight the great value and importance of being part of a community like ACT. It was truly inspiring to see **over 175 members** join our recent virtual discussion on the current state of affairs. The event provided opportunities for members to share what is happening in their communities, ask questions, and discuss future opportunities for engagement and action. Many thanks to all of you for making it such a meaningful conversation.

Amidst all of this, ACT continues to advance critical initiatives. Earlier this month, our Board of Directors convened for its first meeting of the year in Atlanta. A significant milestone was reached as we formally adopted the **Accredited TDM Organization** program after a one-year pilot welcomed our first group of accredited organizations. This is the first-ever program to recognize organizations that meet high standards of excellence in our field. This is a huge step in elevating TDM's ...

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ACCREDITATION

The First Accredited TDM Organizations, Announced!

ACT is thrilled to share that after a successful pilot program, nine organizations have achieved the requirements to become [Accredited Transportation Demand Management \(TDM\) Organizations](#). This accreditation documents their commitment to administrative excellence, the field of TDM, and continuous improvement.

[View the organizations](#)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2025-2026 Board Spotlight: Aaron Fodge, TDM-CP, CAPP

Aaron Fodge, TDM-CP, CAPP is the Director of Active Transportation and Fleet Services at Colorado State University, a Rocky Mountain Chapter member, and the Treasurer of ACT's Board of Directors.

Meet Aaron and learn more about him in this February board member spotlight!

[Meet Aaron](#)



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Member Spotlight: Caitlin Styrzczula, PMP, TDM-CP

Caitlin Styrzczula, PMP, TDM-CP, is a TDM professional with over a decade of experience in



MEMBERSHIP

SoCal ACT Hosts LAX People Mover Tour

On Friday, February 7, SoCal ACT members attended an exclusive tour of the LAX People Mover train and Consolidated Rental Car Facility.

Transportation Demand Management and strategic outreach. She has managed statewide and regional commuter programs, leading initiatives to promote sustainable commuting options and fostering partnerships with employers and community organizations.

Meet Caitlin, Patriot Chapter President, Chair of the Employer Council, and member of the Events Oversight Committee below.

Meet Caitlin



MEMBER ARTICLE

Life Lessons Learned From Professor Donald Shoup

Losing Dr. Donald Shoup in our industry in early February has been surprisingly hard. He'd clearly led a long and full life but somehow still had a youthful and always-evolving energy that tricked you into thinking he was invincible. I suppose that's because his ideas are invincible.

His work was central to the effectiveness of the TDM practice. He of course championed the parking policies at the heart of...

Article by Jessica Alba and Lauren Mattern

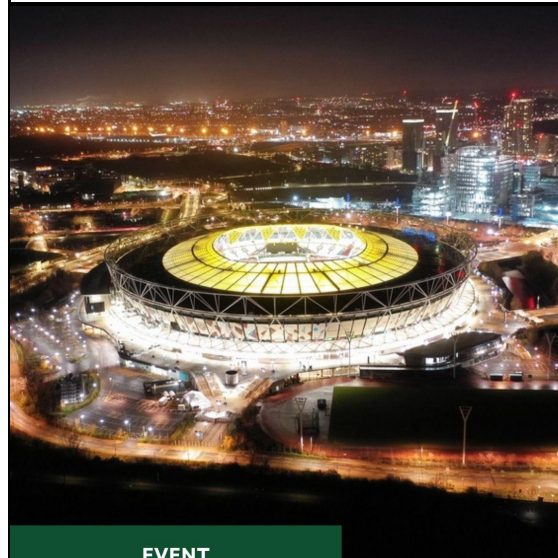
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Expecting to save 117,000 vehicle miles traveled per day once it becomes operational in 2026, the train stretches 2.6 miles with multiple stops inside and outside the airport. The train is free for travelers and employees, will operate 24 hours a day, and takes just 10 minutes to travel end-to-end.

Visit the link below to read more about this exciting tour opportunity.

Article from the SoCal Chapter

Follow along with SoCal



EVENT

Looking Ahead to ACT's UK Delegation

From Monday, March 24 to Friday, March 28, ACT will bring a [delegation of TDM professionals](#) to the UK. This week-long trip, planned and coordinated in partnership with [Modeshift](#), will connect ACT's membership with world-class learning opportunities.

With large-scale events such as the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Olympic Games, and more coming up in the near future, we're locked in on leading solutions for upcoming transportation planning. Get a sneak peek of the trip below.

More about the trip

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Upcoming Events and Programs



[Spring Into TDM](#)

Spring 2025
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[The 39th Annual International
Conference](#)

August 3-6, 2025
New Orleans, LA

View ACT's calendar

Free Six-Month Membership Opportunity Recently Terminated Probationary Federal Employees

ACT has seen many probationary federal employees in our network be directly impacted by decisions to reduce the federal workforce. In support of these dedicated civil servants, ACT is proud to offer all of these professionals a **free six-month membership**.

Searching for a job, especially unexpectedly, can be challenging, and the association is here to help by connecting you to resources and a network of professionals and opportunities. Joining ACT as a transitional member allows you to enjoy the many benefits of membership while you seek new roles in transportation, mobility, and planning.

Please contact Director of Membership [Elizabeth Denton](#) if you are interested. We look forward to supporting you during a new chapter of your professional journey.

More about membership

Members in ACTION: ImpACT! Leadership



ACT's 2025 [ImpACT! Leadership](#) cohort recently headed to Atlanta for their in-person seminar. This three-day learning opportunity provided team building, collaboration, and an in-depth exploration of participants' unique strengths. As part of the seminar, they formed groups and selected topics for their upcoming industry projects.

These were packed days, but this year's class was up for the challenge! Congratulations to each of these professionals for completing the seminar. We look forward to all that the next few months hold for the program.

Welcome, new members!

Cascade Chapter

Whitney Bennett, Commute Options
Marie Heidemann
Luca Herran, University of Oregon
Melanie Mazza, University of Washington
Zachary Meynarez, Alta Planning + Design
Mike Penick, Western Washington University
Lucy Stout, Commute Options

Chesapeake Chapter

Nikki Kanakis, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Kovit Kong, George Mason University
Zach Pearce, Old Dominion University
Anhad Viswanath, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Patrick Farley, Cross County Connection TMA
Justin Lytle, TMA Chester County

Midwest Chapter

Raymond Cecora, University of Missouri Parking & Transportation Services
Christine Schneider, University of Missouri Parking & Transportation Services
Linda Turner, University of Missouri Parking & Transportation Services
Meghan Walters, AFFIRM Agency

Northern California Chapter

Marina Budimir, Intuit
Deborah Maus, ICF
Frida Pensamiento, Commute.org
Ellen Wilkinson, ALTRANS, Inc.

Patriot Chapter

Christi Apicella
Daniel Berez, Journey
Carmen Baskauf
Charity Coleman
Willaim Harney, University of Massachusetts Boston

Rocky Mountain Chapter

Steph Piperno, Denver Regional Council of Governments

SEACT Chapter

Michelle Althoff, Woodruff Company Engineered Solutions
Alexia Carrasco, Atlanta Regional Commission
Aparna Kuppa, Vanderbilt University
Ellie Mathews, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Southern California Chapter

Hannah Cohen, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
Monica Johns, Irvine Spectrum TMA
Payam Safa, Bellhop Technologies

[Become a member today!](#)

Join a collaborative and supportive community of like-minded professionals.

Are you looking to connect with colleagues you trust to provide you with the best practices? Are you seeking a network of industry peers to tap into for support?

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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