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Greetings!

As we settle into the rhythm of the year, I'm reminded how fortunate we are to be part of such a passionate, collaborative community. And with the kind of dedication you bring to improving mobility and supporting commuters, it's no wonder our work often feels as smooth as a perfectly timed bus-to-train transfer. Your efforts keep this community moving with purpose and momentum, and I'm excited to share the updates and opportunities ahead as we continue growing, learning, and shaping the future of TDM together.



Our Extra Early Bird registration, providing ACT members with the lowest price for ACT's [40th Annual International Conference](#) in Philadelphia is open, and I could not be more excited about what we're preparing. As our largest gathering of TDM and mobility professionals, the conference continues to be the place where leading ideas, emerging practices, and peer connections come to life. If you are not a member of ACT, now is the best time to join so that **you can save \$500** on your registration and get the added benefit of joining an amazing community of professionals.

We're also gearing up for Spring into TDM, our annual series of chapter TDM summits designed to meet members where they are. What makes Spring into TDM so valuable is its **local focus**: each...

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**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**  
**MEMBERS-ONLY PRESALE**



#### MEMBER ARTICLE

### TDM Trends for 2026

The TDM field is evolving fast! New technologies, changing travel behaviors, and evolving policies are reshaping how we work and deliver impact. Staying ahead means rethinking strategies, strengthening partnerships, and embracing smarter tools, and we asked a few industry leaders to share insights about what they see on the horizon. From emerging trends to practical ways organizations can prepare, read below to learn about the shifts that will define the year ahead and beyond.

Hear from **Matt Caywood** (CEO of Actionfigure), **Lakshna Chadha Jha** (CEO of sRide Carpool), and **Chinmay Malaviya** (CEO and Co-Founder of Ridepanda) about what's next and how your team can lead the way.

[Check out the trends](#)



#### BOARD SPOTLIGHT

### 2026 Board Spotlight: Jonathan Hopkins

*Jonathan Hopkins is the CEO of Smart Mobility Associates and Executive Director of WPBgo in West Palm Beach. He is a SEACT Chapter member and serves as an At-Large Director on ACT's Board. Meet Jonathan in our February spotlight!*

Before joining the TDM field, Jonathan served for 10 years as a U.S. Army officer, culminating in command of two companies. He brings this strong leadership background, along with his later experience working at organizations including McKinsey, Uber, Lime, Brightline, and more to his mission-driven work today.

Jonathan has long paired a commitment to leadership with...

[Meet Jonathan](#)



POLICY

## Make Your Voice Heard!

[The Maximizing Transportation Efficiency Act](#) (H.R. 7301/S. 3694), introduced last month by Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA) and Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), would formally codify TDM in federal law and expand access to funding for rural and smaller communities. ACT encourages all members to take action to help move this important legislation forward.

Using the link below, you can:

- Easily contact your Senators and Representatives with our call and email scripts
- Reach out to your elected officials as both a constituent and a professional
- Add your name to our organizational **letter of support**

Together, we can help ensure the bill's success.

Take action



EVENT

## Save Your Spot During the #ACT26 Member Presale

ACT members, your early access window is officially open! For a limited-time period, you can secure your spot at the [International Conference](#) for just \$795, a \$200 discount from regular pricing.

This year's event brings together **650+ professionals** for dynamic sessions led by top industry voices, behind-the-scenes tours, and meaningful networking. It's four days designed to energize your work and expand your connections.

If you haven't registered yet, this presale only lasts until March 9. Non-members, there's limited time to join ACT and secure this deal.

**Join us July 26-29 in Philadelphia and be part of this historic event!**

Be a part of it



## MEMBERSHIP

### Have You Seen This Scholarship Opportunity?

ACT Chapters provide no-cost scholarship opportunities to help members attend the International Conference. The application period for this year's gathering is open, and **submissions will be accepted through March 31.**

Your local chapter is invested in your growth and wants to make it possible for you to join us in Philadelphia. Review the eligibility information, get the full details of what the scholarship covers, and apply to be considered at the link below.

[More about scholarships](#)

### Career Hub

[Urban Planner II \(GO Alex Transportation Planner\)](#)  
City of Alexandria

[\(JC-508549\) International Border Studies and Freight Planning Manager](#)  
Caltrans

**Have a Career Hub listing you'd like to post?**

[Visit this page](#) for information about publishing yours.

[Career Hub](#)



## 40TH ANNIVERSARY

### From the ACT Archives: 2010 International Conference

We can't wait for Philadelphia, but in the meantime, we're looking back at some of our incredible past Annual International Conferences.

Which one was your favorite? We checked the archives and found the program for our 24th Annual International Conference in Indian Wells, CA.

Some details change every year, but you might be surprised how many themes and topics have stayed the same. Join the 40th Anniversary fun by checking out the program!

[View the program](#)

### Upcoming Events and Programs



#### [Spring Into TDM](#)

Spring Into TDM events are just around the corner! Get the details and register below:

[TDM Beyond the Commute](#)  
March 4-5, 2026 | Houston, TX

[2026 ACT NorCal TDM Summit](#)

### RFP Hub

[GCO and Regional Modal \(Bike\) Promotions RFP](#)

Atlanta Regional Commission

Have an RFP you'd like to distribute?

[Visit this page](#) for information about submitting to ACT's RFP Hub.

[RFP Hub](#)



[40th Annual International Conference](#)

July 26-29 | Philadelphia, PA

*Member presale open until 3/9!*



### From the Webinar Library: Rural & Intercity Bus Systems: How They Connect Us



Did you tune in to the Transit Council's recent live session? Featuring leaders from San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (**Dave Sorrell, TDM-CP**), Vermont Agency of Transportation (**Dan Currier**), and Caltrans (**Henry McKay**), this session explored the ins and outs of our bus system.

The recording is now available in our webinar library, so be sure to check it out and get up to speed!

[Watch the recording](#)

All [Webinar Library](#) content is free to members and any non-members who registered for them previously.

### Welcome, new members!

#### Cascade Chapter

Dylan Maloney, JLL

#### Patriot Chapter

Rob Bernstein, Sunrise Systems

Zack Farahmand, Sunrise Systems

#### Chesapeake Chapter

Alexander Campbell, University of Maryland, College Park

Michelle Martin, Maryland Department of Transportation

#### Red River Chapter

Yvonne Fedee, Houston-Galveston Area Council

Julie Gutierrez, City of Austin

Aysha Kayani, AECOM

**Christina Poole**, Woodruff Company  
Engineered Solutions  
**Olga Viana**, DATA Mobility Partners

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**Mid-Atlantic Chapter**

**Ryan Long**, Walker Consultants  
**Julia Moroney**, French & Parrello  
Associates  
**Alex Thinath**, Wayleadr  
**Yue Qi**, Stevens Institute of Technology

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**Midwest Chapter**

**Maggie Allen**, Commute with Enterprise  
**Steve Dubois**, Roscommon County  
Transportation Authority  
**James Fartro**, Cleveland State University

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**Northern California Chapter**

**Dwight Lawson**, jawnt

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**Jo Anne Ortiz**, Capital Metro

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**SEACT Chapter**

**Kristin Boehly**, Delta Air Lines  
**Tamika Brown**, Atlanta Regional  
Commission  
**Kayla Finch**, VHB Orlando  
**Aaren Landrum**, GoTriangle  
**Starr Pettis**, ATL Atlanta-Region Link  
Authority  
**Shaumond Scott**, Atlanta Regional  
Commission  
**Kenieth Winfrey**, Atlanta Regional  
Commission

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**Southern California**

**Jessica Lopez**, MBA, Orange County  
Transportation Authority

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[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.

Join today



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