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Greetings!

ACT has been an important part of my professional journey since 2010. Over the years, this organization has helped me better understand the many roles and opportunities within the TDM field, while connecting me to a community of thoughtful, committed professionals who care deeply about this work.



As I step into the role of President, one priority is clear: TDM must be understood as a *must-have*, not a “nice-to-have.” Too often, TDM is treated as optional - something added when funding allows or conditions are ideal. We know better. TDM delivers real, measurable value, and our work is essential to improving quality of life in our communities.

This shift matters not only for the programs we deliver, but for the people who deliver them. We need more TDM programs, more leadership pathways, and more stable, rewarding career opportunities - so our members can build full careers in this field and have a lasting impact.

ACT has an important role to play in elevating TDM and the professionals who practice it, ensuring that our work is recognized, valued, and supported at the level it deserves.

I'm humbled by the responsibility of this role and energized by what lies ahead. I look forward to working together as we continue learning from one another and strengthening the future of TDM.

Thank you for all that you do, and for being part of this community. [I encourage you to reach out with any questions](#) or if you'd simply like to connect.

Warmly,  
**Courtney Reynolds, TDM-CP**  
ACT Board President



REGISTRATION OPEN NOW FOR  
**EVENTS IN CA + TX!**



MEMBER ARTICLE

## Supporting Regional Bike Buses in Atlanta

The Georgia Commute Schools (GCS) Bike Bus Program is a regional initiative designed to empower school communities across 20 metro Atlanta counties to shift toward healthier, cleaner, and more sustainable travel. Developed through close collaboration with local bike bus leaders, the program reduces the burden on families by offering a comprehensive how-to toolkit, which includes talking points for school administrators, ready-to-send PTA emails, supply lists, and safety guidance, allowing bike bus champions to launch or grow quickly and confidently.

*Member article by Olivia Haas.*

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POLICY



BOARD SPOTLIGHT

## 2026-2027 Board Spotlight: Ian Todreas, TDM-CP

*Ian Todreas is a Patriot Chapter member and a 2026-2027 At-Large Director on ACT's Board. Get to know Ian in our January board spotlight!*

For more than two decades, Ian Todreas has brought his passion for the connection between TDM and climate action to making a real difference in the field. He was first introduced to the industry when he worked with US EPA to establish, operate, and grow its Best Workplaces for Commuters program. That experience sparked his long-term commitment to advancing practical and people-focused transportation...

[Meet Ian](#)



STRATEGIC PLAN

## Introduced This Week: Endorsed Legislation

ACT is excited to share the introduction of the ***Maximizing Transportation Efficiency Act***, sponsored by Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE) and Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA). Over the past year, ACT and our members have partnered closely with Congressional staff in these offices to draft, refine, and build support for this legislation.

This legislation will modernize federal transportation policy by ensuring that TDM strategies are recognized, funded, and available to communities of all sizes.

Sign on to a letter of support below. ***Additional advocacy instructions to follow.***

[Sign your organization on](#)



[MEMBERSHIP](#)

## Apply for a Chapter Scholarship!

Did you know that each ACT Chapter offers complimentary scholarships for the International Conference? Applications for this year's event have just opened, and you can submit yours by **March 31**.

Your chapter wants to support you and help you be a part of [this landmark event in Philadelphia](#).

Learn more about the scholarship details and then submit your

## A Note on ACT's 2026-2028 Strategic Plan

I am delighted to announce that the Board of Directors, at its winter meeting in Phoenix last week, adopted ACT's 2026–2028 Strategic Plan. Developed over the past year by the Strategic Plan Work Group (SPWG), chaired by Connie McGee, it is a thoughtful and forward-looking roadmap designed to strengthen our community and guide ACT's work over the next three years.

Developed with input from the broader membership, the plan prioritizes focus on three key imperatives that will help ensure ACT remains aligned with the evolving TDM landscape and...

*Article from Executive Director David Straus, TDM-CP.*

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[VIDEO](#)

## [Video] Membership at ACT

When you join ACT, you become part of the leading TDM organization and gain access to a one-of-a-kind community that's dedicated to your success. We asked our members about their ACT experience, and they had a lot to say!

If you're considering membership, there's no time like the present. Your people are ready to welcome you to our community. Plus, something

application for your chapter leaders' consideration.

[More about scholarships](#)



### From the ACT Archives: 2019 Conference Promotion

Were you with us in the Big Apple in 2019? ACT's 33rd Annual International Conference was one of our largest events, and it sure brought the energy to New York City!

In honor of the organization's 40th Anniversary, we're sharing pieces from the archives throughout the year. Join us as we look back to this special conference and get ready to keep the celebration rolling all the way up to July.

*If this video inspired you, registration for our event in Philly opens soon. We hope you'll join us there!*

[Watch the video](#)

### Career Hub

[Partner, New Markets, US](#)  
MoveInSync

[Executive Director, DCTMA](#)  
The Delaware County Transportation Management Association (DCTMA)

**revolutionary** is coming for members soon!

*Hear from our members below.*

[Watch the video](#)

### Sidebar Surveys

Last month's [Sidebar Survey](#) results are here! We asked "**What do you usually add to your ACT conference itinerary,**" and here's what participants had to say:

- 1) Local bookstores or museums (47%)**
- 2) Exploring transit or bike infrastructure (17%)
- 3) Trying new restaurants (13%)
- 4) None of the above (12%)
- 5) Shopping for gifts or clothing (11%)

Read [more about Sidebar Surveys here](#) and check out this month's questions below!

**When you're on vacation, what do you take the most photos of?**

[Trains](#)

[Buses](#)

[Bikes and bike lanes](#)

[Sidewalks and pedestrian spaces](#)

[I try not to take transportation photos on vacation](#)

### Upcoming Events and Programs



[Infrastructure and Transportation Systems Assistant Director](#)  
University of Minnesota

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

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

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

Two Spring Into TDM events are planned for 2026 Get the details and register below:

[TDM Beyond the Commute](#)

March 4-5, 2026 | Houston, TX

[2026 ACT NorCal TDM Summit](#)

April 16, 2026 | San Ramon, CA



[\*\*40th Annual International Conference\*\*](#)

July 26-29 | Philadelphia, PA



**TDM-CP®**

Congratulations to **Anna Gore** for completing the requirements to become a Transportation Demand Management - Certified Professional (TDM-CP) this month!

[Learn about becoming a TDM-CP...](#)

**From the Webinar Library:**

Charging Ahead: How Arizona State University and Harvard Are Shaping Electric Micromobility on Campus



This month, the Higher Ed Council brought **JC Porter** (Arizona State University), **Ben Hammer** (Harvard University), and **Anna Walters** (Stanford University) together for a live panel about e-micromobility on campus.

If you missed it, check out the recording below and catch up with this informative session!

[\*\*Watch the recording\*\*](#)

## Members in ACTion: Phoenix Board Meeting + VoS Social



1. Members of ACT's Board visited the Culdesac Tempe development while in Arizona for their January meeting. This project is the first car-free community of its kind. It was fantastic to see how residents enjoy a walkable, community-first lifestyle, with easy access to transportation options and local businesses just steps away.
2. While in Phoenix, ACT held a gathering with Valley of the Sun Chapter members. Thank you to all who joined us for TDM talk, networking, and a fun opportunity to connect.

## Welcome, new members!

### Cascade Chapter

**Paula Bayne**, Kitsap Transit  
**Paul Comery**, University of Oregon  
**Tammara Francis**, TransWest  
**Rachel Glaeser**, University of Oregon  
**Seth Hunt**, University of Oregon  
**Isabella Zamarron**, Municipality of Anchorage Public Transportation Department

### Patriot Chapter

**Lee Gamez**, Harvard University  
**Alyosha Perez**, Northeast Consulting Group

### Chesapeake Chapter

**Aasiyah Blow**, Foursquare ITP  
**Brittany Brothers**, Maryland Department of Transportation  
**Michelle Martin**, Maryland Department of Transportation

### Red River Chapter

**Amy Albright**, Momentum  
**Lloyd Ford**, MTA Harris County-CRS  
**Jo Ann Ortiz**, Capital Metro  
**Madison Metzker-Galarza**, Texas A&M Transportation Institute  
**Angela Miller**, MTA Harris County-CRS

### Mid-Atlantic Chapter

**Reed Cleland**, GO ITHACA

### Rocky Mountain Chapter

**Sam Guarino**, Pitkin County Elected Officials Transportation Committee

### Midwest Chapter

**Rachel Fautsch**, City of Rochester  
**Matt Lynch**, City of Rochester  
**Mariam Majeed**, Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority

### SEACT Chapter

**Thomas Duke**, Center For Transportation and the Environment  
**Tiffany Fentress**, Vanderbilt University  
**Kayla Finch**, VHB Orlando

**Chris Petrulis**, Central Indiana Regional Transit Authority  
**Noloan Schild**, City of Rochester

**Northern California Chapter**

**Steven Lowe**, Solano Transportation Authority  
**Olivia Lus**, WeDriveU, Inc.  
**Ben Schandle**, WeDriveU, Inc.

**Southern California**

**Melanie Bates**, California State University - Fullerton  
**Monica Chavez**, California State University - Fullerton  
**Mark Rudometkin**, California State University - Fullerton  
**Emmanuel Trigueros**, Walker Consultants

[\*\*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?

[\*\*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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