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Greetings!

2025 may be winding down, but there's still plenty of opportunities to get the most out of your ACT experience before the year ends.

A few weeks ago, the **TDM Forum** brought more than 230 of our colleagues to Portland for a sold-out event. It was energizing in all the best ways, and I'm hopeful attendees headed home feeling as fired up as I did. We received rave reviews about the program, the speakers, the games, and—yes—Panda the therapy llama, who may now be ACT's most beloved unofficial member. With so many transportation events happening across the country (and sometimes in the very same city), it's especially gratifying to hear how important and worthwhile ACT's gatherings are for our community.

During our time in Portland, **ACT's Board of Directors** met to discuss and shape our 2026 work plan and budget, as well as our next three-year strategic plan. Your elected leadership remains deeply committed to guiding the organization with a focus on enhancing the value you receive from ACT and ensuring we continue to have a strong, impactful voice for the field of TDM and TDM professionals.

The Board will reconvene in December to formally adopt the work plan and budget for next year, which I look forward to sharing in a future newsletter. This meeting will also mark the final service of five remarkable leaders. On behalf of our entire community, I want to extend heartfelt appreciation to John Andoh, Jane Bowman Brady, Danielle Glaser, Frank Mongioi, and Lisa Kay Schwyer for their...



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SESSION PROPOSALS ARE OPEN!

DUE BY DECEMBER 23



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2026-2027 Board Spotlight: Jesse Kafka

Jesse Kafka is a Mid-Atlantic Chapter member, a Product Manager for rideshare products at TripSpark, and an incoming 2026-2027 At-Large Director on ACT's Board. Get to know Jesse in our November board spotlight!

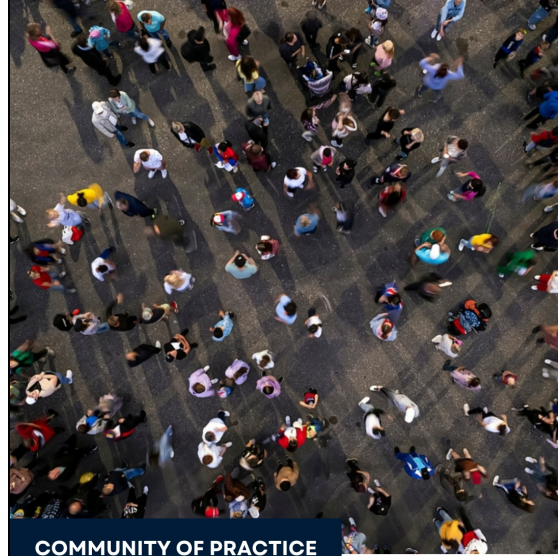
With nearly two decades of industry experience, Jesse has built a career spanning many corners of the TDM world. His work with VPSI, vRide, and Commute with Enterprise allowed him to support vanpool programs throughout the...

Meet Jesse



EVENT

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COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Learning from Dutch Event Mobility Pros

Last month, ACT's [TDM for Events Community of Practice](#) came together for a special round table featuring **Roy Hirs of Hirs Advies**. The conversation explored the ins and outs of some standout event mobility strategies from the Netherlands.

From the Women's Tour de France to Amsterdam's 750th Anniversary celebration and other key large-scale events, there were many insights shared. Here are a few highlights worth knowing!

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VIDEO

Congratulations, ImpACT!
Leadership Class of 2025

[The 2025 TDM Forum](#) brought together 230+ professionals from seven countries. Through four tracks over two action-packed days, we gathered for inspiration, learning, and meaningful connections.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event so unforgettable. ACT is preparing a publication summarizing this event that will share key recommendations and lessons learned. Stay tuned for more and get ready for Philly!

[More about the Forum](#)



40TH ANNIVERSARY

From the ACT Archives: TMA Handbook

2025 has been a great year for ACT publications, and in honor of our 40th Anniversary, we're shining a light on one from the archives. [The TMA Handbook](#), published in 2001, explores the formation, development, and operation of formally structured TMAs.

Take a journey with us as we go back 24 years and check out guidance from the time about how to accomplish transportation-related goals through a partnership. Though a lot has changed, you might be surprised to find similarities between the no-nonsense discussions included here and the ones from today!

[View the handbook](#)

At the TDM Forum in Portland, ACT officially celebrated the graduation of [our ImpACT! Leadership class](#). Each of these outstanding individuals has completed the program with new skills learned and new connections made along the way.

We prepared a special video to share during the ceremony, and now we're sharing it with our community. Watch it below to learn more about this exceptional group of rising leaders.

[Watch the video](#)

Sidebar Surveys

Last month's [Sidebar Survey](#) results are here! We asked "**How do you feel about driverless cars,**" and here's what participants had to say:

- 1) **Cautious or Skeptical (40%)**
- 2) Somewhat Optimistic (24%)
- 3) Not Sure (20%)
- 4) Very Excited (16%)

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

Which of these do you own or use regularly? (Multiple OK!)

[E-bike](#)

[E-scooter](#)

[Electric vehicle \(EV\)](#)

[Other micromobility device](#)

[None of the above](#)

Thank you for engaging with others in the TDM community and learn more about their commuting habits!

[More about Sidebar Surveys](#)

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Upcoming Events and Programs



[ACT's 40th Anniversary](#)

Between our 39th and 40th Annual International Conferences.

[Get involved with the programming!](#)



[Spring Into TDM](#)

Two Spring Into TDM events are planned for next year (and Fall Into TDM will come later). Stay tuned for events happening in the Red River region in March and the NorCal region in April.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

BE PART OF THE GLOBAL TDM IMPACT REPORT

From the Webinar Library

Mobility Masterclass: Integrating Public Transit in the Mid-Atlantic



We're headed to the Mid-Atlantic region for the [40th Annual International Conference](#), so it's a great time to learn about the area's transportation options!

Check out this webinar to hear directly from transit providers about how they operate and collaborate across the region.

[View the webinar](#)

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



Members of the Chesapeake Chapter hosted their [annual awards ceremony](#) on November 12. Categories ranged from TDM Collaboration & Cooperation to Behind-the-Scenes TDM Champion, Best Community Event, and more. Congratulations to the outstanding awardees for a job well done!

Welcome, new members!

Cascade Chapter

Jean Senechal Biggs, Metro

Chesapeake Chapter

Tom Hillman, Arlington County
Commuter Services

Kadisha Wickham, Arlington County
Commuter Services

Northern California Chapter

Rohan Chowdhury, Stanford University

Patriot Chapter

Julie Quinn, TransAction Associates

SEACT Chapter

Stacey Burton, Commute with
Enterprise

Rose Thomalen, Centralina Regional
Council

Southern California Chapter

Tyler Coari, California Polytechnic State
University, San Luis Obispo

Elizabeth Whitaker, UC Irvine

International

Mohit Khandelwal, sRide (India)

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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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