



Committee on Accessible Transportation and Mobility Transportation Research Board

Newsletter: April 2023

Item 1: April Members and Friends Meeting

The April AME50 Members and Friends Meeting took place on Tuesday, 20 April 11 2023, from 1:00 – 2:30pm e.t. The meeting notes and Power Point can be found on our [website](#).

Item 2: Research Needs Statements and Research Problem Statements

Topic teams on air travel accessibility, temporary barriers, and electrification barriers have been created to focus on writing statements. More information can be found in this [document](#), which will be used to organize planning for statements. The following are the current Research Needs Statements and NCHRP, TCRP, and ACRP timelines:

NCHRP 2023 timeline

- May 16 – NCHRP announces FY2024 program & solicits panel nominations
- June 30 – NCHRP Panel nominations due
- June 30 – NCHRP synthesis panel nominations due
- September 1 - NCHRP IDEA proposal solicitations due
- September 15 – NCHRP Domestic Scan Topics due
- November 1 – NCHRP problem statements due
- November 30 – NCHRP Legal program problem statements due

TCRP 2023 timeline

- June 30 problem statement

ACRP 2023 timeline

- Synthesis Topics: September 19
- Legal Aspects: August 29

Item 3: CATE Conference

AME50 has been invited to be part of the planning committee for the 2nd Conference on Advancing Transportation Equity, which will take place in June 2024 in Baltimore, Maryland. They have formed three subcommittees (programs, marketing, fundraising). They do not have much international representation and there is very little emphasis on disability, so our involvement in planning is important.

If you are interested in participating in one of the subcommittees, please reach out to [Judy](#).

Item 4: TR News Theme Issue

All articles have been reviewed and confirmed by TR News editors for July/August edition. It's time to share any ideas you have for the marketing and outreach of this special edition so that we can reach as many people as possible. Please share your ideas with [Judy](#) and [Todd](#).

Item 5: Webinar Submission

A reminder that July 1st is the submission deadline for the September – December webinar period. Webinars that address transportation issues from different professional, demographic, and geographic perspectives, and which include diverse speakers are favoured. The expectation is a 1.5 hour format with 2-3 presenters. Please submit your ideas to [Yochai](#) or [Andrea](#).

Item 5: Committee Liaisons

Todd is creating a list of liaisons to inform AME50 about the activities of other committees, including opportunities for collaboration. Please reach out to [Todd](#) if you are affiliated with another committee and interested in being a liaison.

Item 6: Making submissions to the newsletter

A reminder that Members and Friends can make submissions to the AME50 Quarterly Newsletter using the following guidelines:

- Content shared must be aligned with the mission and activities of AME50 and its members and friends.
- Members and friends who wish to include content in the AME50 Quarterly newsletter must be able to articulate this connection and do so in their request to include the content.
- The newsletter is not a forum to share information about commercial products or revenue generating services.

- The content must appeal to a range of AME50 members – across professional disciplines – across geographies, etc.
- AME50 Leadership will make decisions regarding content that will be included in the newsletter based on the relevance and appropriateness of the content to our members, the currency of the topic, and the availability of space in the newsletter.

To contribute content, please send your request to susan.clarke@cta-otc.gc.ca. This information can also be found on our [web site](#).

Item 7: Reminders

- You can visit our [web site](#) for the latest AME50 information, including meeting minutes and member resources.
- Please make sure to keep your [MyTRB](#) profile information, especially your contact details and professional interests, up to date so that you don't miss out on information. TRB is cleaning up their database and profiles that have not been updated in a while may be deleted.

Item 8: Questions?

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