



Committee on Accessible Transportation and Mobility Transportation Research Board

Newsletter: January 2023

Item 1: Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting

The TRB Annual Meeting took place January 8-12, 2023. Thank you to those of you who were able to participate in the AME50 Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting either in-person or remotely. The content that was shared and Committee business discussions are always robust and we wish we had more time. We will find continued opportunities to have discussions.

In addition to the Committee meeting, AME50 also held two lectern sessions. One on Accessibility and Air Travel Globally and one on Challenges and Successes with Shared-Use Mobility in Rural, Frontier, and Tribal Areas. AME50 held a poster session on Innovation in Accessible Transportation and Mobility.

Please refer to the [Google Drive](#) for the following meeting materials:

- 1) Notes and PowerPoints from the meeting.
- 2) The chat transcript, closed captioning transcript, and zoom recording of the meeting.
- 3) The accessibility guide created by AME50 member Ms. Janett Jimenez and her team, with the contributions of the TRANSED planning committee that can be useful to create accessible presentations and deliver presentation content.
- 4) The presentations from external speakers that participated in our meeting.
- 5) The meeting minutes.

Item 2: Research Needs Statements and Research Problem Statements

AME50's Research Coordinator, Yochai Eisenberg, will be reaching out soon about Research Needs Statements and Research Problem Statement opportunities and

deadlines. This [document](#) 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

February 17 – NCHRP Synthesis topics Due
March 01 – NCHRP IDEA proposal solicitations due
May 16 – NCHRP announces FY2024 program & solicits panel nominations
June 30 – NCHRP Panel nominations due
June 30 – NCHRP Synthesis Panel nominations due
September 01 – NCHRP IDEA proposal solicitations due
September 15 – NCHRP Domestic Scan Topics due
November 01 – NCHRP problem statements due
November 30 – NCHRP Legal program problem statements due

TCRP 2023 timeline

March 24 – Synthesis
June 30 – Problem statement

ACRP 2023 timeline

April 03 – Research Projects
September 19 – Synthesis Topics
August 29 – Legal Aspects

Item 3: Open the Paths: An Open Data Conference

This conference was mentioned briefly during the Annual Meeting. It is for accessibility and equity specialists, transportation planners, and GIS technologists interested in improving travel accessibility for all through identifying ways to strengthen innovation and data sharing that will enhance data about travel environments and services. It is being held in conjunction with the Spring Fling for CUGOS, the Cascadia chapter of the Open-Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo). The conference flyer is in the [Google Drive](#) and more information can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-the-paths-2023-an-open-data-conference-tickets-515043698567>.

Item 4: 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 5: 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.

Questions?

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