**Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Committee on Accessible Transportation and Mobility (AME50)**

**Transportation Research Board 100th Annual Meeting**

**Friday, January 15, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

**In Attendance**

**Co-Chairs**

Joey M. Goldman Kearns & West

Julie Babinard The World Bank

**Secretary**

Kenneth Joh Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

**Members**

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Judy L. Shanley Easter Seals, National Center for Mobility Management

Subhash Chandra Vashishth Svayam, India

Sean M.H. Wang Eden Social Welfare Foundation

Anders Wretstrand Lund University

**Friends and Visitors**

Richa Ahuja Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Rana Al-Jammal PVPC

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Jim Amundsen Alaska DOT & PF

Ana Bakker Dynamic Research Inc.

Genevieve Boye Motorcycle Industry Council

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Kate Hunter-Zaworski Oregon State University

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**TRB Staff**

Bill Anderson Liaison to Committee

John MacArthur AME00 Section Chair, Liaison to Committee

Stephan Parker Liaison to Committee

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

**A. Welcome and Overview of Committee**

Joey Goldman and Julie Babinard welcomed all attendees to the committee meeting.

**B. Virtual Meeting Ground Rules**

Mr. Goldman presented the ground rules for the virtual meeting.

**C. Introductions of Members and Friends**

All present, including committee members and friends, introduced themselves.

**D. Virtual Get-Together**

Mr. Goldman announced the virtual get-together event after the AME50 Committee meeting.

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Review and Approval of Minutes from 2020 Meeting**

Kenneth Joh reviewed the minutes of the 2020 Meeting. The minutes were approved by the committee.

**B. Committee Reorganization**

Mr. Goldman announced that AME50 (Standing Committee on Accessible Transportation and Mobility) will now fall under the Transportation and Society Section – AME00. He invited other committee members to share updates on changes to subcommittees.

**C. Proposals**

1. **Emeritus Members Proposal and Update**

Mr. Goldman announced a proposal that the AME50 committee will start rotating Emeritus members during the next committee rotation. Each appointment would be for a fixed number of years and nominations would be solicited for Emeritus status. Committee members would then select from among the approved nominees. He invited the committee to provide comments and ideas. John MacArthur, AME00 Section Chair, stated he would check to determine how many Emeritus and Emeritus at Large slots would be available to the committee. Mr. Goldman stated that this proposal would not be voted on today due to ongoing discussion.

1. **Alignment of Committee and Section Goals and Objectives**

Mr. Goldman announced the proposed section mission: “To foster collaboration among professionals, disseminate research findings, and identify priority research on the social aspects of transportation relating to people and communities and their need for equitable, sustainable and resilient transportation”. Descriptive words include “inclusive, human-centered, communities, equitable, allow people to thrive”. He shared a link to allow committee members and friends to provide interactive feedback on the proposed section mission using virtual “sticky notes” on a mural, followed by a discussion.

**D. TRB Announcements**

Bill Anderson provided an update from TRB. He stated that more than 19,000 attendees registered for the virtual conference and encouraged the AME committee to take opportunities to network. He also stated that the annual meeting events would be held over an entire month, and that sessions will be recorded. Mr. Anderson announced next year’s conference theme: “Innovating a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable transportation system.” He also noted that there is an announcements page on the TRB website.

**E. TCRP / NCHRP / ACRP Updates**

Stephan Parker provided a briefing on the TCRP and shared the panels that he is looking for nominations. He also shared the URLs for the TCRP 2020 Annual Report of Progress, TCRP Status Report for TRB committees, and the TCRP publications. He also provided a brief update on the ACRP.

**III. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

**A. Committee Activities**

1. **Overview**

Mr. Goldman provided a brief overview of the discussion of committee activities.

1. **Paper Review, Publication, and 2021 Conference Sessions**

Todd Hansen provided an update on the paper review process. There were 18 papers that were submitted to the committee, a sharp decrease from 34 papers submitted the previous year. Common topics included automated vehicles for persons with disabilities, travel behavior and mode choice, community programs and travel training, systemwide accessibility, older adults and driving, accessibility of fixed route transit vehicles, impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities. The committee targeted about 60% of the submitted papers to be accepted for presentation and about 20% accepted for publications. In total, 11 papers (out of 18 papers) were accepted for presentations (4 papers selected for lectern sessions, 7 papers selected for poster sessions). The committee recommended 2 papers for publication which moved on to the editorial board. The committee targeted at least three reviewers assigned for each paper; there were a total of 31 reviewers.

1. **Research Coordination**

Trevor Hanson provided a brief update on research coordination activities which include coordinating committees and identifying research needs. He provided an overview of a workplan for AME50, which includes establishing a research planning working group for 2021. The goal of the workgroup would be to engage a small group to participate. The second goal of the working group would be to foster the development of a RNS and ensure their currency on the TRB website. The targets of this goal are to update the TNS as agreed in the 2020 workplan, add at least one more new RNS to the TRB site, and to port the relevant TNS from committees now within AME50. The third goal is to mobilize and encourage the submission of RNS to NCHRP, TCRP, ACRP, and other relevant federal agencies. The target of this goal is to have at least two RNS submitted to these agencies that are led or co-sponsored by AME50. The fourth goal is to seek co-sponsorships with other TRB standing committees and help ensure an accessibility lens in the RNS of other committees. The final goal is to organize and convene an AME50 supported webinar on an accessibility topic of interest.

1. **TRANSED**
2. **2018 Publication**

Mr. Goldman noted that the 2018 TRANSED Publication is now available on the AME50 website and the TRB website.

1. **2022 Meeting Planning**

Ms. Jimenez provided an update on the 2022 TRANSED meeting planning. The conference will be held in September 2022 in Seattle, Washington. She provided an overview of the work groups for the meeting planning that meet monthly, which discussed the theme of the conference. Ms. Shanley provided an overview of the activities with TRB, including pre-conference workshops. The preferred format of the conference is in person but a hybrid event would also be considered. The venue for the conference is still to be determined. The meeting planning group is also working with TRB to set up a TRANSED website. She invited AME50 committee members and friends to sign up for helping to plan the TRANSED meeting.

**B. The Year Ahead**

1. **Workshops**
2. **Webinars**

Ideas for workshops and webinars from last year were shared with the committee.

These include the following:

* The impact of protected intersections for bicyclists and pedestrians on persons with disabilities
* Mobility as a service and how it they can address the “first mile/last mile” problem
* Universal design that are inclusive for persons with disabilities
* Automated vehicles and providing mobility options for persons with disabilities
* Accessibility and useability of passenger information

**C. Coordination with Other TRB Committees**

Ms. Babinard invited the committee to provide updates in coordination with other TRB Committees. Tom Rickert noted that Access Exchange International is co-sponsoring a workshop with TRB titled “International Roundtable on Inclusive Transportation in Developing Countries”. Melissa Gray announced that the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC). NADTC will be conducting a national diversity survey to obtain information from racially, ethnically and culturally diverse older adults, people with disabilities and family caregivers about their experiences accessing and using local transportation options in the United States. Other committee members and friends shared their coordination with other TRB committees in the meeting chat.

**IV. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Accessible Transportation and Mobility Announcements and Briefings**

Joey Goldman invited committee members and friends to share other announcements, ideas, and opportunities.

**V. CONCLUSION**

**A. Summary of Committee Actions**

Mr. Goldman provided a brief summary of committee actions.

**B. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.