

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Committee on Accessible Transportation and Mobility (AME50)**  
**Transportation Research Board 101st Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Marriott Marquis, Howard University – M1, Washington, D.C.**

**In Attendance**

**Co-Chairs**

Joey M. Goldman	Kearns & West
Julie Babinard	The World Bank

**Secretary**

Kenneth Joh	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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**Members**

Chengbo Ai	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Melissa Anderson	FHWA, Office of Civil Rights
Joanne Chalom	In Focus Mobility
David Chia	The Collaborative, Inc.
Peter Cosyn	Tractebel Engineering
Melissa Gray	n4a
Todd Hansen	Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Trevor Hanson	University of New Brunswick
Janett Jimenez-Santos	Can Lah, SC, Mexico
Rex Knowlton	Community Transportation Association of America
Mary Leary	Federal Transit Administration
Andrea Lubin	Rutgers University
Roger Mackett	University College London
Christopher Mitchell	Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation
Teresa Qu	Michigan State University
Judy L. Shanley	Easter Seals, National Center for Mobility Management
Subhash Chandra Vashishth	Centre for Accessibility in Built Environment Foundation, India

**Friends and Visitors**

Rana Al-Jammal	PVPC
Christina Blackston	Optibus
Kenneth Capron	MicroRail
William Chericoff	Toyota Mobility Foundation
Tony Colavito	MITRE Corporation
Sara Davidson	ITS America

Mariaangelica Deeb	City of Mesa, AZ
Yochai Eisenberg	University of Illinois at Chicago
Lukas Franck	The Seeing Eye, Inc.
Jennifer Frost	Dallas Area Rapid Transit
Mahtot Gebresselassie	Carnegie Mellon University
Ariel Gold	US DOT
Mark Hallenbeck	TRAC - University of Washington
Dawn Hood	University of Minnesota
Maria Linz	University of New Mexico
James Mitchell	
Mehri "Mehrsa" Mohebbi	University of Florida
Sherri Mohebbi	ITCurves
James Nihan	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
Valerio Oricchio	City of West Palm Beach
Bill Orleans	Hack
Dianne Schwager	
Keith Sinclair	FHWA
Anabela Simoes	Universidade Lusófona
Matthew Wilson	Georgia DOT

### **Emeritus Members**

Ling Sheung Suen	Intelligent Computer Systems and Applications, Inc., Canada
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### **TRB Staff**

Bill Anderson	Liaison to Committee
Dianne Schwager	Liaison to Committee

## **I. INTRODUCTIONS**

### **A. Call to Order**

Joey Goldman welcomed all attendees to the committee meeting.

### **B. Welcome and Overview of Committee**

Mr. Goldman presented the ground rules for the meeting.

### **C. Introductions of Members and Friends**

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

## **II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. Review and Approval of Minutes from 2021 Meeting**

Kenneth Joh reviewed the minutes of the 2021 Meeting. The minutes were approved by the committee.

### **B. Update on Midyear Meeting**

Mr. Goldman stated that a midyear meeting was held virtually last summer. He provided a brief summary of the midyear meeting.

### **C. Committee Announcements**

#### **a. Committee Leadership**

Mr. Goldman announced that he and Julie Babinard will be stepping down as co-chairs of the AME50 committee.

#### **b. Member Rotation**

Mr. Goldman announced that several AME50 committee members are rotating off the committee. He asked the committee to nominate members to ensure that the committee reflects the breadth of experience in terms of geographic diversity, gender, ethnic diversity, and disability.

#### **c. Appreciation**

Mr. Goldman expressed appreciation for all members who served on the committee and will be rotating off the committee.

#### **d. William Bell Award**

Mr. Goldman announced that there were three nominations for the William Bell Award. The winner of the award will be announced before the upcoming TRANSED conference.

## **IIb. TRB BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **D. TRB Announcements**

Bill Anderson provided an update from TRB. He stated that 9,400 attendees registered for the conference, but it is not clear how many actually attended in person. A theme for next year's conference has not yet been announced. A new strategic plan is being developed by TRB for 2022-2027. Once it is approved, TRB will draft an implementation

plan. He stated three primary goals: 1) current and future issues in transportation; 2) make the organization more resilient; 3) move forward with our impacts. He also discussed TRB partnerships with international organizations to plan future webinars and conferences. Mr. Anderson also asked the committee to review papers to identify which papers may merit paper awards from the section. Todd Hansen asked whether papers submitted for presentation only would be eligible to receive an award. Mr. Anderson responded that he will follow up soon. Judy Shanley announced that a webinar for TRANSED will be held in March. Peter Cosyn asked about the format of the webinar. Mary Leary stated it will be panel format with audience participation. Mr. Anderson also noted that the demographic information in the mytrb profile has been updated to reflect recent changes in race/ethnicity categories from the Census.

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

Diane Schwager provided a briefing on the TCRP and is seeking panels for projects that were selected in October. She announced that last year's TCRP webinars are available online. Ms. Schwager discussed the panel review process with the committee.

## **III. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

### **A. Committee Activities**

#### **1. Overview**

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

#### **2. Paper Review, Publication, and 2022 Conference Sessions**

Todd Hansen provided an update on the paper review process. There were 25 papers that were submitted to the committee, an increase from 18 papers submitted the previous year but lower than the year before (34 papers). On average, about 20 papers are submitted to the committee per year. Only about one-half of the papers were submitted for publication in addition to presentation, lower than 70 percent submitted for publication consideration two years ago. Common topics included impacts on COVID-19, driving succession, use of on-demand vehicles with persons with disabilities, autonomous vehicles, accessibility to transit, and pedestrian accessibility and walkability. The committee targeted about 60% of the submitted papers to be accepted for presentation and about 20% accepted for publications. In total, 16 papers (out of 25 papers) were accepted for presentations. In addition to papers, the committee had a call for posters, and 4 submissions for poster sessions were received (no paper attached). The committee recommended 2 papers for publication which moved on to the editorial board. The committee targeted three to four reviewers assigned for each paper; there were a total of 51 reviewers.

### **3. Research Updates**

Trevor Hanson provided a brief update on research coordination activities which include coordinating committees and identifying research needs. He provided an overview the research planning working group he established last year with Andrea Lubin. The primary goal of the working group was to foster the development of research needs statements (RNS). Another goal was to seek co-sponsorships with other TRB standing committees and help ensure an accessibility lens in the RNS of other committees. A 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. Over the past year, the RNS were updated by committee members. The final goal was to organize and convene an AME50 supported webinar on an accessibility topic of interest in 2022; three speakers have been secured for this event including Sandra Rosenbloom, Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, and Alex Lee.

### **4. TRANSED 2022 Meeting Planning**

Ms. Jimenez provided an update on the 2022 TRANSED meeting planning. The aim of TRANSED to provide a major international forum for presenting scientific and conceptual advances in the pursuit of mobility and access for persons with disabilities and older persons. The TRANSED conference has been held every 2-3 years in different locations around the world. The 2022 TRANSED conference will be the 16<sup>th</sup> year of the conference. Three working groups has been established: 1) program content and topic work group; 2) communication group; 3) conference arrangement and logistics group. The format of the conference will be virtual and to be held on September 12-16, 2022. A website has been set up for the conference and is accepting conference abstracts; 70 abstracts were received so far. She invited AME50 committee members and friends to register for the conference and to serve as abstract reviewers.

### **B. Coordination with Other TRB Committees; Announcements & Updates**

This item is covered in the next section.

### **C. Strategic Plan**

Mr. Goldman provided an update on the committee's Triennial Strategic Plan (TSP). Input from the committee was developed into several approaches that would be incorporated into the TSP. He noted the need to form a task force to develop the TSP. Mr. Goldman stated that the committee's role within TRB is raising awareness of accessible and inclusive transportation, build partnerships with all modes to ensure representation, building relationships with other TRB committees, educate researchers on the importance of accessible transportation research, promote dissemination of research on accessibility and to promote joint sponsorship of sessions with other TRB committee. He invited committee members to volunteer for the TSP task force.

## **D. Communication Preferences**

Mr. Goldman shared feedback from the committee on communication preferences. He noted the need to improve internal communications such as setting up LinkedIn message boards and Teams forum for people to share ideas, in addition to holding more frequent meetings such as a quarterly phone call, and webinars focusing on specific topical areas.

## **IV. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Accessible Transportation and Mobility Announcements, Briefings and Presentations**

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

## **V. CONCLUSION**

### **A. Summary of Committee Actions**

Mr. Goldman provided a brief summary of committee actions.

### **B. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.