



## **Committee on Accessible Transportation and Mobility Transportation Research Board**

**July 2024**

### **Item 1: Committee Meeting**

AME50's mid-year meeting took place virtually on July 24. The meeting materials and discussion summary can be found on our [committee meetings page](#).

### **Item 2: AME50 Mentoring Program**

A reminder that AME50 has a peer-to-peer mentoring program where we match long-time TRBers with professionals new to our committee or the industry. We will maintain a directory of seasoned members and friends, that will be made available to those members/friends interested in mentorship support. This is a voluntary program for both mentors and mentees, and interactions are not intended to take a lot of time for anyone.

If you would like to be included in our mentor directory, please [complete this form](#). If you are interested in mentorship support, [please complete this form](#).

### **Item 3: TRANSED Conference**

The next conference is planned for the summer of 2026, sponsored by Loughborough University in the U.K. We are waiting on confirmation from TRB regarding its support for this and hope to be able to confirm soon.

Once we have approval from TRB, we will begin convening full planning meetings. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please reach out to [Judy](#).

#### **Item 4: Paper Reviewers**

We are seeking volunteers for paper reviews. Expectations for conducting paper reviews can be found [here](#).

If you are willing to assist, please do the following before August 1st:

- Go to [Editorial Manager](#) site and confirm you can login
- Update your profile, add AME50 and accessibility to your [Personal Keywords](#)
- Update areas of expertise under [Classifications](#)

#### **Item 5: TRB Annual Meeting**

We are excited to continue the discussion of the last couple of years regarding the needs of passengers with disabilities in commercial air travel. To that end, we will be co-sponsoring (with AV010, AV030, AV095, and AP020) a workshop on Innovation, Equity, and Accessibility in Aviation and Advanced Air Mobility: Oh, the Places We Can Go!

The workshop will take place on Thursday, January 9 in the morning. We hope to see you there!

We'd like to continue the practice of including brief, highlight presentations at the meeting. It is a great opportunity for members and friends to share information about current research, projects, or initiatives in brief 5-7 minute presentation. If you are interested in conducting a highlight presentation at the 2025 TRB conference, please [fill in this form](#).

If you have any suggestions for our annual committee meeting or for any lectern sessions, please share them with [Judy](#) and [Todd](#).

#### **Item 6: Seeking Guest Contributors**

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.

This information can also be found on our [web site](#). To contribute content, please send your request to [Susan](#).

### **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 committee friendships, up to date so that you don't miss out on information.

### **Item 8: Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will take place in mid-October. Date to be determined.

### **Item 9: Questions?**

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