



TRB Major Cities Committee (ABE30)

Fall Committee Meeting @ NACTO Designing Cities Conference (Toronto, Ontario)

September 11, 2019

Subcommittee Reports:

1. Paper Review
 - a. About 50% of the papers have been reviewed
 - b. Publication Decisions now separated from review. Rolling submissions now for TRR instead of all due by August 1st.
 - c. Please finish reviewing your papers.
2. Annual Meeting Planning
 - a. Speed Management Workshop
 - i. January 12th 9 am – 12 pm
 - ii. Speakers being finalized
 - b. Workshops will be firming up in the next month.
 - c. Waiting for paper reviews to be completed
3. Webinars
 - a. Eric Tang leading
 - b. Topics due by Oct 15th for the January – June timeframe
 - c. Webinar on Speed
 - i. Speed Management Subcommittee Chair _ helping
 - ii. More informal, no PPTs, conversational panel, speakers react to questions
 - iii. Good timing with MUTCD changes?
 - d. War Games
 - i. Different approach this year. Focusing on a series of geographic areas
 - ii. Will be looking for help in those geographies, for data and local representatives.
 1. Cities: Pittsburgh, PA; Cleveland, OH; Buffalo, NY; Chicago, IL; Austin, TX; Raleigh, NC; Phoenix, AZ; Detroit, MI; Seattle, WA; Denver, CO; Minneapolis, MN; Orlando, FL; San Francisco, CA
 2. Also need topical experts in land use, workforce, economic development, equity, multimodal connectivity, resiliency, and freight & logistics
 - iii. *Will send out more information
4. Research
 - a. Posted several calls for papers this past year
 - b. Waiting to see results after paper reviews
5. Communications
 - a. New Chair: Danielle Elkins (danielle@civicideation.com)
 - b. Matt Kroneberger stepping down
 - c. Will update website with contact information so you can reach out

Joint Equity Subcommittee Update

1. New group across 8 committees, ABE 30 is a part of it



2. Gloria Jeff and Andrea D'Amato are the chairs
3. Doing kick-off and getting organized
4. Annual Meeting
 - a. Working on a curated track for equity
 - b. State DOT CEO session would like to have questions on urban equity
5. Mailing list sign-up with Eric Tang
(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqVGqfHbyKNVN9gilbRRon8TuBCmFodftLgxOrSr1_ObBlqg/viewform).
6. More information on their website: <https://sites.google.com/view/equityjsc/home?authuser=0>
7. 2021 Equity Summit – more information coming, actively planning now, reach out if interested. Casey Hall is involved on behalf of our committee.

NACTO update

1. In Boston/Cambridge next year
2. Joining National Committee of MUTCD – 3 seats (10% of council votes)
3. National Standards Working group in NACTO identifying research gaps
4. This semester Peter Furth will be spending semester with NACTO and cities
 - a. Working on signal progression and speed management
 - i. Looking for case studies where the work has already been done
 - b. Bike Signal work
5. Connect research to practitioners
6. List of priority research projects
7. Prepared an NCHRP statement that DC submitted and was funded.

TRB Restructuring:

1. Realigning committees
2. Proposal for groups, sections, and topics available now
3. First revisit to structure in 50 years
4. Want to be more responsive to changes in the industry
5. Will merge and sunset committees and allow new ones to emerge
6. 211 existing committees – want to get to 174
7. Not just communities of practice or duplicating other orgs/conferences
8. Formalize joint subcommittees (370 may exist)
9. Goal to have final structure by end of September
10. Oct-December they will be developing detailed plans for implementation
11. April 2020 implementation
12. ABE 30 not in the current plan it seems.
13. Complete the survey to provide feedback (now closed, as of 9/15)
 - a. Think about why it's important for us to be a part of TRB
 - b. What topics do we need the urban lens to look at?
 - c. Should City leadership co-sign a letter with NACTO stating why the current environment necessitates research that focuses on urban issues?
 - d. Should we create a google doc to start sharing ideas?
 - e. If we don't push for a committee, what should we be and what should it look like?
14. Stephanie drafting a letter to TRB to advocate for keeping our committee.