

Make the Connection: Next Stop, Your Career!

For those of you who are students, where are you studying and what is your major?

For those of you who are working, where do you work and what is your role?



Connect for Your Career: An Introduction to Professional Associations in Transportation

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Our mission is to increase mobility for all by improving the safety, efficiency, accessibility, and convenience of our nation's transportation system.

Creating a connected world through ...

Research

- [What Do Americans Think About Federal Tax Options to Support Transportation? Results from Year Fourteen of a National Survey](#)
- [The Economic and Environmental Potential of High-Speed Rail](#)

Education & workforce development

- [Grad program in transportation management \(MS degree and certificates\)](#)
- [Garrett Morgan Sustainable Transportation Competition for middle-school students](#)
- [Poster](#) and [Essay](#) Contests
- [Elementary Lesson Plans on Transportation](#)

Conferences, webinars, and trainings

- [Mineta Leadership Academy](#)
- [The Future of Automated Shared Mobility](#)

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Advancing women
Advancing transportation



Association of
Environmental
Professionals



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WTS San Francisco Bay Area

“Transform the transportation industry through the advancement of women.”

- **Activities:** Networking events, workshops, panel discussions, mentoring program, scholarships, book clubs, happy hours
- **How to get involved:** Attend a virtual or in-person event, subscribe to our email to receive more
- **Student scholarships:** High School through Graduate School
- **Membership:** Student memberships are FREE!! [Membership | WTS \(wtsinternational.org\)](#)
- **Membership Contacts:**
 - Myat Ohn - Myat.ohn@jacobs.com
 - Lyn Williams - lwilli3@bart.gov
- **S&YM chairs:**
 - Itzel Moreno - itzel.morenorosas@jacobs.com
 - Maniriam Phoummathep-Winspear - mphoummathep@markthomas.com
- **Website:** <https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/san-francisco>

American Council of Engineering Companies

MISSION: *"Professional engineers and surveyors dedicated to building a better California."*

ABOUT: *As a statewide organization, we are dedicated to enhancing the consulting engineering and land surveying professions, protecting the general public and promoting use of the private sector in the growth and development of our state.*

- **Activities:** Lunch programs, technical education, legislative support & tracking, networking, socials, student scholarships, volunteer events
- **Ways to get involved:** Joining our mailing list and indicate your “student” status for invitations to our events. We are accepting scholarship applications (up to \$3,000), due 11/24: <https://acec-baybridge.org/scholarships/>
- **Membership:** FREE student membership, Paid Firm-wide membership
- **Contacts:** Natalie Saylor, Programs Chair (nsaylor@saylorconsulting.com), Lorelei Suarez, Scholarship Co-Chair (Lorelei.Suarez@AssuredPartners.com)
- **Website:**
 - ACEC CA BBC: <https://acec-baybridge.org/>

American Planning Association



Mission: *Creating great communities for all*

Vision: *APA exists to elevate and unite a diverse planning profession as it helps communities, their leaders and residents anticipate and navigate change.*

- **Activities:** Networking events by region, annual awards gala and holiday party, webinars on law, ethics, sustainability, and equity for CM credits, mentorship program, international program, campus liaisons, award-winning newsletter, health and planning, Young and Emerging Planner and Mid-Career Planner programs.
- **Ways to get involved:** Attend an event, join Young and Emerging Planners (YEP!), participate in mentoring program
- **Student scholarships:** Awarded through the [California Planning Foundation \(CPF\)](#)
- **Membership:** Free membership for students (<https://www.apacalifornia.org/membership/students/>)
- **Contacts:** Michael Cass, AICP (director@norcalapa.org)
 - **YEP:** Prathna Maharaj, AICP & Olivia Mendoza (yep@norcalapa.org)
 - **SJSU Rep:** Gil Navarrete ([sanjoserep@norcalapa.org](mailto:sanjoserrep@norcalapa.org))
- **Websites:** <https://norcalapa.org/>, <https://www.apacalifornia.org/>, <https://planning.org/>

American Society of Civil Engineers

MISSION: *The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) “is a provider of technical and professional conferences and continuing education, the world’s largest publisher of civil engineering content, and an authoritative source for codes and standards that protect the public.”*

- **Activities:** student projects, technical talks, professional development, resume workshops, socials
- **Ways to get involved:** Join your student chapter or connect with SF YMF (San Francisco Younger Member Forum). The YMF is intended for any member younger than 35 years of age. Student membership and involvement in your university chapter is recommended for current students.
- **Membership:** FREE for student membership (\$127.50 for young professionals)
- **Contacts:** Marianne Ghobreal, SF YMF Vice President | President Elect (marianne.ghobreal@gmail.com)
- **Website:** (Join us on LinkedIn and Instagram)
 - ASCE: <https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members>
 - SF YMF: <https://www.sfyymf.org/>



Association for Commuter Transportation

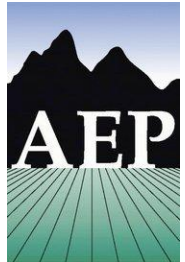
MISSION: ACT strives to create an efficient multimodal transportation system by empowering the people, places, and organizations working to advance TDM in order to improve the quality of life of commuters, enhance the livability of communities, and stimulate economic activity.

- **Activities:** Networking Events, Conferences, Webinars, Panel Discussions, Happy Hours, Educational and Professional Development Opportunities, Access to TDM Trends and Best Practices
- **Ways to get involved:** Attend events, conferences, join councils or committees, engage with local chapter
- **Student scholarships:** Available through Local Chapter
- **Membership:** \$40 for all Full Time Students (Graduate and Undergrad)
- **Contacts:** Melissa Foley - Melissa.S.Foley@ehi.com (Chapter President)
- **Website:** www.actweb.org

Association of Environmental Professionals

Mission Statement: To enhance, maintain and protect the quality of natural and human environments.

- **Activities:** Social events after work, hikes, training, annual conference (March 24 - 27 Anaheim), CEQA case law updates, legislative updates, podcast and newsletter
- **Ways to get involved:** Free student memberships, virtual events, in-person events, volunteer to serve on a local chapter board
- **Student scholarships:** YES! kkaufman@rinconconsultants.com
- **Membership:** <https://www.califaep.org/membership.php>
- **Contacts:** Josh Carman, President, SF Bay Chapter, jcarman@rinconconsultants.com
- **Website:** www.califaep.org



Conference of Minority Transportation Officials

Mission Statement: Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) NorCal Chapter, a professional organization advocating for minority representation and growth in the transportation industry.

- **Activities:** Informational Webinars, Panel Discussions, Networking Events, Scholarships, Internships, General Body Meetings
- **Ways to get involved:** Attend an event and join as Student Member (now **Free** for Students)
- **Student scholarships:** 2023 Chapter Scholarship period has ended. National Scholarships open until December 31, 2023. (<https://comto.org/programs-events/national-scholarship-program>)
- **Membership:** Free for Students [<https://comto.org/membership/become-member>]
- **Contacts:** Justin Montgomery - Membership Chair [Membership@comtonorcal.org]
- **Website:** <http://comtonorcal.org/>



Institute of Transportation Engineers

Provide the professional transportation community with knowledge, practices, skills, and connections to serve our local communities and shape the future of transportation.

- **Activities:** Annual meetings (Sacramento, August 2024), technical webinars, monthly lunch and learns, Student Leadership Summit (Cal Poly SLO, February 2024)
- **Ways to get involved:** Become a member, attend events, read ITE Journal, talk to student officers about upcoming events
- **Student scholarships:** Various opportunities <https://www.ite.org/membership/ite-legacy-program/>
- **Membership:** Free for students; step increase starting at \$30/year at age 22
- **Contacts:** Joseph Faria-Poynter; jfariapoynter@gmail.com
- **Website:** sfbayite.org; westernite.org; ite.org



Intelligent Transportation Society of CA

ITSCA is a public/private professional organization formed to foster the development and deployment of intelligent transportation systems in California.

- **Activities:** Workshops, Luncheons & Annual Meeting to serve as a forum for networking, education and facilitating partnerships that advance efficient transportation in California
- **Ways to get involved:** Attend an event, join the Young Professionals Group (YPG), and/or volunteer on a committee to learn more about the organization
- **Student scholarships:** High School & Graduate Studies Scholarships available yearly
- **Membership:** Tiered membership for Public Sector, Private Companies & Small Businesses. YPG Membership is free.
- **Contact:** Katherine Mertz, Chair kmertz@sensysnetworks.com
- **Website:** <https://www.itscalifornia.org/>



Latinos In Transit



To promote the advancement and development of Latinos and other minorities in transportation.

- **Activities:** “Cafe con LIT” virtual meetings, networking events, workshops, panel discussions, scholarship program, and LIT Leadership Academy.
- **Ways to get involved:** Participate in virtual events, volunteer on committees, attend events, and/or volunteer your skills and talents
- **Student scholarships:** for a Latinos pursuing a career in public transit
 - American Public Transportation Foundation (APTF) - MV Transportation/LIT Scholarship
 - LIT Scholarship Program
- **Membership:** Membership is \$50 for students or recent graduates, and \$100 individual
- **Contact:** Christina Villarreal, Executive Director, c.villarreal@latinosintransit.org
- **Website:** www.latinosintransit.org



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Young Professionals in Transportation

To connect “young” professionals and cultivate the future leaders within the transportation industry. YPT’s core mission is to ensure that this community is supported with career guidance, fellowship, and networking opportunities.

- **Activities:** Social Events, Happy Hours, Networking Events, Industry Panels, Webinars, Field Trips
- **Ways to get involved:** Attend events, subscribe to monthly newsletter
- **Membership:** Membership is \$20 yearly
- **Contacts:** YPT SF Bay Area Chapter, yptsfbay@gmail.com
Emujin Unenbat, Chair of SF Chapter, emujin.unenbaa@gmail.com
- **Website:** <https://yptransportation.org/sfbay/>



Upcoming activities with WTS & MTI

- Nov. 13 info session about an online program offered by SJSU/MTI: Graduate Studies in Transportation Management (register [here](#)).
- Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 The Future of Automated Shared Mobility (register [here](#)). **MTI is a proud co-sponsor of this event.*
- Nov. 09 (tomorrow): 2024 Mentorship application deadline - [2024 Mentoring Program Mentee Application: WTS San Francisco Bay Area Chapter \(google.com\)](#)
- Dec. 11 WTS Holiday party. Get the chance to meet other WTS members and their corporate and agency partners!
- Jan. 03 Scholarship applications deadline