

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 Fifteen 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](#)
- [Mineta Leadership Fellows interviews](#)

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WTS

Advancing women
Advancing transportation

ACEC
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
California, Bay Bridge Chapter

**APA
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Northern**

APTA American
Public Transportation
Association

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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

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**YOUNG
PROFESSIONALS in
TRANSPORTATION**

WTS San Francisco Bay Area

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

- **Activities:** Networking events, workshops, panel discussions, mentoring and leadership programs, scholarships, 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 \(wtsinternational.org\)](https://www.wtsinternational.org/membership)
- **Membership contacts:**
 - Myat Ohn - Myat.ohn@jacobs.com
 - Lyn Williams - lwilli3@bart.gov
- **Programs contacts:**
 - Itzel Moreno - itzel.morenorosas@aecom.com
 - Dulce Morales - dulce@msa-sf.com
- **Website:** <https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/san-francisco>

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; webinars on law, ethics, sustainability, and equity for CM credits; mentorship program; international program; campus liaisons; award-winning newsletter; Young and Emerging Planners Group programs; 2025 Conference
- **Ways to get involved:** Attend an event; join Young and Emerging Planners (YEP!); participate in mentorship program
- **Student scholarships:** Awarded through the [California Planning Foundation \(CPF\)](#)
- **Membership:** Free for students (<https://www.apacalifornia.org/membership/students/>)
- **Contacts:** Michael P. Cass (director@norcalapa.org)
 - **YEP:** Olivia Mendoza and Samantha Ellman (yep@norcalapa.org)
 - **SJSU Rep:** Edward K. Huynh (sanjoserep@norcalapa.org)
- **Websites:** <https://norcalapa.org/>, <https://www.apacalifornia.org/>, <https://planning.org/>

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 Public Transportation Association

APTA Purpose: APTA leads public transportation in a new mobility era, advocating to connect and build thriving communities.

APTF Mission: To increase and retain the number of individuals choosing the transit field as a career by providing scholarships and engagement opportunities to deserving students and transit professionals – our future leaders.

- **Activities:** Networking, webinars, conferences, scholarships, committees, on-demand videos, e-Learning, industry resources, Passenger Transport, Career Center, Emerging Leaders Program
- **Ways to get involved:** Become a member, attend conferences, join committees, post on APTAconnect, become published in *Passenger Transport*.
- **Student scholarships:** \$5000-\$12,500 awarded through American Public Transportation Foundation www.aptf.org
- **Travel Stipend:** Support to attend APTA's TRANSform annual conference - sponsored by Business Members. Linda Gill Anderson (LAnderson@apta.com)
- **Membership:** \$25/year for students <https://www.apta.com/join-apta/apta-student-membership-portal/>
- **Contacts:**
 - Student memberships: Lisa Lockman (LLockman@apta.com)
 - Scholarships: Karen Donald (KDonald@apta.com), Foundation@apta.com
- **Websites:** <https://www.apta.com/>, <https://www.aptf.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 & scholarships, technical tours & presentations, 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 students | \$133/yr or \$266/yr for young professionals*
 - Price increase occurs at 29 years old
- **Contact:** Raymond Chu, SF YMF Vice President | President Elect
 - (chu@kairospower.com or sf.asce.ymf@gmail.com)
- **Website:** (Join us on LinkedIn and Instagram)
 - ASCE: <https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members>
 - SF YMF: <https://www.sfymf.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.

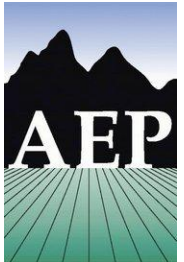
- **Activities:** Networking Events, Conferences, Webinars, Panel Discussions, Happy Hours, Educational and Professional Development Opportunities, Access to TDM Trends and Best Practices
- **Ways to get involved:** Attend events, conferences, join councils or committees, engage with local chapter
- **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, hikes, training, annual conference (April 6 - 9, 2025, Oxnard), 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, NorCal Awards Gala
- **Ways to get involved:** Attend an event and join as Student Member (**Free** for Students)
- **Student scholarships:** 2024 Chapter Scholarship period has ended. National Scholarships open until December 31, 2024. (<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 (Long Beach, Summer 2025), technical webinars, monthly lunch and learns, Student Leadership Summit (UCLA, Winter 2025)
- **Continuing Education & Certifications:** PTOE, PTP, RSP1/2, LeadershipITE
- **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:** ite.org; westernite.org; sfbayite.org; sjsuite.weebly.com



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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National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)

NACTO champions bold, people-first urban transportation by mobilizing a network of cities and transit agencies

- **Activities:** NACTO was formed to exchange transportation ideas, insights, and practices and cooperatively approach national transportation issues. NACTO hosts an annual conference, publishes design and policy guidance, builds the capacity of agencies and the professionals working there and elevates the direct experiences of city transportation departments and transit agencies to the federal policy conversation.
- **Ways to get involved:** Attend annual Designing Cities Conference, sign up for NACTO email list, join a member city transportation department or transit agency. Check the NACTO event calendar for non-member only events.
- **Membership:** Membership consists of 100 cities and transit agencies in North America.
- **Contacts:** Ryan Russo, Executive Director, nacto@nacto.org
- **Website:** nacto.org



Transportation Research Board

MISSION: *As part of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), the Transportation Research Board (TRB) mobilizes expertise, experience, and knowledge to anticipate and solve complex transportation-related challenges.*

- **Activities:** Convene, Research, Advise through three divisions: Technical Activities, Cooperative Research Programs (CRP), and Consensus and Advisory Studies
- **Ways to get involved:** Join a standing committee, submit a problem statement, participate on a CRP panel, submit a paper and/or attend the TRB Annual Meeting, submit an abstract and/or a TRB-convened conference, attend a webinar, read our publications.
- **Membership:** “Everyone interested is invited.” No membership fee. www.MyTRB.org
- **Contacts:** Claire Randall, crandall@nas.edu
- **Website:** <https://www.nationalacademies.org/trb/transportation-research-board>



US High Speed Rail Association

***Mission:** USHSR works to build widespread public, business, and political support for a major federal investment in America's national rail network. High speed rail is the green transport solution.*

- **Activities:** USHSR is the premier membership advocacy organization and trade association advancing high speed rail in America. We organize conferences & educational events, put out reports & weekly newsletters, produce educational videos, lobby Congress and the Administration, and educate the public with consistent media outreach.
- **Ways to get involved:** Students can attend our annual conference for free by volunteering; Sign up for our free newsletter on our website; View conference videos, reports, and news articles on our website; Learn all about HSR, the industry, projects, leading companies, and key personnel.
- **Membership:** Student Memberships are available for current students, and recent graduates.
- **Contacts:** Andy Kunz (email@ushsr.com) 202.248.5001
- **Website:** www.ushsr.com



Young Professionals in Transportation



Become a YPT member!

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/>



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