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The Executive Committee of the Transportation Planning Division stands in solidarity with the Black Community. Racism is an ongoing crisis of public health and planning demanding direct and sustained action for meaningful, substantive, and immediate change.

We are community builders, committed to serving every member of our communities, equitably. We are committed to improving our transportation networks, policies, designs, spaces, and approaches for accessibility to all, in an equally safe environment. As we plan to move our communities through and past Covid-19, as transportation planners, and planners in general, justice and equity demand that we also use this opportunity for change to acknowledge and begin to dismantle the impacts of systemic racism. If our solutions do not work for some of us, they do not work for any of us.

We have the power of influence in our dialogues with clients, with constituents, with stakeholders, with partners and with each other to further social justice and ensure equity going forward. TPD commits to being a resource of support and case studies to help our members build better communities for all.

We are in conversations for cohost listening sessions with our population Divisions to help you think of better, more holistic and equitable solutions and empower you to bring better solutions and learn how to avoid bringing us back to where we are now. **So please watch for upcoming virtual events for these listening sessions.** We must ensure our work provides the freedom of access and mobility for all.

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Reclaim the Block
National Bail Out
Black Lives Matter

Bail Project
Black Visions Collective
Campaign Zero
National Bail Fund Network
The Innocence Project

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## 2020 State of Transportation Planning Published!

The 2020 edition of the State of Transportation Planning (SoTP) has been published! Special thanks to **Mark Bennett** and **Cat Callaghan** for all their hard work on this publication.

Click here to read it.

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## TPD Small Grants Winners Announced!

The submissions to this year's Small Grants program were so strong that the Division has decided to **award funding to four applicants**! Winners were announced during the 2020 TPD Annual Business Meeting, held virtually on April 27th, 2020.

The **first place winner received $400** and we had a **three-way tie for second place, each of which received $200**.

First place was an innovative public engagement project titled **"Santa Fe Street Stories"** by **Erick J. Aune**.

The second place winners were:

- A community forum (and subsequent summary report and policy recommendations), by the Fairmount Indigo Corridor Network, as submitted by **Allentza Michel**
- Hosting and broadcasting the new Streetsmart Playbook, as submitted by **Kelly Rodgers** and;
- Helping the City of Carbondale to offer a free "Cycling Academy" course to 10 citizens, as submitted by **Molly Maxwell**. Unfortunately the Covid-19 Pandemic caused the cancellation of the Cycling Academy but we are still just as proud of initiative of the City of Carbondale!

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## Washington Chapter Virtual Transportation Forum

The Washington Chapter is holding a **Virtual Transportation Forum** on **June 25th at 12pm**.

This inaugural Forum will **include a discussion on how the TPD can elevate planners' work in Washington State** and allow for an exchange of ideas and strategies for meeting transportation needs during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Contact Washington State TPD liaisons **Michael Hintze, AICP** and **Patrick Lynch, AICP** for more information.

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## TPD Cosponsoring a webinar with Urban Design and Preservation Division - 6/5/2020

The Transportation Planning Division is partnering with the Urban Design and Preservation Division to cosponsor a webinar titled "**Tactical Urbanism: Project Delivery for a Post-Pandemic World.**" The webinar will take place at **1:00 pm (EDT) on Friday, June 5th**.

*The Great Recession of 2008 gave rise to both city and citizen led Tactical Urbanism projects, those low-cost, short-term efforts intended to catalyze lasting neighborhood improvements. More than a decade later the practice has*

*matured into a legitimized, sanctioned urban design and project delivery methodology practiced globally in communities large and small. And now, with the Coronavirus and its related economic fallout upending our way of life once more, Tactical Urbanism provides an opportunity for cities and advocates to advance existing or develop new projects in a time of constrained resources and social uncertainty. In this webinar, participants will dig into the details of what Tactical Urbanism is, how the methodology was developed, and how it may help communities respond to current and future crises.*

Register here.
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## New APA PAS Memo

TPD's own Treasurer, **Shelby Powell**, was involved in the development of APA's newest Planning Advisory Service (PAS) Memo, titled "**Multi-MPO Planning: Prospects and Practices.**" The memo includes good case studies in there for transportation planning collaboration across multiple MPO boundaries. An excerpt from the summary of this new PAS is included below:

*"This PAS Memo shares insights from a study of multi-MPO planning experiences conducted by researchers from the American Planning Association and the Georgia Institute of Technology's Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development, with support from the Federal Highway Administration.*

*The article explains how a lack of collaboration between or among neighboring MPOs often leaves cross-boundary problems unaddressed and can undermine the efforts of individual MPOs and the cities and counties they serve. It shares lessons learned from three examples of multi-MPO planning that bridge the gap between regional- and megaregional-scale initiatives, focusing on practices that support effective collaboration efforts. And it offers guidance on how planners working for or with MPOs can help overcome barriers to multi-MPO planning."*

**Access the PAS Memo here.**

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## TPD Member Spotlight

This month's Member Spotlight shines on **Matt Zochowski**!

**What is your professional/academic role?**
I work with the Mercer County Department of Planning mostly as a transportation planner but in reality, I get involved on a variety of projects. Most recently, I have been incorporating bicycle facilities into our repaving schedule and wrote the first bicycle plan for Mercer County which will drive our capital improvement program.

**Tell us something (transportation related) we may not know about.**
Better transportation is absolutely critical to any realistic sustainability and climate change efforts. Transportation networks drive large scale land use decisions and ultimately determine the density at which we can build our homes and neighborhoods. That in turn determines how much land we use for habitation vs. how much we can keep open as farmland or in its natural state. We oftentimes cringe at how “third world counties” expand their cities at alarming rates but if those nations expanded at the density we do with suburban single family homes, the amount of land necessary would be unimaginable. Low density living and single occupancy cars, regardless if they are autonomous or use renewable energy, are not going to save us. Efficient transportation and density can help us live more sustainably on this planet.

**Who is your transportation hero?**
I would have to say Elon Musk. Not for his work with Tesla but with his vision for SpaceX and the Boring Company. While other companies have lagged behind, milking the federal government for profits, SpaceX has reduced the cost of space launches by tens of millions of dollars, all while making their main rocket mostly reusable. Now their sights are set on going back to the Moon and on to Mars. Musk has brought the right people together to create a company that is doing what science fiction writers have dreamed about.
Musk and SpaceX are also currently behind an effort to launch hundreds of satellites into space which will provide continuous high bandwidth internet anywhere on the planet. At a time when regimes around the planet are increasingly repressive and shutting down access to information, these satellites can provide uninterrupted contact with the outside world and hopefully keep democracy alive in those nations. As for the Boring Company, I am hopeful that Musk and his teams can bring down prices for tunnel boring and make mass transit systems cost effective. Though people are fascinated by the idea of driving their Tesla in an underground tunnel, the true benefit would be faster and more cost effective machines for digging mass transit system tunnels in our urbanized areas. I'm also hopeful for a day within my lifetime when a cross country train ride only takes a few hours!

**Planes, trains or automobiles?**
There is a time and place for each mode (including biking and walking!) but trains. Living between Philadelphia and New York, we have great direct train access from Trenton to New York and Philly. I've spent many hours going on these trains over the years, oftentimes with a book. My hope is that one day, the Federal government will step up to the plate and not only fund the Gateway Tunnel, which is dangerously close to shutting down, but to fund the expansion of our regional rail system.

**Why do you TPD?**
ITPDBecause it is a great way to stay involved and up to date on Transportation Planning topics and to network with folks around the Country.

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## What's Going On In Your Neck of the Woods?

TPD's state Chapter Liaison Program is up and running! We will post monthly updates from our state liaisons in the e-blast. To get in touch with your state Chapter Liaison, visit our website. Interested in being more involved with your State and TPD? Become a State Chapter Liaison!

- The Washington Chapter is holding a Virtual Transportation Forum on June 25th at 12pm. Contact Washington State TPD liaisons **Michael Hintze, AICP** and **Patrick Lynch, AICP** for more information.
- The Annual Conference of the California Chapter is scheduled for September 12-15, 2020. Find out more and register here.

If your state chapter does not have a TPD liaison yet, contact Edson Ibanez to get involved.

## Trainings & Events

"All events sponsored by [the National Transit Institute, NTI,] are cancelled beginning March 16, 2020 until May 1, 2020. NTI and the leadership at Rutgers University will assess the national COVID-19 situation in mid-April and then communicate a Plan of Action for NTI events from May 4, 2020 onward." For more information, click here.

## Upcoming Webinars

Tactical Urbanism: Project Delivery for a Post-Pandemic World, June 5

Equity and Public Transportation: Current Trends and Recommendations, June 12

Taking Steps Toward Measuring the Pedestrian Environment (APBP), June 17

Driving Innovation to Create Aging-friendly Communities, June 19

Empowerment through Design to Create a Choice Neighborhood, June 24

Innovative Financing to Build Market Rate Apartments in Rural Areas, July 10

Victim Blaming in Crash Reporting: What It Is and How To Stop It (APBP), July 15

Previously recorded FREE APBP webinars can be found here.

Webinars from other organizations may include a fee. FHWA and NTI webinars and workshops are typically free for public sector employees. Please check each website for CM credit applicability.

Check out new webcasts from the Chapter/ Division Webcast Consortium. Webcasts are free for APA members and are eligible for CM credits.

Contact Mackenzie Jarvis to include your webinar or conference in our monthly announcements.

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Something fun for those who read all the way to the end …

## Scooting into the future

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