Dear David,

Happy Holidays! What a year it has been for the Association for Commuter Transportation. We have so much to be grateful for as we close out 2019 and I wanted to share a few of our highlights with you all.

- As announced earlier this week, we appear to be on the verge of a major legislative victory with the repeal of UBIT on transit benefits provided by non-profit organizations.
- Membership has grown to a record 1,097 individuals
- A record 643 TDM professionals attended our International Conference in New York City.
- We continue to see cities and regions across the country advance TDM plans
- TDM Forum brought together a record crowd of 263 attendees
- ACT launched a new website (the little things count to!)
- Formed Certification Board of Trustees
- Announced launch of TDM-CP
- Received IRS approval of non-profit status for the Center for TDM
- Launched new national committees of the Board
- Published a summary report of our 2019 Emerging Mobility Summit
- Recognized 2019 class of 40 Under 40 recipients
- Launched new Corporate Partners Program
- Recognized Chairman Richard Neal and Congressman Dan Lipinski with ACT’s Commuter Champion Award
- Introduced ACT’s first piece of legislation focused on advancing TDM - MORE through TDM Act
- Completed a strategic plan for 2020-25

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the many members that have stepped up to serve as a leader of their chapter, council, or committee. Some of you are entering the final days of your term and I want you to know that I greatly appreciate the time and energy that you have put into the association. We are a better and stronger organization because of your service.

The end of the year is also a great time to make sure that your membership profile is up to date and that we have your correct contact information, selection of councils, and know your areas of expertise. I encourage you to take a moment to login and review your profile today.

Best regards and Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you all at an ACT event in 2020!

David Straus
Executive Director

Legislative Victory: UBIT Repeal

After nearly two-years of advocacy from ACT and other organizations, we have had a major breakthrough to repeal the inclusion of the Unrelated Business Income Tax on transit benefits provided by exempt organizations. On
Tuesday, the House passed a year end tax extenders bill, which included the repeal of the language, retroactive to with repeal included in the year end tax extenders legislation.

The language in the Tax Extenders bill can be found here.

The legislation still must pass through the Senate, which will vote today. It will then need to be signed by the President before the December 20th deadline.

This victory would not have been possible without the efforts and focus of ACT members across the country that have submitted letters of support, provided data, and participated in one-on-one meetings with Members of Congress over the past two-years. Since passage of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, ACT held over 75 meetings with Congressional and Committee staff, including a meeting with Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal.

ACT’s Executive Committee also met directly with representatives of the US Treasury Department to express the negative impacts the law would have on millions of commuters and the non-profit organizations they work for.

This legislative victory is a shining example of why it is so important for all members to be engaged in ACT’s policy activities and the value and impact even a simple letter of support can have in our efforts to influence change in federal policy.

We Want Your Feedback

As a member of ACT, your feedback is important to us. To better understand your needs and preferences regarding membership, programming, professional development, events, and staff, we invite you to take a few minutes of your time to provide us with your thoughts.

Each question offers the opportunity to add detailed responses in the comments, if you wish. All responses are anonymous and are intended to help ACT improve its practices and programs.

ACT staff and leadership utilize the data received to measure progress towards our goals and to focus investments and activities in areas of need and value.

Thank you for your support!

Take Survey

Christina Torkelson Gets A Personal 40 Under 40 Celebration

Disappointed that she was unable to attend the 2019 TDM Forum and be recognized in person as a recipient of ACT’s 40 Under 40 Award, Christina Torkelson was surprised by her employer, Ada County Highway Department - Commuteride, with her own personal celebration earlier this month.

Congratulations, Christina!
Call for Proposals Due Tomorrow!

ACT invites you to submit a session proposal for the 2020 International Conference in Denver, CO. Tell us your story! If you are an industry thought leader, dedicated TDM professional or innovative thinker and have a session topic that will challenge, inspire and provide actionable content to our 600+ attendees, we want you to submit your proposal today!

Proposals must be for a complete panel or group discussion. Individual 20 minute proposals will not be accepted. By having you submit a complete proposal, we hope to increase the depth of content and allow you to tell a more comprehensive story based on your proposed topic that will encourage a deeper discussion and ultimately better information for attendees!

Proposals are due by December 20, 2019.

Submit Proposal

Executive Spotlight: Erik Simpson, CEO of SeatsX

SeatsX has innovated the only ride system in the world that has a legal and intellectual property framework where a ride may not only be bought and sold, but also traded like a stock or commodity. SeatsX has white label solutions for Metro operators, MPOs, Cities to use the market framework for rides and routing optimization. SeatsX also offers virtual curb and congestion management marketplaces for cities to dynamically manage curb and street level congestion.

What are you and your organization seeking to achieve?
Increase city and rural level networked transportation to 70% reach and 5 minute frequency within five years using already existing commute rides in...

Webinar Recap

New strategies and technologies make this an exciting time for commuters who ride, bike, scoot, stroll and telecommute to their workplaces and campuses instead of driving alone. Whether you’re leading mobility initiatives inside a large organization or championing behavior change in your community, this discussion will supercharge your 2020 transportation plans inspired by leaders behind the most innovative programs.

Speakers Danielle Glaser, LinkedIn and Brider McGaw, athenahealth walked through the details of their programs and the specific challenges faced when developing effective commuter services for employees.
Chapter/Council News

The Patriot Chapter hosted its final event of 2019 last week: "Behavior Change in TDM."

The event brought together 18 members at the Omni Hotel in New Haven, CT to discuss the challenges and opportunities to facilitate meaningful and long-lasting behavior change in commute habits.

Speakers Larry Filler (AECOM), Rick Steele (Agile Mile), and Dan O’Donnell and colleagues (Odonnell Company) discussed messaging best practices for employers, barriers to behavior change, creative solutions, and how to market TDM strategies.

The Southern California Chapter will host its annual membership meeting on January 27th at the Anaheim West Tower Gordon Hoyt Conference Center from 8:30am - 1:00pm PST.

Please RSVP by Monday, January 20th to Melissa Molina.

Members On The Move

Welcome to On the Move, where we recognize ACT members earning promotions, entering new positions, and other new employment opportunities. Submit announcements to Amanda Brangwynne at abrangwynne@actweb.org.

Jeffrey Tumlin started a new position as Executive Director at San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)

Sam Rockwell is the new Executive Director of Move Minnesota

Linsey Burch was promoted to Senior Associate - Traffic Engineering at Wells & Associates

Tony Hudgins was promoted to VP, Partnerships at TransitScreen

We Want to Hear From You

Is there an effective TDM program in your community? Are you passionate about micromobility? No matter the topic, we want to hear from you! Share your stories about TDM and we will feature it in a Connections Newsletter and on the ACT website news page.

Contributions can be sent to Amanda Brangwynne (abrangwynne@actweb.org) and scheduled for the next available publication.

Membership

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ACT is a community of professionals working to advance transportation options for commuters and improve the economic competitiveness of the cities, regions, and businesses they serve. Encourage your colleagues to join; the larger our community the greater our impact!

**Upcoming Events & Programs**

![ImpACT! Leadership](image1)
![ACT Conference 2020](image2)
![ACT Emerging Mobility Summit](image3)

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