Dear David,

Next week, over 600 TDM professionals from the United States, Canada, and Israel will gather in New York City for the 2019 ACT International Conference. It is truly exciting to see the continued growth of ACT’s International Conference over the past several years.

My sincere thanks goes out to all of you that will be attending and for all of our sponsors that make this event possible. In fact, this year, we had so many organizations looking to participate in the conference that we had to create new levels of support. What this really means though, is that TDM is a rapidly growing industry that is attracting innovation and new businesses looking to help create efficiency within our transportation systems.

If you are unable to join us in New York City, do not worry, we have plenty of opportunities for you to attend our Legislative Summit in September or our TDM Forum in November.

As you may recall from past letters, ACT is in the midst of conducting a 5-year Strategic Plan. This effort to date has included interviews and focus groups with over 60 individuals both members and non-members. I hope that all of you had an opportunity to participate in the Membership Survey, which collected valuable information on ACT's programming, structures, and governance. All of this information is now being compiled and analyzed by our consultants and will be used to guide an exercise with the Board of Directors during their meeting in New York, to identify a broad set of directions and strategic imperatives for the organization to consider.

In a few weeks, ACT members will receive their ballots for voting in six, At-Large Directors for the National Board. I want to thank all of the individuals that submitted nominations to serve. It is truly a testament to the great work that is taking place within the organization and the positive future that lays ahead of us to see so many qualified leaders stepping up to volunteer their time to serve on the National Board. All of our candidates will be formally announced during the Annual Meeting at the International Conference in New York and can be spotted with pink "Board Nominee" ribbons on their badges. I encourage you to take the opportunity to speak with them all and get to know their thoughts and ideas for how we can continue to grow and succeed.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you all if you have questions, concerns, or ideas for ACT.

See you in New York!

David Straus
Executive Director

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40 Under 40 Awards Nominations Now Open
Do you know an ambitious emerging leader or a dedicated young TDM professional that is working to find creative solutions to improve the quality of life of commuters or developing TDM programs that are shifting behavioral change?

Submit a nomination for them to be recognized as one of this year’s 40 Under 40 TDM Professionals. This is a great honor that will be presented at this year’s TDM Forum.

Submit a Nomination [HERE](https://campaign-ui.constantcontact.com/campaign/campaigns/list) – Deadline to submit is Friday, August 23rd.

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**Corporate Partner Contribution:**

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**Vanpooling: Affordable, Convenient, and Sustainable**

The U.S. transportation industry is in the midst of a dramatic paradigm shift, giving commuters more mobility choices than ever – from bus and rail to ride-hailing and bike sharing.

What many may not realize is that some of the benefits of tomorrow’s automotive technology – such as cost and time savings, sustainability, public/private partnerships and access – are available now in a well-established transportation alternative called vanpooling:

**Savings**
Vanpooling provides an alternative mobility solution that lowers transportation costs. For an average commute of 80 miles per day, vanpooling can save....

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**2019 Legislative Summit - Register Today**

Join ACT and your fellow TDM professionals for our annual visit to Capitol Hill. This is a unique opportunity to educate your members of Congress and their staffs about your program and why it is so important to your community. Be inspired by the history and take part in the process of helping shape our nation’s transportation policy. We’ll help schedule your meetings, make sure you’re prepared to tell your story, and understand key policy issues being advanced by ACT.

**Reasons to attend:**
- Learn about the latest TDM policy issues
- Network with Congressional staff and leaders
- Educate your Congressional Delegation about the positive impacts of your programs
- Experience what it is like to walk the halls of Congress.

Every voice matters, so join us and help make an impact on TDM and your community.

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Executive Spotlight: Don DeVivo, DATTCO

As one of the Northeast's leading motorcoach operators DATTCO has an uncompromising commitment to high standards when it comes to safety, maintenance, customer service, driver training, equipment, operations and on-road support. In 2018 our efforts were recognized when we were presented with the prestigious International Motorcoach Group's (IMG) Safety Award. Our fleet is one of the newest, well-appointed in the Northeast, and our drivers are the best in the nation – both lending to a high-quality, worry-free experience for our clients.

What are you and your organization seeking to achieve? We are always working to expand the DATTCO's brand recognition across the Northeast, while continuing to provide our signature...

July Webinar Recap

Have you wondered whether a development-based TDM requirement would scare off developers from coming to your community? Are you looking for a framework to shape a successful TDM policy that can accommodate future growth and development while offsetting the transportation impacts of most concern to communities? Panelists Justin Schor, Thomas Fluery, and Steven Fry gave examples of what has worked well in their communities and shared nine key steps designed to help communities establish TDM policies that are customized to their circumstances and designed for optimal outcomes.

One of the main challenges identified is the perception and understanding of TDM policies. Making TDM a requirement could make development in the area...

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.

Elizabeth Bastian began working at the Washington State Department of Transportation as a TDM Transportation Planning Specialist

Louis Pappas began working at Bird Rides, Inc as Senior Manager, Transportation & Mobility Policy

Chapter/Council News

All ACT Chapters and Councils will be meeting at the 2019 International Conference in the Marriott Marquis Hotel in NYC's Times Square.

Chapter Meetings
All chapters will meet Monday, August 5th 4:15 - 5:15pm EST

Council Meetings
All councils will meet in the Duffy/Columbia Room at various dates/times.
Cacsaude: Soho Complex
Chesapeake: Empire Complex
Mid-Atlantic: Shubert Complex
Midwest: Zigfeld Room
Northern California: Majestic Complex
Patriot: Wilder Room
Red River: Odets Room
Rocky Mountain: Gilbert Room
SEACT: Duffy/Columbia Room
Southern California: Majestic Complex
Valley of the Sun: Brecht Room

Employer
Tuesday, August 6th 1:45 - 3pm EST

Telework
Monday, August 5th 3 - 4pm EST

TMA
Monday, August 5th 1:30 - 2:45 pm EST

University
Monday, August 5th 10:30am - 12pm EST

Vanpool
Tuesday, August 6th 10:30am - 12pm EST

Welcome New Members!

Michael Alba
Facebook

Julian Barrios
University of California at Berkeley

Jennifer Bishop
Binghamton University TAPS

Griffin Blackwelder
The Gotcha Group

Nick Bolon
Transdev

Vicki Bowman

Sean Huonker
WeDriveU, Inc.

Kristy Kao
University of California at Berkeley

Frank Kopas
Moovit

Larissa Lazaro
Edenred Commuter Benefit Solutions

Juan Lepe
MCI

Aslyne Rodriguez
EmpowerBus

Erika Ruiz
University of California at Berkeley

Erik Simpson
SeatsX

Thomas Stokell
Love to Ride

Chris Vazquez
Pablito

**Getting To Know Dani Simons, Waze Carpool**

Dani Simons runs the Waze for Cities program. Most people probably think of Waze as a navigation app, but it also has partnerships with 1000+ public agencies who are using community-driven data and programs to address mobility, sustainability, and equity challenges. One of Dani’s favorite parts is Waze Carpool. Before she joined Waze, Dani worked for Motivate (the largest bike share provider in the US, recently acquired by Lyft). Citi Bike helped make biking more mainstream and cool. You could see people riding in suits or high heels (or both) through midtown Manhattan and Dani thinks Waze Carpool can do the same thing for carpooling.

**What brought you to TDM and how did you get involved in the field?**

I’ve been working in sustainable transportation since I graduated college with a degree in environmental science. Right out of the gate I became an Americorp*VISTA member, working on a greenway project in Providence, RI. It was supposed to provide transportation and recreation to a very low income community. I learned so much from that experience about...
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