

*Seasons Greetings, Pedestrian Committee Members!*

*We have several updates and announcements in the run up to TRB, and we are very interested to hear from you on whether you plan to be there in person this year or not, so we can continue to refine our plans and communications. We also have several volunteer requests and leadership opportunities. We thank you for all the time and energy that you and other committee friends have given and continue to give to these efforts!*

## **Committee News and Save the Dates**

- **NEW website:** We are happy to share out the new committee website (<https://sites.google.com/view/trbped>), which is a Google Site that will be managed by the committee. The old site ([www.pedbikeinfo.org/trbped](http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/trbped)) now automatically redirects you but please take a moment now to update your bookmarks with the new link. If you have questions or additions to suggest for the website, please contact the Ped Committee Secretary and CCC, [Lauren Blackburn](#).
- **Committee meeting:** Attached is the draft agenda for the Pedestrian Committee meeting. Since remote participation is not an option this year, we will not be conducting any official committee business but will instead be using the time to share updates, recognize and honor committee member efforts, and discuss issues of widespread importance. If you would like to share an update before or during the Annual Meeting, you may 1) add information to the [Google Sheet](#) that we used last year, 2) email me with a request to be added to the agenda, or 3) email [Lauren Blackburn](#) any slides/handouts to be posted to the committee [site](#). For all of the above options, your input is requested by no later than January 4, 2022. After TRB, we plan to have a virtual meeting to allow for wider participation, details pending.
- **Research subcommittee meeting:** The Pedestrian Research Subcommittee will not be convening in person at TRB, but instead is scheduled for a virtual meeting on 12:00 – 1:00 PM EDT, Tuesday, January 25, 2022. Here is the link to join (<https://pdx.zoom.us/j/87202077198>), and please mark your calendars to participate. Also, we are continuously looking for volunteers to develop and review RNS. If interested, please send an email to [skothuri@pdx.edu](mailto:skothuri@pdx.edu) and [ferenchak@unm.edu](mailto:ferenchak@unm.edu).
- **Sponsored workshops:** If you are attending TRB, please consider attending some of our sponsored workshops, or helping to spread the word to those you know are attending. I have attached a draft agenda for three of the four of these, so you have a bit more detail on what is being planned.
  - Sponsored Workshop (Thursday): [Do You Count If You Are Not Counted? : An Exploration of Systematic Bias in Crash Data Systems](#)
  - Co-sponsored Workshops (Sunday):
    - [Livability Versus Safety Trade-Offs in the Urban Road Design Context](#)
    - [Social Equity, Safety, and Urban Mobility](#)
    - [Making Safe System a Reality: Planning to Implementation](#)

## **Committee Volunteer Requests**

1. **Liaison request:** We are seeking to identify a volunteer for a liaison to join the City Transportation Issues Coordinating Council and coordinate with the Ped Committee. As you may recall, this council emerged from a former committee (Transportation Issues in Major Cities), which we had long been connected to. Per Stephanie Dock, the council chair, “The [councils](#) were established in the strategic realignment to bring a more cross-cutting perspective and coordinate across committees on our focus areas (rural, cities, international, young members). All of the council members are members of other committees and essentially serve as liaisons.” Please let me know if you would like to serve as our committee liaison, and if you would be available to talk about city-related pedestrian issues at the council meeting on Tuesday, January 11, from 4-5:30pm.
  
2. **Workshop speaker request:** For one of our co-sponsored workshops, [Livability Versus Safety Trade-Offs in the Urban Road Design Context](#), there is a placeholder in the agenda (attached) for some discussion on the issue of pedestrian accommodation on urban streets. If you would like to present on this topic and be added to the agenda, please email me as soon as possible. The workshop organizers will be meeting again in early January to finalize the agenda.

### General TRB and CRP Reminders and Deadlines

- Annual Meeting: We know that some communities are continuing to change their travel policies and guidelines in relation to the pandemic. This is just a reminder that today is the deadline for making changes to your registration in order to receive a refund (minus a cancellation fee). Registration cancellation must be submitted to the TRB Registration Bureau in writing at [TRB@spargoinc.com](mailto:TRB@spargoinc.com). For those who are still able to attend, TRB has sent a reminder that all attendees at the meeting are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. For those presenting, they are strongly recommending that presenters upload their visual aids no later than Friday, January 7, 2022 (11:00pm EST).
  
- There are also many near-term Cooperative Research Program deadlines to consider adding to your 2022 calendar:
  - [NCHRP Legal problem statements](#) – 1/21/22
  - [TCRP Legal problem statements](#) – 1/21/22
  - [TCRP panel nominations](#) – 2/4/22
  - [BTSCRp problem statements](#) – 2/12/22
  - [NCHRP Synthesis topics](#) – 2/17/22
  - [NCHRP IDEA proposals](#) – 3/1/22
  - [TCRP Synthesis topics](#) – 3/18/22

### Other News and Announcements

- **Shared by Barbara McCann:** DOT has released a [Request for Comments](#) (RFC), open through December 17, 2021, asking the public to help shape the Department’s goals and priorities as we work to transform the nation’s transportation system making it safer, more accessible, more reliable, and multi-modal, in order to increase economic strength, improve climate and equity outcomes, and build global competitiveness for the American people. Please see the [Federal Register Notice](#) and [Press Release](#) for more information.

- **Shared by Cris Liban:** The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) and the authors of the Fifth National Climate Assessment (NCA5) are hosting a series of virtual public engagement workshops to inform the development of this federal climate report. These workshops are free and open to the public. The Transportation Chapter public engagement workshop will take place on February 1, 2022, from 2-6 pm ET. The information gathered in this and other NCA5 workshops will help authors decide which topics to cover in their chapter of the Fifth National Climate Assessment, a major U.S. Government report on how climate change affects people and places in the United States. To register for the Transportation Chapter public engagement workshop event, please click [here](#).