

# TRB Brings the Transportation Community Together



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- Annual Meeting – 11,000+ People (1,000+ State DOT employees)
- Conferences and Workshops – 50+ / 5,000+ People
- Committees and Panel Meetings – 6,500+ People
- Webinars – 8,000+ People (4000+ State DOT employees)





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# Standing Committees

*Your Entry into the TRB Community*





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## WHAT DO THEY DO?

- **Constitute communities of interest**
- **Identify research needs**
- **Sponsor sessions, conferences, and meetings**
- **Review and publish papers and reports**
- **Share information**

# Standing Committees Are Communities

**Friendships and connections are formed that often last for an entire professional career.**

**The people you meet while working with a committee are a resource to rely on as you navigate your professional career.**





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## WHY GET INVOLVED?



- Professional and personal growth
- Stay current on issues and research
- Expand your networks and contacts
- Share what you learn with others in your organization

**Become Part of a Community!**

# It's Not Your Father's Committee Anymore

- Membership rotated every 3 years
- Encouraging diversity
- Young Member category
- International Member category
- “Friend” category





# Standing Committees

## State DOT Involvement a High Priority

- **TRB regularly reminds Committee Chairs**
- **State DOT involvement one of performance metrics**
- **TRB State Reps annually requested to submit nominations to committees that are “rotating” membership**
  - **Will be doing this even earlier in the future**
- **Tools implemented to enhance participation by those who find it difficult to travel to meetings**





# **State DOT Involvement In Standing Committees Has Increased!**

- **TRB Standing Committees collectively have almost 800 State DOT employees as members in 2013**
- **Highest number in recent memory**
- **This despite decrease in overall size of State DOT workforces, and travel restrictions**



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## How Can an Individual Volunteer?

- Visit TRB website ([www.TRB.org](http://www.TRB.org))
- Click on “About TRB” & “Get Involved with TRB”
- Review scopes of standing committees of interest
- Click on the name of Chair or staff representative to generate email
  - Provide summary of your background and interest



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# TRB Standing Committees Broaden Your Horizons!

