

ITE Transit Council

2011 Action Plan

The Transit Council will focus its activities on understanding and improving the interfaces of light rail transit, bus rapid transit and other at-grade transit modes with traffic, pedestrians and bicycles. We also will seek opportunities to improve understanding of the relationship between transit access and parking. The council hopes to give our members access to the tools needed to address safety, mobility and accessibility for transit systems and facilities.

Mission

The mission of the ITE Councils is to enhance professional collaboration and advance the technical body of knowledge through communities of common interests. The Transit Council specifically seeks to advance the professions of transportation engineering and transportation planning as they are applied to transit facilities and systems

Goals and Objectives

- Provide a community of common interest for transit planning and design within the larger ITE community of transportation professionals.
 - Enhance collaboration and communication
 - Support innovation and promote creative responses to timely issues
 - Link professionals and practitioners to advance the profession
 - Build connections to other organizations serving the transportation profession, specifically APTA and TRB.
- Serve as a link between transit professionals and other elements of the Institute, including the ITE international leadership, Districts/Sections, student chapters, and individual ITE members.
 - Implement the Transit Council's Communication Plan and monitor its effectiveness, especially the use of web-based communication tools
- Be the focal point for activities, new projects and professional development for transportation professionals serving the transit industry
 - Sponsor technical sessions at ITE conferences and meetings
 - Provide links to relevant and timely information
 - Identify and initiate new projects or other activities in a manner that encourages broad participation

Action Items

- Finalize the 2011 Transit Council Communications Plan in response to comments from the Coordinating Council and other elements of the Institute
- Implement updated web page as called for in the Communication Plan and make a decision regarding implementation of a social networking presence for the Council
- Continue TRB, CUTA and APTA outreach
- Initiate outreach to ITE sections and districts
- Complete publication of a Transit-focused Journal issue in January 2011
- Sponsor transit related sessions at the 2011 Technical Conference and 2011 Annual Meeting

- Implement the transition to a new Council Chair who will take office in 2012
- Continue to seek additional members of the Executive Committee, especially from transit agencies in the west or southwest
- Prepare at least one project proposal for approval and identify staff to undertake the project work. Initiate the project during 2011.