

# 2026 Transportation Planning Council Action Plan

Chair: Dan Hennessey

Vice Chair: Rachel McGuire

# Overview

# Transportation Planning Council

- Guiding Principle: *Develop and share transportation planning resources and best practices through smart collaboration.*
- Goals:
  1. To actively involve ITE members in developing technical products including reports, seminars, and training.
  2. To facilitate in the sharing of technical knowledge between members.
  3. To recognize outstanding transportation planning efforts through awards activities.
  4. To promote the standing of transportation planners among the profession, and among the public at large.
- Website: <https://www.ite.org/councils/planning-council/>
- Committees
  - Parking Standing Committee
  - Transportation and Health Standing Committee
  - Sustainability Standing Committee

The Transportation Planning Council (TPC) covers planning activities of transportation facilities systems for people and goods, assessing land use impacts, forecasting transportation needs, and analyzing and evaluating transportation programs.

The TPC is one of the larger councils, with more than 900 members. Keeping up to date on transportation planning issues is one of the major benefits of TPC membership. TPC quarterly Executive Committee meetings and bi-annual Membership Meetings, ITE Community Posts, webinars, conference meeting posts and various technical quick bites and reports provide members with news, announcements, proposed legislation and regulations, opportunities to provide input, announcements of council projects and ways to become involved in those activities.

The TPC actively seeks out the most effective means of communicating with its members, and has a Discussion Group on ITE Community, where members can post technical questions and receive quick responses from their peers. The TPC has three (3) Standing Committees (Transportation and Health, Sustainability, and Parking) that it coordinates efforts with and supports.

# Committee Overview

- **Parking Standing Committee**
  - Description: To identify, educate and promote effective practices in the planning, design, operations and management of parking facilities.
- **Transportation and Health Standing Committee**
  - Description: As a derived demand, the choice of transportation modes to which people have access can often dictate their level of activity and access to health support facilities, public recreational facilities, and other healthy opportunities.
- **Sustainability Standing Committee**
  - Description: Seeks to facilitate transportation solutions that incorporate economic, social, and environmental sustainability spanning the range of ITE member interests.

# Leadership

# Executive Leadership

Position	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Email
Chair	Dan Hennessey	2024	2026	<a href="mailto:dhennessey@srcity.org">dhennessey@srcity.org</a>
Vice Chair	Rachel McGuire	2025	2027	<a href="mailto:Rachel.McGuire@jacobs.com">Rachel.McGuire@jacobs.com</a>
Secretary	Vanitha Murthy	n/a	n/a	<a href="mailto:vmurt7670@gmail.com">vmurt7670@gmail.com</a>
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IBOD Liaison	Carrie Falkenrath Farukh Ijaz	2026	2026	<a href="mailto:carrie@tsquaredtt.com">carrie@tsquaredtt.com</a> <a href="mailto:fijaz@consultingservicesusa.com">fijaz@consultingservicesusa.com</a>
ITE Canada Liaison	Dale Bracewell	2025	2027	<a href="mailto:Dale@mobilityforesight.com">Dale@mobilityforesight.com</a>
ITE Staff Liaison	Patrick Morrison	n/a	n/a	<a href="mailto:pmorrison@ite.org">pmorrison@ite.org</a>

# Committee Leadership

## Parking Committee

Position	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Email
Chair	Erik Zandvliet	2025	2027	<a href="mailto:ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov">ezandvliet@manhattanbeach.gov</a>
Vice Chair	Debbie Leistner	2025	2027	<a href="mailto:leistnerdl@cityofgainesville.org">leistnerdl@cityofgainesville.org</a>
Secretary	Sidra St. Rain	n/a	n/a	<a href="mailto:Sstrain@resogrp.com">Sstrain@resogrp.com</a>

## Transportation and Health Committee

Position	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Email
Chair	Jennifer Bihl	2025	2027	<a href="mailto:jennifer@bihl-engineering.com">jennifer@bihl-engineering.com</a>
Vice Chair	Tameka Macon-Ryan	2025	2027	<a href="mailto:tameka.maconryan@dot.gov">tameka.maconryan@dot.gov</a>
Secretary	Corinne Arriaga	n/a	n/a	<a href="mailto:Corrine.arriaga@sarasotafl.gov">Corrine.arriaga@sarasotafl.gov</a>

## Sustainability Committee

Position	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Email
Chair	Melvin Wah	2026	2028	<a href="mailto:Melvin.wah@tylin.com">Melvin.wah@tylin.com</a>
Vice Chair	Douglas Halpert	2026	2028	<a href="mailto:dhalpert@tooledesign.com">dhalpert@tooledesign.com</a>
Secretary	Monica Joyce	n/a	n/a	<a href="mailto:Monica.Joyce@jacobs.com">Monica.Joyce@jacobs.com</a>

# Activities

# Continuation Activities – Council Level

Project Tracking Number	Title	Project Type	Description	Status	Publication Date: Updated	Project Champion
2024-Planning-26	Redefining Functional Classification Systems	Quick Bites or Tech Briefs  Potential RP for 2027	Review of issues related to use of traditional FCS and recommendations to improve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arterials account for majority of serious crashes; target speed new organizing principle (QB, Randy McCourt)</li> <li>• Difference between mobility and access (QB, Dan Hardy)</li> <li>• Promoting the value of FCS for planning, and how to reconcile target speed and capacity (QB, Jim Olson)</li> <li>• A risk-based methodology for defining HINs using speed, volume, lanes, and functional classification in place of strictly crash data (TB, Dan Hennessey)</li> </ul>	On schedule	4 QB/TBs through 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February</li> <li>• May</li> <li>• July</li> <li>• September</li> </ul> Informational Report or Recommended Practice Late 2027	Randy McCourt Dan Hardy Jim Olson Dan Hennessey
2025-Planning-5 2025-SAP-7	The Safe System Pyramid for Planners	ITE Journal Article or Quick Bite	How built environment, land-use policy, and socioeconomic interventions translate to safer, sustainable, and equitable outcomes. Work with Developing Trend on Land Use/Transportation and/or Resilience GIG	Behind schedule	Spring 2026	Vanitha Murthy Carrie Long
2025-Planning-14 2025-SAP-9	Interaction of Vehicle Design and Safe System Efforts	Technical Brief	Discussion of “Safe Vehicles” as part of the Safe System wheel and evolution of vehicles over time to becoming larger, heavier, with implications for Vision Zero policies and efforts	On schedule	Submitted/ January 2026	Dan Hennessey Jimmy Jessup Angie Byrne
2025-Planning-15	New Way of Obtaining Trip Generation Data	Quick Bite	Methodology to use existing traffic counts at scale to develop trip generation estimates	On schedule	Submitted/ January 2026	Davis Su
n/a	Urban Freeway Repurposing	Quick Bite	Review of on-going plans to remove/reuse freeway space in urban locations.	On schedule	Submitted/ March 2026	Andrew Velazquez Chris Mojica

# Continuation Activities – Parking Committee

Project Tracking Number	Title	Project Type	Description	Status	Publication Date: Updated	Project Champion
n/a	Traffic Wiki Parking Chapter Update	Web Resource	Remove outdated data and update references for Parking Chapter	Behind Schedule	Late 2026	Erik Zandvliet

# Continuation Activities – T&H Committee

Project Tracking Number	Title	Project Type	Description	Status	Publication Date: Updated	Project Champion
2024-Planning-16	2024 Update: Transportation and Health Resource Hub	Web Resource	Maintenance of resources and supplementing with the latest information from the state of the practice	On schedule	On-going	Corinne Arriaga
2025-Planning-8	Accessibility for All	Quick Bite	Discussion of access vs. mobility and emphasis on equitability related to ADA and other considerations. Collaborate with Equity Committee.	On schedule	April 2026	Dan Hardy
2025-Planning-9	Follow Up on MPO Metrics	Quick Bite	Regional metrics to share regarding active transportation and other health-related transportation topics. Coordinate with AMPO.	Behind schedule	Late 2026	Corinne Arriaga

# Continuation Activities – Sustainability

Project Tracking Number	Title	Project Type	Description	Status	Publication Date: Updated	Project Champion
2025-Planning-7	Electric Micromodes: Opportunities and Challenges for Transportation Planning	Technical Brief	Overview of device types, user demand, and observed travel impacts, including discussion of added mobility and environmental benefits and critical challenges, like street design, parking and storage needs, equity implications, and regulatory frameworks.	On schedule	Submitted/ February 2026	Monica Joyce
n/a	Sustainability Materials	Quick Bite	Provide an argument for the integration of sustainable materials into engineering practices	On schedule	Submitted/ February 2026	Douglas Halpert
n/a	Electric Vehicle/Electrification Resource Hub	Web Resource	A centralized repository of knowledge to bridge the gap between academic research, real-world case studies, and policy implementation in the domain of EV charging equity.	On hold. <b>Requires ITE staff support.</b>	n/a	Rachel McGuire  ITE Staff

# New Activities – Council Level

Title	Project Type	Description	Publication Date: Proposed	Project Champion
People-Centered Mobility Great Idea Group: Movement and Place Working Group – Decide and Provide	Quick Bite	Explains the “decide and provide” approach to transportation planning and contrasts it with traditional “predict and provide” methods to highlight how values-based, multimodal, and sustainability-focused decision-making can shape future travel. Incorporate into TDF wiki update.	September 2026	Kelly Rodgers Ashley Orr
Update Travel Demand Forecasting Section in Traffic Wiki	Web Resource	The TDF section underwent a thorough review for in preparation for the Traffic Wiki adoption in 2022 and 2023. No updates have been made sense and leaders will review for additional sections and best practices in the years since.	December 2026	Andrew Velazquez Rob Schiffer

# New Activities – Parking Committee

Title	Project Type	Description	Publication Date: Proposed	Project Champion
Support ITE Parking Generation Update	ITE Publication	Parking Committee will support data collection and review with respect to publication of ITE Parking Generation Manual	2027	Erik Zandvliet

# New Activities – Sustainability Committee

Title	Project Type	Description	Publication Date: Proposed	Project Champion
Sustainable Freight/Zero Emission Freight	Quick Bite	Overview of zero-emission freight, challenges and opportunities for freight decarbonization, and what are some of the policies/programs that have been piloted by different cities.	Q3 2026	Melvin Wah
From Micromobility to Mainstream – the State of Play for Electric Bicycles	Quick Bite	Electric bicycles are rapidly transitioning from a niche micromobility option to a widely used mode of everyday transportation. This quick bite examines the current state of play for electric bicycles as they move from a marginal micromobility option to a mainstream mode of transport. It focuses on the implications of scale, including changing travel patterns, network pressures, and planning assumptions, and considers what this transition reveals about the limits of existing micromobility frameworks.	Q4 2026	Melvin Wah
Traffic Calming Instruction Videos (Collaboration with Safety and Education Councils)	Web Resource	Public-friendly video series of what traffic calming treatments are, what they do and don't do, etc. Could tie into broader safety roadmap	Q3 2026	Douglas Halpert
Successful Micromode Implementation in Rural Settings	Quick Bite	This quick bite explores the conditions under which micromodes can be successfully implemented in rural and small-town contexts, where travel patterns, infrastructure, and governance differ markedly from urban environments. It examines planning strategies, service models, and policy approaches that have enabled micromode use despite lower densities and longer travel distances. The discussion highlights transferable lessons and considerations for adapting micromobility planning frameworks beyond cities.	Q4 2026	Krista Purser

# Webinar Ideas

Number of Webinars Planned: 7

#	Title/Topic	Short Description	Requested Date	Webinar Lead Contact	Council Level or Committee Name
1 2	FCS: Target Speed FCS/T&H: Mobility and Access FCS for Non-Technical Audience FCS: HIN Methodology	Functional Classification Working Group will deliver two webinars this year reviewing on-going technical publications	5/5/26 7/14/26	Randy McCourt Dan Hardy Jim Olson Dan Hennessey	Council
3	Vehicle Size/Design & Safe System	Present findings from upcoming Tech Brief on increasing size of vehicles on U.S. roadways and implications for safety outcomes	4/23/26	Angie Byrne	Council
4	Trip Generation Methodology	Present use cases for developing trip generation estimates via traffic counts	8/18/26	Davis Su	Council
5	Decide and Provide	Provide a people-centered perspective on traditional planning/forecasting methodologies and different approaches	TBD	Dale Bracewell	Council
6	Micromobility and Code Enforcement	Describe lessons learned in micromobility and how code enforcements helped or hurt the project	TBD	Rachel McGuire	Sustainability
7	Health Equity with a Sustainability Lens	Review of recipients of Reconnecting Communities grants and their approach for improving air quality of underrepresented communities (or other health equity aspects).	TBD	Vanitha Murthy	Sustainability

# Meetings

# Council Meetings for 2026 - Leadership

Leadership/Executive Meetings			
Specific Meeting Date	Meeting Platform (Virtual/In-Person)	Owner (Who will own the calendar invite?)	Meeting Purpose
January 11, 2026	Hybrid	Rachel McGuire	TRBAM Executive Team Meeting
June 2026	Hybrid	Rachel McGuire	Prepare for ITE AM Showcase
January 2027	Hybrid	Rachel McGuire	TRBAM Executive Team Meeting

# Council Meetings for 2026 - Membership

Membership Meetings			
Specific Meeting Date	Meeting Platform (Virtual/In-Person/Hybrid)	Owner (Who will own the calendar invite?)	Meeting Purpose or Other Notes (Business Meeting/Showcase, etc.)
February 10, 2026	Virtual	Dan Hennessey	Action Plan Brainstorm/Confirmation
May 19, 2026	Virtual	Dan Hennessey	Action Item Updates/Prep for ITE AM
July 2026, ITEAM	Hybrid	Dan Hennessey	ITE Annual Meeting Showcase
October 20, 2026	Virtual	Dan Hennessey	Action Plan Updates/Brainstorm
February 9, 2027	Virtual	Rachel McGuire	Action Plan Brainstorm/Confirmation

# Parking Committee Meetings for 2026

Specific Meeting Date	Meeting Platform (Virtual/In Person)	Meeting Attendees ( Executive/Entire Membership)	Meeting Purpose or Other Notes (Business Meeting/Showcase, etc.)
March 27, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Q1 Business + Wiki Planning Meeting
June 22, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Q2 Business Meeting
September 21, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Q3 Business Meeting
November 16, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Q4 Business Meeting

# T&H Committee Meetings for 2026

Specific Meeting Date	Meeting Platform (Virtual/In Person)	Meeting Attendees ( Executive/Entire Membership)	Meeting Purpose or Other Notes (Business Meeting/Showcase, etc.)
March 10, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Discuss action items
April 14, 2026	Virtual	Executive Committee	Coordinate activities
May 12, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Discuss action items
June 9, 2026	Virtual	Executive Committee	Coordinate activities
July 14, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Discuss action items
August 11, 2026	Virtual	Executive Committee	Coordinate activities
September 8, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Discuss action items
October 13, 2026	Virtual	Executive Committee	Coordinate activities
November 10, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Discuss action items
December 8, 2026	Virtual	Executive Committee	Action Plan Brainstorm

# Sustainability Committee Meetings for 2026

Specific Meeting Date	Meeting Platform (Virtual/In Person)	Meeting Attendees ( Executive/Entire Membership)	Meeting Purpose or Other Notes (Business Meeting/Showcase, etc.)
January 11, 2026	Virtual/In Person	Entire Membership	TRB Meeting
March 6, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Q1 Business Meeting
June 5, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Q2 Business Meeting
August 7, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Q3 Business Meeting
October 2, 2026	Virtual	Entire Membership	Q4 Business Meeting