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Special Interest:

- Fall Business Meeting at Rail-Volution
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- Journals and Call for Papers

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From the Chair – TPD and the Future!

What is transportation? It's any way you can get from one place to another, including by land, water, and air. Are we in a "new age"? Where will we be in thirty years? Look at those cool transportation modes in "Logan's Run" or "Minority Report" . . . I personally like the DeLorean in "Back to the Future"! But this means to get to the future, the Transportation Planning Division (TPD) will be a key "go-to source" for information nationally to APA, local and national media, and you or your employer!

Therefore, we've been busy:

- Choosing a new Research Committee Chair;
- Planning by-rights sessions for the 2009 National APA Conference in Minneapolis;
- Supporting Certification Maintenance by providing funds to chapters holding training involving transportation elements;
- Supporting Complete Streets;
- And planning the upcoming Railvolution meeting! (You will be there, right? If not, look for us at the Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board in January 2009 in Washington, DC.)

Keep checking the TPD website (www.apa-tpd.org)! Why would anyone not want to join TPD?! Tell your friends and coworkers. Get involved in not only ACEC, ASCE, and your own professional organization/interest, but also in TPD. What do you have to lose, but to make more professional friends, get your name out there, get access to great information, and help, for example, research sustainable development--possibly getting drivers out of their cars?!

Don't forget October is Community Planning Month. Listen for Public Service Announcements, sponsored by APA, in your area!

And don't forget to get your TPD shirt! They are now \$25 each or two for \$35. Just let me (if east of the Mississippi River) or Todd Ashby (if west of the River) know where to send...

Noël

Featured Conference

Impact of Changing Demographics on the Transportation System Conference

Transportation Research Board

Washington, DC

October 27-28 2008

www.trb.org/conferences/2008/ImpactDemographics

Upcoming Conferences and Meetings:

One suggestion made during the Business Meeting regarding TPD News was to include a list of conferences and meetings of potential interest to TPD members. Following is a partial list. Please forward conference and meeting information (title, affiliated group, dates, location, and registration information/contact person/web site) to tpdnews@yahoo.com.

2008 Federal Policy & Program Briefing

American Planning Association
Washington, D.C.
October 19-20, 2008
<http://www.planning.org/policyconference/>

2008 Upper Midwest Planning Conference

Wisconsin Chapter American Planning Association
Planning for Sustainability
September 18-19, 2008
<http://www.iowa-apa.org/pdf/conference7-22-08.pdf>

OKI Regional Planning Conference

Planning our Legacy
Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio Chapters American Planning Association
October 15 – 17, 2008
Louisville, Kentucky
<http://www.kapa.org/okiconference.htm>

Complete Streets

American Planning Association Atlanta, Georgia
November 14-15, 2008
<http://www.planning.org/PTS/completestreets.htm>

Send in conference information or calls for papers to:
tpdnews@yahoo.com

TPD Blog

Take a look at the TPD Blog. Ask a question, share an idea or have an on-line conversation with TPD members. The blog was established to help facilitate quick communication between TPD members and others.
<http://apa-tpd.blogspot.com/>



Announcements:



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The Journal of Transport and Land Use is a new open-access, peer-reviewed online journal publishing original interdisciplinary papers on the interaction of transport and land use. Domains include: engineering, planning, modeling, behavior, economics, geography, regional science, sociology, architecture and design, network science, and complex systems.

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Summer 2008 issue available: www.jtlu.org

Contents:

Sprawl and Accessibility

Robert Bruegmann, Professor of Art History, Architecture, and Urban Planning, University of Illinois at Chicago
(Author of *Sprawl: A Compact History*)

Counterpoint: Sprawl and Accessibility

Randall Crane, UCLA Department of Urban Planning
(Co-editor of the forthcoming *Oxford Handbook of Urban Planning*)

Cities as Organisms: Allometric Scaling of Urban Road Networks

Horacio Samaniego and Melanie E. Moses, Department of Computer Science, University of New Mexico

A Use-Based Measure of Accessibility to Linear Features to Predict Urban Trail Use

John R. Ottensmann and Greg Lindsey, Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Integral Cost-Benefit Analysis of Maglev Rail Projects Under Market Imperfections

J. Paul Elhorst and Jan Oosterhaven, Department of Regional Economics, University of Groningen (Netherlands)

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Call for Papers:

*47th International
Making Cities Livable
Conference*

CALL FOR PAPERS:

47th International Making Cities Livable Conference May 10-13, 2009, Portland, OR

Proposals should be prepared for blind peer review. State title of paper, name of author, affiliation, full contact information on cover email. Attach Word file with abstract (200 – 250 words).

Please send to: Suzanne.Lennard@LivableCities.org

Deadline for submission: October 15th, 2008

For more information, see www.LivableCities.org

An international conference for city officials, practitioners and scholars in planning, urban design, transportation planning, architecture, landscape architecture, health policy and social sciences from many parts of the world to share ideas, and establish working relationships.

Paper topics include:

Urban Design & planning for physical & social health, Planning pedestrian & bike networks, Active living & the walkable, bikeable city, New achievements in urban transit, Transit oriented development, Land use principles for the healthy city, Beautiful cities & well-being, Psychological effects of the built environment, Urban housing to integrate diversity, Mixed-use urban fabric & infill, Urban villages/Suburban towns, Redesigning suburban malls as village/town centers, Designing town squares for social life & civic engagement, Teaching health & planning, Achieving LEED Gold, LEED Neighborhood Development, Community participation in architecture and urban design, Regional planning for sustainability, Traditional urban planning, Historical models, What can we learn from Europe?

2008 APA Business Meeting Highlights

David Fields, TPD Secretary

Welcome and Introductions

Noël Comeaux, TPD Chair, called the meeting to order, reviewed the meeting agenda, and facilitated introductions by the TPD Executive Board and meeting attendees.

Chair's Report

- Noël Comeaux introduced the mission of the TPD, "to become a go - to resource for transportation planning both within the profession and to external sources." The division is focusing on providing a network to our members and encouraging others to see members as an information resource.
- The Division hosted two by - rights sessions for the 2008 APA National Conference:
 - o Congestion Pricing 101
 - o You Can Get There from Here: Retrofitting Roadways for Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- The Division also co - sponsored a booth in the Exhibitors Hall to raise awareness of TPD and encourage membership. With much positive feedback, the Division will co - sponsor a booth at next year's conference.
- The Division's website (www.tpd-apa.org) has been reorganized and now includes information about division activities and reports, job opportunities (at no cost), and discounts for Elsevier Journals.
- The Division is always seeking volunteers to participate in activities. Specific volunteer opportunities will be discussed throughout the meeting.

Legislative/Policy Committee

- Dan Reuter reported on the APA's Transportation Policy Paper and its relation to the legislative actions on the upcoming SAFETLU 2/Green TEA Bill. APA distributed a transportation policy survey to members. Of the approximately 400 responses, about half were from transportation planners, which provided significant input on developing the Transportation Policy Paper (TPP). The TPP outlines key policies APA endorses and can be used as a preliminary primer on transportation priorities. Dan Reuter will be leading this effort throughout the coming year on the APA's complete TPP. Dan Reuter requested that volunteers from TPD be active participants in the TPP working groups.
- Jason Jordan presented APA's legislative affairs efforts and encouraged all members to utilize the TPP when working with elected officials. APA is available to help members develop local policy briefings and invited members to attend the Policy and Legislative Conference in Washington, DC in October. APA is also coordinating with like - minded organizations to present a unified front in the upcoming SAFETLU 2/Green TEA bill, including T4America Coalition and the Complete Streets Coalition. Legislative field hearings will also be held, to encourage participation without requiring trips to Washington, DC.

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National Transportation Infrastructure Track to be highlighted at the 2009 APA National Conference next April in Minneapolis.

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TPD Budget

Each year TPD develops an operating budget. The budget helps the division plan or estimate future income and expenses for the coming year.

Following is the budget summary for federal fiscal year 2008 and the proposed budget for federal fiscal year 2009.

In 2008, the division had 2 major unanticipated budget items. These included: a booth at the annual APA conference, co-sponsored with the Urban Design and Preservation Division; and TPD shirts for members to purchase. Additionally, business meeting expenses were somewhat higher than anticipated.

However, some programs did not expended all monies that were available to them and offset most of the unanticipated items. Revenue was also generated from the sale of the TPD shirts.

Assuming TPD receives the anticipated amount in member rebates from APA for the fourth fiscal quarter, approximately \$10,000 will carry over to fiscal year 2009.

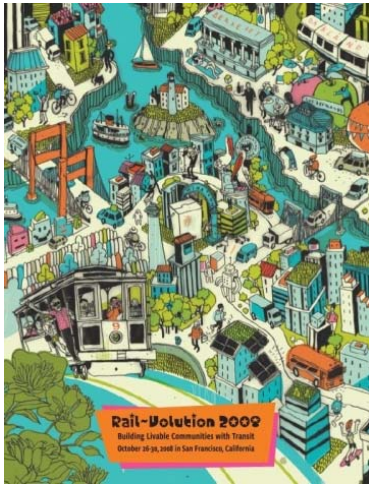
APA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIVISION APPROVED FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET October-September

<u>Income & Expenses</u>	<u>Assumptions</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
RECEIPTS			
Dues		\$ 24,000	\$ 18,586
Advertising - Newsletter, Directory and/or Website		\$ 100	\$ -
Division Council		\$ -	\$ -
TPD Conference Shirts		\$ -	\$ 791
Other		\$ -	\$ 53
Previous Year Carry-over		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,136
Total Estimated Receipts		\$ 34,100	\$ 29,566
DISBURSEMENTS			
MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS			
<u>Newsletter</u>			
Professional Services - Editor	4 Editions X \$1,100	\$ 4,400	\$ 2,200
		Subtotal - Newsletter	\$ 4,400
<u>Brochure</u>			
Distribute/printing		\$ 800	\$ 657
		Subtotal - Brochure	\$ 800
<u>Membership Drive</u>			
Phone Calls		\$ -	\$ -
Mailings/Letters		\$ 200	\$ 133
Outreach		\$ 600	\$ 785
		Subtotal - Members	\$ 800
<u>Web Page</u>			
Maintenance/Access		\$ 500	\$ 239
Technology		\$ 250	\$ 20
		Subtotal - Web Page	\$ 750
ADMINISTRATIVE			
Board Travel (Fall Leadership, TRB, & Annual Conference)		\$ 9,350	\$ 5,409
Elections		\$ 500	\$ -
Business Meetings/ Refreshments		\$ 4,800	\$ 5,586
		Subtotal - Admin.	\$ 14,650
PROGRAMS			
Student Paper Awards		\$ 1,800	\$ 1,650
Airports-In-the-Region --		\$ 1,500	\$ -
Research		\$ 5,000	\$ -
Student Outreach		\$ 500	\$ -
TPD Shirts for Members		\$ -	\$ 1,582
APA Conference Booth		\$ -	\$ 1,033
		Subtotal - Program	\$ 8,800
Total Estimated Disbursements		\$ 30,200	\$ 18,638
ESTIMATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		\$ 3,900	\$ 10,928

If you have any questions about the budget or budget process please contact Todd Ashby at tashby@snyder-associates.com.

**APA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIVISION
PROPOSED FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET
October-September**

<u>Income & Expenses</u>	<u>Assumptions</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
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Division Council		\$ -	\$ -
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	Subtotal - Newsletter	\$ 4,400	\$ -
<u>Printing</u>			
Distribute/printing	Subtotal - Printing	\$ 800	\$ -
<u>Membership Drive</u>			
Phone Calls		\$ -	\$ -
Mailings/Letters		\$ 200	\$ -
Outreach		\$ 600	\$ -
	Subtotal - Members	\$ 800	\$ -
<u>Web Page</u>			
Maintenance/Access		\$ 500	\$ -
Technology		\$ -	\$ -
	Subtotal - Web Page	\$ 500	\$ -
ADMINISTRATIVE			
Board Travel (Fall Leadership, Rail-Volution, & Annual Conference)		\$ 10,510	\$ -
Elections		\$ 500	\$ -
	Subtotal - Admin.	\$ 11,010	\$ -
PROGRAMS			
Student Paper Awards		\$ 1,800	\$ -
Business Meetings & Receptions		\$ 5,362	\$ -
Public Transportation/Environment --		\$ 1,500	\$ -
Research		\$ 5,000	\$ -
Student Outreach		\$ 500	\$ -
TPD Shirts for Members/Other		\$ 1,000	\$ -
APA Conference Booth		\$ 1,200	\$ -
	Subtotal - Program	\$ 16,362	\$ -
<u>Total Estimated Disbursements</u>		<u>\$ 33,872</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>ESTIMATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>		<u>\$ 128</u>	<u>\$ -</u>



Business Meeting Highlights

- David Fields, TPD Secretary, reported on the APA Climate Change Paper:
 - o Input provided by the Division on the draft was adopted directly in the Paper, with support from the Delegate Assembly.
 - o The Paper addressed significant policies related to transportation on both the national and local levels, ranging from long and short-haul freight rail, intercity rail, regional transit, and local parking policies.
 - o The Paper will be revised and posted for additional comments.
 - o The Paper can be used immediately as a guide in draft form, for planners to quote as APA's proposed national policy.

Vice - Chair's Report

Hilary Perkins, TPD Vice - Chair, outlined TPD's potential new Mentor Program which will include:

- A process for how mentees can select a mentor based on geography and specialization;
- A timeline for the mentor/mentee relationship;
- A review period for both parties to decide if the relationship is beneficial; and
- Guidelines for the objectives and anticipated time commitment of the program.

An e - mail blast for mentors and mentees is anticipated within the next month. A program handbook will be posted on the TPD website explaining the program. TPD is actively seeking a new motivated individual to take charge of the Mentor Program for new and incoming TPD members/students.

Hilary also mentioned the TPD Blog – apa-tpd.blogspot.com – and encouraged participants to read and participate (it has an RSS feed, so changes can be updated in an aggregator, such as Bloglines).

Treasurer's Report

Todd Ashby, TPD Treasurer, reported:

- The Division budget was approved in January.
- We are currently in line with our budget projections, drawdown of our reserve funds to pay for Sponsorship Booth, shirts, and mailings.

Secretary's Report

David Fields reported on two topics: the TPD Policy Advisory Committee and the AICP Certification Maintenance (CM) program. The PAC is a TPD resource comprised of TPD members who can serve transportation experts in response to requests from APA or the media different topics. The PAC currently has 25 members and is open to all members with at least 10 years of transportation planning experience. Interested TPD members should e - mail David Fields, including their areas of expertise. In response to member concern voiced at the January TPD meeting regarding the AICP Certification Maintenance (CM) program: the Executive Board surveyed the wider membership regarding the CM program. They received a 20% response rate that highlighted members' issues. The Executive Board utilized this input and submitted a letter to APA focused on the following three concerns:

- o Registration of Educational Providers;
- o Relevance of CM Programs; and
- o Cost and Equity.

The Board's letter on behalf of the Division was submitted to APA and AICP in advance of the Meeting. Paul Farmer, APA President, has agreed to meet with the TPD Executive Board as an opportunity to provide more direct input. Attendees expressed appreciation regarding the letter and the Board's actions.

TPD is also investigating opportunities to provide transportation programming that would be eligible for CM credits. Two proposed options include:

- o TPD reimbursing local APA chapters for their costs for providing CM - eligible transportation programming, as long as the chapter does not charge members for the credits. For this option, TPD would allocate a budget, distribute a letter to all chapters the offer, and evaluate funding requests with respect to topic and geographic diversity.
- o TPD hires a consultant to develop transportation - related courses. Local chapters could then pay for the courses to be taught in each area. This option would be more costly to the Division. Attendees provided the following recommendations:
 - o CM credit should be provided to AICPs who teach a course; and
 - o CM credit should be provided to AICPs who write articles published in an APA - affiliated publication.

Student Paper Awards

Professor Black presented awards to students for excellent transportation planning research. Award winners in attendance presented a synopsis of their research and answered questions.

- First Prize: "Congestion Pricing on Doyle Drive," by Laura Stonehill, UC Berkeley (not present);
- Second Prize: "Analysis and Future Direction of the Corporate Average Fuel Economy," by Philbert Wong, USC (present); and
- Honorable Mention: "The Elusive Connection between Density and Transit Use," by Steve Hands, UIC (present).

Membership Committee Report

Noël Comeaux reported that Madhu Narayanasamy has been named as the new Chair of the Membership Committee. Madhu was instrumental in designing the TPD polo shirt (for sale) and will continue Division efforts to work with local chapters and other divisions in coordination of future activities. The Membership Committee's focus in the next year is to increase membership.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Kerry Walter-Ashby, TPD Newsletter Editor, reported that the newsletter is intended to further the Division's goals of providing members with information and expanding the Division's reputation as a go - to resource. Newsletters include technical articles, Division activities, and profiles of members. Copies of the current issue (Spring 2008) were distributed, and it is available on - line. The next issue will be Summer 2008 and will include conference activities; all members are encouraged to recommend topics and submit article proposals to tpdnews@yahoo.com.

APA Airport Committee

Charnelle Hicks, Airport Committee Chair, reported that TPD is actively involved in re - establishing its airport - related activities. Charnelle attended the Airport Cities 2007 Conference in Singapore in September 2007 on behalf of APA and TPD; the presentation was very well received, as noted by Banu Kannu of IBC Asia (S) Pte Ltd, who organized the conference. Charnelle was the only US representative. She noted that the Division is putting together a proposal to APA, possibly to the Planner's Advisory Service, for Airports - in - the - Region funds. The AIR initiative educates planners and elected officials on best practices to prevent the closing of both hub/commercial airports and general aviation facilities due to local land use issues.

Research Committee

Noël Comeaux reported that the Research Committee is focused on developing transportation criteria for sustainable development. Members should submit ideas via the Division's blog.

2009 Elections

Noël Comeaux reported that a call for staffing the 2009 Elections Committee returned many volunteers. He will be in touch soon to outline a process and responsibilities.

New Business

One TPD member asked the attendees for their response to the calls for leadership on national transportation and infrastructure policies. Attendees responded with enthusiasm regarding the call to action.

TPD Sponsors Booth at APA Conference

TPD and Urban Design and Preservation Divisions co-hosted a booth at the National Planning Conference. Two I-Pods were given away during the conference.

TPD would like to thank all the volunteers who helped staff the booth and everyone who stopped by!



Volunteers set-up the TPD/UD&P Booth at the 2008 APA Conference

TPD Names New Research Committee Chair

At the January 2008 TPD Business Meeting in Washington, D.C. TPD members asked the Executive Committee to implement a division research effort. An initial budget for FY 2008 budget was established at \$5,000 for research data and travel. In July and August 2008, TPD requested that members interested in either being chair or supporting the research process respond to an email sent by Noël Comeaux, TPD Chair.

TPD received several responses showing interest in being the research chair. Thanks to all those who submitted responses. TPD has asked John Luciano Renne, Ph.D., AICP, of New Orleans to lead this charge, and he graciously accepted the challenge. John is an Assistant Professor of Urban Planning and Transportation Studies at the University of New Orleans. If you are also interested in supporting TPD's research effort to promote TPD and help provide good foundational studies for improving transportation, please contact John at jrenne@uno.edu. See John's complete bio on the next page.

Meet TPD's New Research Committee Chair

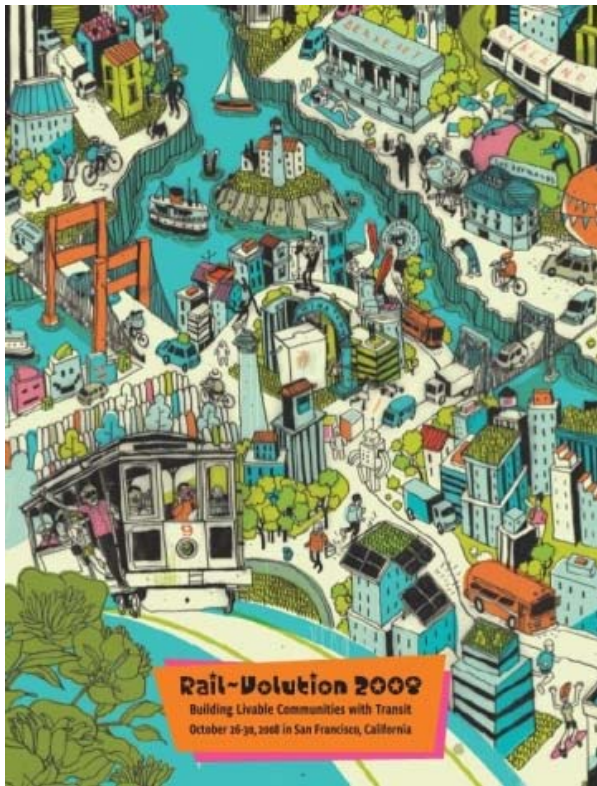
Dr. John L. Renne is an Assistant Professor of Urban Planning and Transportation Studies at the University of New Orleans. He serves as the Director of Transportation Studies and the Associate Director of the University of New Orleans Transportation Center. He is also the CEO of The TOD Group, a company that specializes in Transit-Oriented Development.



Dr. Renne is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). His research focuses on transportation and land use planning, including smart growth, sustainable development, and evacuation planning. Dr. Renne is leading a national study on carless and accessible evacuations for the Federal Transit Administration. Dr. Renne is affiliated with research centers in Australia and Europe, including the Urban Sustainability through Environmental Design (UStED) research network, the Planning and Transport Research Centre of Western Australia, the Institute for Sustainability and Technology Policy at Murdoch University, and the Planning Research Centre at the University of Sydney. Dr. Renne has written extensively and has lectured around the globe on these issues.

Dr. Renne has worked with state and local government on smart growth and transportation planning, particularly with transit-oriented development (TOD), across the United States and Australia. In the days following Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Renne launched the Transportation Equity and Evacuation Planning Program at the UNO Transportation Center. The charge of this program is to provide research and outreach to improve evacuation planning and practice for all members of society. As part of this, he organized the National Conference on Disaster Planning for the Carless Society, held in New Orleans, February 8th & 9th, 2007 (www.carlessevacuation.org). Dr. Renne is also leading a four-year national study of carless evacuation planning, sponsored by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration. The goal, in both the conference and research, is to bridge the transportation, emergency management, and health care professions as well as establish a dialogue between local, parish/county, state, and federal government.

Before joining the University of New Orleans, Dr. Renne worked as a Visiting Research Associate for the Planning and Transport Research Centre at Murdoch University in Western Australia, where he provided TOD research and advice to the State of Western Australia's Department for Planning and Infrastructure. He organized Australia's first national conference on TOD, held July 5 - 8, 2005. While in Australia, he was also an associate director for the EG Property group. From 2001 - 2004, Dr. Renne worked as a Project Manager for the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers where he led TOD projects along with Research Professor Jan Wells on evaluating the New Jersey Transit Village Initiative and "Developing a Tool to Measure the Success of TODs" for the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies (published as NCHRP Research Results Digest 294). Professor Renne is a USDOT Eisenhower Transportation Fellow and Eno Transportation Foundation Fellow.



TPD's Fall Business Meeting at Rail~Volution 2008

**October 26-30, 2008
San Francisco, California**

For more info:

www.railvolution.com

or

Join us this October in San Francisco as we continue to explore what's possible in shaping the landscape with public transportation and other progressive livability strategies.

This region has identified creative solutions facing all of us - climate change and dwindling resources, sustaining a healthy economy, addressing the needs of diverse cultures, and proactively financing infrastructure that supports livable communities.

A myriad of talents continues to work together to develop creative, adaptable solutions for addressing the transportation and global warming crisis. Come to San Francisco this fall to share your experiences, see first hand how a diverse region is collaborating to provide a green and livable future, and take home some innovative new strategies for your community.

Join TPD for its Fall Business Meeting
at Rail~Volution
Wednesday, October 29 at 5:30.
More information to follow

AICP CM credit opportunities will be
available at the conference

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