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TREC at Portland State University February 2020



PSU at TRB: Link Round-Up & Accomplishments

Portland State continued our tradition of standing out at last month's annual gathering of the Transportation Research Board (TRB). Masters student Gabby Abou-Zeid was named Top Ranked Eisenhower Fellow, several of our researchers scored other awards and accolades, and TREC director Jennifer Dill met with Oregon Congressman Earl Blumenauer to discuss the role of university research in creating more equitable and sustainable communities. We've collected some of these stories along with photos, research posters, and presentations. See what PSU brought to the nation's largest transportation conference this year, and check out our [TRB 2020 photo album](#).

[SEE PSU HIGHLIGHTS FROM TRB](#)



Transforming Mobility Justice: Investigating Gendered Harassment and Violence on Transit

Public spaces are structured in ways that serve to reproduce gender hierarchies. While important work on gendered mobilities has focused on the unique limitations to women experience in spaces such as public transit, there is little that considers how other gender minorities experience mobility in these spaces. Drawing from 25 qualitative interviews with transgender and gender nonconforming public transit users in Portland, Oregon, PSU Sociology professor Amy Lubitow demonstrates that an understanding of *transmobilities* is crucial in efforts to fully incorporate gender as part of transport justice. How can transit agencies incorporate policies for gender identity protection?

[READ THE RESEARCH](#)

Better Block PSU: Call for Pop-Up Projects

Do you have an idea to improve the streetscape in your Portland-area community? Submit your project by Tuesday, March 10th! Better Block PSU is a partnership program between the public spaces advocacy nonprofit Better Block PDX and



Portland State University (PSU). Partnering since 2015, we have developed implementation plans and designs for many community-driven transportation projects. These pop-up projects promote equitable placemaking, community building, and active transportation advocacy. The Transportation Research and Education Center (TREC) at PSU has adopted this program under our umbrella of transportation initiatives, and it is integrated into PSU planning and engineering classes.

SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT (by MARCH 10)



Student Spotlight Video: Mike McQueen on Expanding E-Bike Incentive Programs

Mike McQueen is a second year PSU masters in transportation engineering student working with John MacArthur and Kelly Clifton. A two-time Eisenhower Fellow, and the 2019 YPT National StreetLight Fellow, Mike researches e-bike travel behavior, and in this video he describes his work on How E-Bike Incentive Programs are Used to Expand the Market. For many commuters, the high cost of e-bikes is a barrier to entry. This research explores techniques to develop and structure e-bike incentive programs to reduce that barrier. He is also working on an in-progress "Mobility by E-Bike Study" which is still recruiting e-bike rider participants for help with data collection.

MEET MIKE MCQUEEN



Apply to be a Transportation Undergraduate Research Fellow (TURF) at PSU

Applications are now open for our unique ten-week summer fellowship at Portland State University. This annual program introduces undergraduates to transportation research under the guidance of a PSU faculty mentor. Students must be currently enrolled in a transportation-related undergraduate degree program at any college or university. Preference will be given to applicants who have a strong interest in graduate education. Selected students will receive a \$7,500 stipend and are expected to work 40 hours per week. We also organize activities to introduce the group of students to PSU and the region's transportation community.

APPLY TO TURF (by MARCH 15)

UPCOMING TREC EVENTS

Webinars and Seminars

Feb 28: [Friday Transportation Seminar: The Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project](#)

Mar 13: [Friday Transportation Seminar: Grassroots Politics in Bremen & Berlin: A Matter of Environmental Justice](#)

Mar 17: [Webinar \(NITC\): When Growth Outpaces Infrastructure: A Community-Engaged Assessment of Transportation Gaps](#)

Apr 7: [Webinar \(NITC\): Visual Exploration of Trajectory Data](#)

Apr 10: [Friday Transportation Seminar: Moving Toward Equitable TOD by Integrating Transit and Housing](#)

Workshops and Summer Camps

Jun 21–26: [National Summer Transportation Institute 2020 \(Girls Camp\) at PSU](#)

Jun 21–27: [Professional Study Abroad 2020: Active Transportation in the Netherlands \(NEW: Registration open\)](#)

Jun 21–Jul 4: [Student Study Abroad 2020: Sustainable Transportation in the Netherlands \(Applications open\)](#)

Jul 19–24: [Oregon Summer Transportation Institute 2020 \(Coed Camp\) at PSU](#)

Aug 24–28: [IBPI Workshop: Comprehensive Bikeway Design at PSU \(NEW: Registration open\)](#)

[Watch videos and see slides of past online events in our Education Library](#)

PARTNER UPDATES

Three PSU Students Win WTS Portland Scholarships: Briana Orr and Huijun Tan of Urban and Regional Planning and Lynn Tran of Civil and Environmental Engineering were awarded scholarships by the Portland Chapter of WTS.

Improving Pedestrian Access to Transit - TriMet Pedestrian Plan: Submit feedback and ideas for improved safety and mobility access to transit in the Portland Metro area.

The Open Streets Classroom: A University-Community Partnership for the Public Good: Adonia Lugo on "More than What One Can See: Sustaining the Street Life Observed through Ethnography," Free Corvallis, OR workshop. **Feb 27**

Oregon ITE March Sustainability Luncheon: ODOT and Multnomah County got a SILVER certification on the Sellwood Bridge project, and Multnomah County is pursuing certification on the Burnside Bridge, from Greenroads International. **Mar 3**

Northwest Transportation Conference: With over 400 attendees, this year features PSU researchers: Chris Monsere, Sirisha Kothuri, Thomas Schumacher, Peter Dusicka, Jaclyn Schaefer, Jason Anderson, Joe Broach, and [more](#). **Mar 9–11**

Mobility Matters: PSU College of Education's 3rd annual interdisciplinary summit. Themes will focus on Youth Leadership: Growing Interdisciplinary Solutions Through Partnerships and Smart Design = Accessible Design. **Mar 18**

2020 World Symposium on Transport and Land Use Research: Kelly Clifton and Jennifer Dill of PSU are co-chairs of WSTLUR, a conference on the interaction of transportation and land use. Held in Portland, OR **Jul 13–16**

Transportation Research and Education Center, Portland State University

TREC at PSU is home to the National Institute for Transportation and Communities (NITC), the Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation (IBPI), and other transportation programs. TREC produces research and tools for transportation decision makers, develops K-12 curriculum to expand the diversity and capacity of the workforce, and engages students and professionals through education.



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