Chair’s Message

As my first three-year term comes to a close as Chair of the ADC10 Committee, I’m really excited to see what we’ve been able to accomplish and I’m looking forward to another term. We have held Mid-Year Workshop meetings in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, Raleigh, North Carolina (as part of the TRB Environmental Committee Mega-Meeting) and joined ICOET this past summer in Seattle, Washington. We will be meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas in June 2012 with several other committees – more to come soon on that! We have established regular meetings of a Steering Committee and are pursuing innovations in our committee communications and marketing strategies. We have a committee rotation coming up in April 2012 – although we’ll have a few long-time members rotate off, they will be able to stay active as Friends and there will be an opportunity to add new members.

This newsletter issue is very focused on the upcoming Annual Meeting. There are many sessions, meetings and workshops that we are sponsoring and we would love to see you at all of them.

All the best to all of our members and friends and we look forward to a great 2012 – and beyond!

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Strategic Issues Subcommittee Continuing January “Looking
**Forward** Forum

*Submitted by: Rick Record, Chair of Strategic Issues Subcommittee*

At last January’s TRB Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., attendees filled the Oak Lawn Room of the Washington Hilton to hear the featured agenda item of the ADC10(1) Strategic Issues Subcommittee meeting: a round-table exchange among leaders in different sectors tackling evolving issues at the interface of transportation and the environment. We were honored to hear thought-provoking, candid and insightful observations and exchange among our distinguished panelists: Paul Marx, with the US Department of Commerce, who also co-chairs the TRB Committee on Transportation and Sustainability; Steve Andrlle, Chief Program Officer-Capacity with TRB’s SHRP2 Research Program; Peggy Strand of Venable LLP and Chair of TRB’s Committee on Environmental Issue in Transportation Law; Andy Fekete of RBA Group and former member of TRB’s Committee on Environmental Analysis in Transportation and founding member of what has become the Strategic Issue Subcommittee; and Ronald Deverman of HNTB and President of the National Association of Environmental Professionals.

The unheated subject matter covered the waterfront in spontaneous fashion: business case issues in environmental analysis; integration of engineering and environmental sciences; the role of “no build” in new program realities; uncovering and rethinking new opportunities and better outcomes on the programmatic agreement front; the role and importance of balanced and well-communicated analytics in the future of NEPA... a long list of stimulating commentary and exchanges. The dialogue continued after the meeting as attendees and panelists roved the room cocktail party-style to follow up on points and questions of interest.

For the upcoming Annual Meeting, the Strategic Issues Subcommittee is continuing the “Looking Forward” Forum. Invitations have been extended to panelists, and we anticipate again having an interesting set of conversational perspectives on the evolving interface of transportation and environmental analysis. Details will be posted in early January to the ADC10 website and sent to our extensive “friends” list. Any and all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

The 2012 Looking Forward Forum will be held Monday, January 23 from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. at the Washington Hilton, Morgan Room. For more information contact [Rick Record](mailto:rick.record@hntb.com).

**ADC10 Committee Sponsored Annual Meeting Workshops and Sessions**

The ADC10 Committee is sponsoring or co-sponsoring an exciting lineup of meetings, workshops and sessions at the 2012 Annual meeting.

Below are summaries of a Sunday workshop, conference sessions and one paper session of potential interest to Committee member and friends. In addition, following the successful Call for Posters for the 2011 Annual Meeting, the Committee conducted another call for posters for the 2012 meeting that resulted in five posters.

The Committee, Subcommittee Meetings, and Poster Sessions will be held on the dates and times indicated under Newsletter Announcements. For additional details including speakers and room assignments for all Annual meetings, sessions, and posters, please visit the [TRB Interactive Program](http://www.trb.org/)

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**Workshop**

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**Events at TRB Annual Meeting**

**Committee and Subcommittee Meetings**

- **Environmental Analysis in Transportation Committee Business Meeting**
  - January 24, 2012
  - 1:30PM- 5:30PM
  - Hilton, Columbia Hall 3 & 4

- **Research Topics Subcommittee Meeting**
  - January 24, 2012
  - 10:15AM- 12:00PM
  - Hilton, L'Enfant

- **Strategic Issues Subcommittee Meeting and 2012 Looking Forward Forum**
  - January 23, 2012
  - 3:45PM- 5:30PM
  - Hilton, Morgan

**Committee Membership Interest Forms Due January 9, 2012**

The Committee is currently seeking interest from "Friends of the Committee" in becoming members for the 2012 - 2015 term. Completed interest surveys are due to [Chris Gesing](mailto:chris.gesing@hntb.com) and [Muges Stoll](mailto:muges.stoll@hntb.com) by January 9th, 2012.

TRB Committees include:
- 25 U.S. members (including Chair);
- 5 additional slots for international members (non-U.S.); and,
- 4 additional slots for “young” members (35 years or younger).

For more specific information on the role of committee members in TRB and the responsibilities membership includes, [click here](mailto:click.here). For more
183 - Riding the National Environmental Policy Act Railroad
Jan 22, 2012, 1:30PM - 4:30PM
Hilton, Columbia Hall 11
Sponsored by Committee on Environmental Analysis in Transportation; Committee on Intercity Passenger Rail; Committee on Passenger Rail Equipment and Systems Integration; Committee on Railroad Environmental Research Issues

The workshop explores how NEPA can work efficiently to inform decision making on multimodal projects involving rail. FRA and FHWA leaders will set the federal program stage and identify parallel and unique planning and decision processes and analysis issues between modes. Teams of project staff will highlight three case studies and good practices, followed by discussion and questions. A panel of presenters will initiate an exchange on emerging issues, recent research findings, and research gaps.

Conference Sessions

449 - Integrating Sustainability Rating Systems into Transportation Decision Making
January 23, 2012, 7:30PM - 9:30PM
Hilton, Georgetown West
Sponsored by Committee on Environmental Analysis in Transportation; Committee on Waste Management and Resource Efficiency in Transportation; Committee on Historic and Archeological Preservation in Transportation

Since it debuted 10 years ago, ‘LEED’ certification has brought sustainability into the real estate world. Now, initiatives like New York State’s GreenLITES, and FHWA’s INVEST aim to change the way transportation thinks about sustainability too. This session will explore how voluntary sustainability rating systems fit within the transportation world’s processes for offering accountability, delivering projects and programs, and meeting the sustainability-related challenges of today and tomorrow.

694 - Can Transportation and Public Health Be Compatible? Considering Health in Transportation Decisions
January 25, 2012, 8:00AM - 9:45AM
Hilton, Columbia Hall 8
Sponsored by Committee on Environmental Analysis in Transportation; Committee on Environmental Issues in Transportation Law; Committee on Environmental Justice in Transportation

Health Impact Assessments (HIA) can be used to facilitate communication between transportation planners and public health officials to promote favorable and reduce adverse health effects of transportation decisions. This session describes HIA methods, gives examples of transportation projects and policies for which HIAs have been conducted, provides a case study of a transportation-related HIA, and discusses considerations related to the use of HIAs.

331 - Enabling Planning-Level Ecological Decision Making: Recent Progress in Development of National Online Information Systems and Environmental Performance Measures
January 23, 2012, 1:30PM - 3:15PM
Hilton, Jefferson East
Co-Sponsored by Committee on Environmental Analysis in Transportation; Committee on Ecology and Transportation

This session will facilitate discussion among government agency data leaders, regulatory staff, and front-line DOT & MPO users on how emerging environmental
information support systems can be leveraged for improved environmental and transportation planning; accelerating decisions currently made in Clean Water Act Section 404 and 401 permitting, Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultations, and ultimately - facilitating the decision making authority incumbent upon NEPA.

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**Paper Session**

**792- Environmental Analysis Tools: Applications for Planning and Environmental Commitment Tracking**
January 25, 2012, 4:30PM - 6:00PM
Hilton, Lincoln West
Sponsored by Committee on Environmental Analysis in Transportation

This session will explore environmental analysis tools for use in landscape and corridor level planning and for tracking commitments made through the environmental analysis process.

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**Poster Session**

**499 - Current Environmental Issues in Transportation**
January 24, 2012, 8:30AM - 10:15AM
Hilton, International Center

This committee is concerned with issues relating to the environmental impacts of transportation projects and systems. Emphasis is placed upon planning, decision making, and mitigation strategies, policies and processes, as well as multidisciplinary impact considerations. Follow ADC10 here.

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