

Transportation Research Board Health and Transportation Subcommittee
Tuesday, January 12, 2016 | 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM

Notes from the 2016 Annual Meeting¹

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Subcommittee 2015 Annual Report

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Public Health issue of *TR News*

<http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/trnews/trnews299.pdf>

Welcome and Introductions

- Distribution of the [meeting agenda](#), the Subcommittee's [2015 Annual Report](#), and sign-in sheets
- Overview of meeting agenda
- Introductions

Chair's Report (Ed Christopher)

- We distributed hard copies of the Subcommittee's [2015 Annual Report](#). You can find an electronic copy of the annual report on our Health and Transportation website (www.trbhealth.org) along with other documents, including our [meeting agenda](#) and the [meeting slides](#). As a Subcommittee, one of our goals is to document all of our work and make it available to everyone.
- Visit our website to join our [listserv](#) if you haven't already. There are 380 people on the listserv. Being on the listserv is how one becomes a "friend" of the Subcommittee.
- This is an important year to be active on the listserv because public health is one of TRB's new "critical issues." When you hear of things going on within TRB, or about other transportation-public health activities, please post the information to the listserv. Everyone appreciates keeping up with things that are happening.
- We will work on getting a larger room for next year's meeting.
- The group had a brief discussion about the difference between a TRB Subcommittee and a TRB Committee.

¹ Carolyn (Carey) McAndrews (carolyn.mcandrews@ucdenver.edu) took notes. Please e-mail Carey with any additional information or corrections.

- About 50 people attended our workshop on Sunday morning, which focused on institutionalizing public health in transportation agencies. We will post the notes to the website. Last year, we hosted a workshop about tools for transportation-public health analysis. Information from that workshop is also on our website.
- We are very proud of the [TR News special issue about public health and transportation](#) that came out this fall. We proposed the idea to TRB two years ago and worked with the authors to get it published as fast as possible. The timing is great, especially with interest in public health in the TRB Executive Committee.
- TRB officially created the Task Force on Arterials and Public health this year, which focuses on including public health in the planning, design, and operation of arterial roads. We had our kick-off meeting this year during TRB and will post the [notes](#) on the website.
- We received 25 papers in response to our paper call, which we created in collaboration with the TRB Committee on Travel Behavior and Values, one of our parent committees. We received 118 unique reviews of these 25 papers, and we had 85 unique reviewers. We try very hard to not burden our reviewers: 60 people did one review, 21 people did two reviews, and five reviewers did three reviews. We had seven papers presented as posters. Three papers will go on to publication. We truly appreciate the work that reviewers do and thank each of you who volunteered your time.
- Upcoming conferences to highlight: [International Conference on Transportation & Health](#) in June; [Tools of the Trade: Planning for Small and Medium-size Communities \(Health and Transportation Jeopardy game\)](#) in September; [American Public Health Association Annual Meeting](#) in October. The group talked about ways to network with people at APHA who are interested in transportation – there is no single committee or subcommittee that coordinates transportation within APHA.

FHWA Framework to include Health in Corridor Planning (Beverly Bowen)

- US DOT has been working on a [Framework for Better Integrating Public Health into Corridor Planning](#) and the framework is coming out soon. It has been piloted in five communities. The final report on the whole effort will be out in a few months once it goes through reviews.

TRB Executive Committee and Public Health (Marci Greenberger)

- The TRB Executive Committee established a Task Force on Public Health because it is a hot topic that they want to focus on. One purpose for the Task Force is to facilitate communication and collaboration between TRB and the Institute of Medicine.

Rides to Wellness (Danielle Nelson and Therese McMillan)

- Therese McMillan spoke about the critical link between public health and transportation. Whereas safety and air pollution have been part of transportation for decades, it is more recent that it is intersecting with urban form, design, and conversations about wellness. Transportation provides the critical link to access health care and prevention services. The intersection of transportation and public health has become more diverse and there are new partnerships that are forming between transportation and the health care sector.
- Transportation came up in conversations about the Affordable Care Act, specifically around issues of getting people to care. Working together with CDC, EPA, HHS and other groups, grants have gone out to communities and a second-phase grant program will come out too.

CDC/DOT Transportation Health Tool (Jason Broehm)

- Presentation about the [Transportation and Health Tool](#) and a guided tour through the Tool's website. Question and answer period.

Subcommittee Research Proposals (Carolyn McAndrews, Andrew Dannenberg)

- The NCHRP synthesis deadline is coming up. In the past years, we have put together research needs statements for the synthesis program and submitted them, but they have not been funded. We want to recruit volunteers to dust off old research needs statements—and make new ones—and submit to these programs. The key thing is to get some ideas on paper. The group had a discussion of the airports research program.

Round Robin - Areas of Interest – Announcements

- We need a better understanding of safe mobility for older persons (there is a [TRB Committee on Safe Mobility for Older Persons](#)) and we should work more closely with this group. We had a discussion about summer meetings.
- What are transportation needs across the life course?
- How to build more collaborative relationships with public health organizations to address issues of mutual interest?
- International Conference on Transportation & Health announcement (see above for link).
- Announcement about the *Journal of Transport & Health*.
- EPA published a best practices document this year about reducing exposure to [near-roadway air pollution around schools](#).
- Urban and Regional Information Systems [GIS and Health Symposium](#) with the American Public Health Association in June.
- Young Professionals Network to support people working at the intersection of transportation and public health. The contact is Arielle Fleisher.
- The CDC-funded [Physical Activity Policy Research Network Plus](#) is an opportunity for people to be involved in collaborative work on physical activity.
- Surgeon General's Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities: [Step it Up!](#)
- [New Benchmarking Report](#) from the Alliance for Biking & Walking
- The National Institutes of Health is funding [Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation Research](#).