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Mission

YPT provides professional development, fellowship, and networking opportunities for young professionals in the transportation field across the country and around the world.

Professional Development. A regular series of seminars, technicals tours, and other opportunities from leading individuals or teams in transportation.

Fellowship. An ongoing forum for mutual support and interaction among young transportation professionals, especially for those starting their careers.

Networking. Networking events to help young professionals advance their careers and share innovative ideas.

YPT is a truly international organization, with Board Members from across North America and chapters opening around the U.S. and Canada. Membership is open to all transportation professionals around the world. YPT does not have an age-restricted definition of “young.” Anyone is welcome to take advantage of our membership and activities.

No chapter in your area?

YPT is expanding to cities around the world. Join us as a member-at-large, and contact us to start a chapter where you are!
Message from the Chair

Dear Members and Friends of YPT,

This has been another great year for Young Professionals in Transportation. Over the past year we’ve seen a substantial increase in our membership and taken on several new members on our Board of Directors. YPT has pursued new outlets through the support of Transportation Camps in nearly a dozen cities, and we’ve given our members a fun and unique opportunity to connect through the development of the Transportation Edition expansion to the popular Cards Against Urbanity game.

Above all, the strength of YPT comes down to the people we meet and career-lasting connections we make. Let’s work together this year to strengthen our connection and increase the number of networking opportunities for our members across the United States and Canada. I’m looking forward to another great year!

Sincerely,
Zachary Bugg
2015-2016 Chair

Message From the Deputy Chair

Dear Members and Friends of YPT,

This past year has been another exciting year for Young Professionals in Transportation, characterized by a number of notable milestones and fun events throughout North America! This year included the second year of the annual YPT Excellence in Transportation Awards, an overhaul of the International Board of Advisors, the first YPT-endorsed game: Cards Against Urbanity, Transportation Edition, and several great international events such as our annual reception at the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting and a young professionals’ reception at the ITE National Meeting in Anaheim.

It was an honor to serve on the YPT board as Deputy Chair over the past year, and I’m grateful for all the vibrant young transportation professionals I’ve met and the big things we’ve made happen over my three years serving on the YPT International Board. Being a member of YPT and serving on the International Board has been a crucial and part of my development as a transportation professional, and working with this energetic, diverse group of people has given me much hope for the future of transportation. Thank you for allowing me to serve you, and I look forward to seeing what 2017 has in store for YPT!

Sincerely,
Jack Cebe
2015-2016 Deputy Chair
YPT International is composed of 19 chapters throughout the US and Canada, as well as numerous members at large. Throughout 2016, YPT Chapters across North America held events targeted towards young professionals in all aspects of transportation - and had a little fun, too!

Chapter Board Members come from all sectors, backgrounds, and areas of focus. They have used the 2016 term to broaden their engagement and make an impact in their organizations and communities. As a result of dedicated members, YPT Chapters are thriving and the organization as a whole continues to grow.

If you’re interested in starting a chapter in your area, make sure that you’re a current Member in good standing. Send an e-mail to chapters@yptransportation.org to let us know a little about yourself and the city you’re interested in starting a Chapter in. Then, start talking to others about getting more involved!
YPT is proud of the diverse membership that our organization represents. We are diverse in our ages, in our geography, and in the breadth of our transportation careers.

Our members, both in the United States and around the world, work in state and local governments, in nonprofit organizations, departments of transportation, and more. We have community organizers, disability rights advocates, engineers, and consultants in our ranks. Their works spans professions within the transportation industry including finance, communications, planning, policy, engineering, implementation, and so much more. Interested individuals may affiliate with YPT as Members of Chapters or as At-Large.

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*Other chapters include Albany, Cincinnati, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Hartford, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Ottawa, Phoenix, Raleigh Durham, Salt Lake City, and Tallahassee.*
Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT) was created to fill the void presented to young professionals in the large, established transportation organizations. YPT aims to give young professionals the opportunities to take leadership roles, participate in networking events, and grow their careers. As part of that effort, YPT has established an annual awards program that aims to go beyond the standard “Emerging Star” category that is often the only category YPT members would be eligible for in other organizations.

Young Professionals Transportation Project of the Year Award

Jaime and her team submitted the Central Maryland Regional Transit’s Transportation Resource Information Point (TRIP) Team’s project. It is a long-overdue solution and development for public transit in rural and suburban Maryland. The project expanded the General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) coverage out from Maryland’s large urban centers. The team’s work had a direct impact: digitizing 18 distinct systems in the state, covering 187 routes.

Prior to the project, a transit-dependent user would be shown no available transit options between rural and urban destinations. A trip originating in Westminster, Ocean City, or many other communities would show no possible trip options other than driving. The team is comprised entirely of young professionals and continues to push forward, both expanding and maintaining the existing transit data, to ensure that all citizens are best served by the region’s transit options.

Sam and his team submitted research that categorizes state-owned highways across Vermont based on potential bicycle use by leveraging readily available data. The methods developed by the team can be used for prioritizing bicycling demand on State roadways using readily-available and easily collected data.

Unlike other methods, these can be used over a large geographic scale, such as this state-wide model. This model is particularly innovative in that it uses both traditional data sets like the National Household Travel Survey — which were used to project likely cyclist trip lengths — and new data sources like Strava, a running and cycling tracking app, which were used to assess existing recreational demand for cycling facilities. The project team was comprised of and driven by young professionals, with the effort split across our friends in the public and private sectors.

Young Professionals Excellence in Innovation/ Research of the Year Award

Left to right: Tim Wilke, Philip LaCombe, Hannah Younes, Jaime McKay, Andrew Barrows.

Left to right: Sam Piper, Erica Wygonik, David Grover.
This past October, as a part of YPT Austin's series of round table events, the chapter hosted John-Michael Cortez, the special assistant to the Mayor of Austin, to speak about Austin's mobility bond and its transportation future.

Mr. Cortez spoke to and fielded questions from over 35 attendees, explaining the importance of the historic transportation bond that would be included on the November ballots and how local young transportation professionals would be impacted if the bond passed.

YPT Atlanta hosted a distinguished guest speaker, Becky Katz, the City of Atlanta’s new Chief Bicycle Officer. The event was sponsored by:

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Becky spoke about her career path to her current position, discussed the future of biking in Atlanta, including the roll-out of Atlanta’s bike-share program.
Amtrak hosted YPT Baltimore yet again, but this time at its Ivy City Maintenance Facility with our neighboring YPT DC chapter. We later found out that the day of our visit happened to be the facility’s 30th birthday!

An amazing and friendly group of Amtrak staff welcomed our group and started the day off with a safety briefing before we outfitted ourselves with hard hats, safety goggles, and ear plugs (a growing fashion trend in the transportation industry!).

We were warned by our guides to keep an eye out for moving locomotives, described as “quieter than your neighbor’s Prius.”

We were guided into the maintenance facility where it’s safe to say that the group immediately and simultaneously turned into excited children in a candy store. We walked around, into, and nearly underneath trains, trains, and more trains! It was impressive to witness a mix of old and new equipment and rolling stock, and how both old and new are now outfitted with technology that allows for real-time data collection and quality control.

A fun event hosted by YPT-Boston was candlepin bowling in East Boston in March.

Candlepin differs from the normal tenpin style in that the balls are only 4.5” in diameter, and the pins themselves are much thinner. A good crowd came out on a Friday night to play a few strings, make new connections, and have a good time!
Chapter Snapshots

YPT Chicago hosted a debate two weeks before the November elections to learn more about the Illinois Safe Roads Amendment, a statewide ballot measure for a constitutional change that would lock in transportation revenue to be spent only on transportation projects. We were honored to have State Rep. Elaine Nekritz and Illinois Chamber of Commerce’s Ben Brockschmidt attend to share opposing views on the amendment. Despite competing with a Cubs playoff game, we had great turnout among members and non-members. We received very positive feedback from attendees who were able to gain some clarity on this topic in an otherwise hectic election season.

YPT Burlington has been busy over the past year with a series of great events and our monthly happy hour gatherings. We hosted speaking events with some of the most influential people working in transportation in Vermont including the Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Transportation, Chris Cole, Emily Boedecker, the Executive Director of our statewide bicycle and pedestrian organization Local Motion, and the governor-elect (then gubernatorial candidate) Phil Scott. We also mixed it up with a tour of the US Coast Guard post on Lake Champlain, which afforded us the opportunity to roam about one of their Search and Rescue Boats.