

# WOMEN & GENDER IN TRANSPORTATION

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## TRR CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

*The Transportation Research Record, Journal of Transportation Research Board launched a special collection of 13 articles on Gender Issues in Transportation.*

*The articles cover a range of women's travel issues written by different authors over a period of almost 35 years. Thank you to TRR's Associate Editor and inaugural Editor Board member Sandi Rosenbloom for the efforts. The articles reflect "many common themes ... and a unified message" about the "different travel behavior, attitudes, and preferences of women and men". Click [here](#) to gain access and read more of this insightful series that commemorates the work of industry leaders over the last three decades. The collection of work provides the right data and research at the right time. As a woman, transportation planner, and policy advocate I remain energized by the collection of research and leadership that continues to inspire women and men in the transportation industry for years to come.*

# WELCOME DR. HILARY NIXON!

*Incoming AME20 Committee Chair*

Dr. Hilary Nixon has been an active member of AME20 since 2019, serving as a committee Friend prior to then, and most recently served as the Program Co-Chair of the 2019 Women's Issues in Transportation Conference Planning Committee. Hilary currently serves as Deputy Executive Director for the Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI) of San José State University (SJSU), a position she has held since 2018. Previously, she served as MTI's Director of Research and Technology Transfer and spent 12 years as faculty in the Department of Urban & Regional Planning at SJSU, serving in a number of roles, including Department Chair. Hilary's research spans transportation and environmental planning and policy, including transportation finance and the relationship between transportation and the environment. Outside of her academic work, Hilary regularly advocates for women's interests through professional service, including her service as Vice President of the Faculty Women's Interest Group (FWIG) of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning from 2013-2015.

We look forward to continuing our committee's work with Hilary's leadership.

Welcome Dr. Hilary Nixon!

## WEBINAR RECAPS

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### **Monday March 8, 2021: Where are the Women?**

In collaboration with the Women Transportation Seminar (WTS), the AME20 committee hosted Wei-Shiuen Ng from International Transport Forum (ITF) and Andree Woodcock from Coventry University. Paula Hammond, the WTS International Board Chair, opened up the webinar and made sure to wish everyone a Happy International Womens Day! Lois Goldman, Director of Regional Planning at the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority served as moderator.

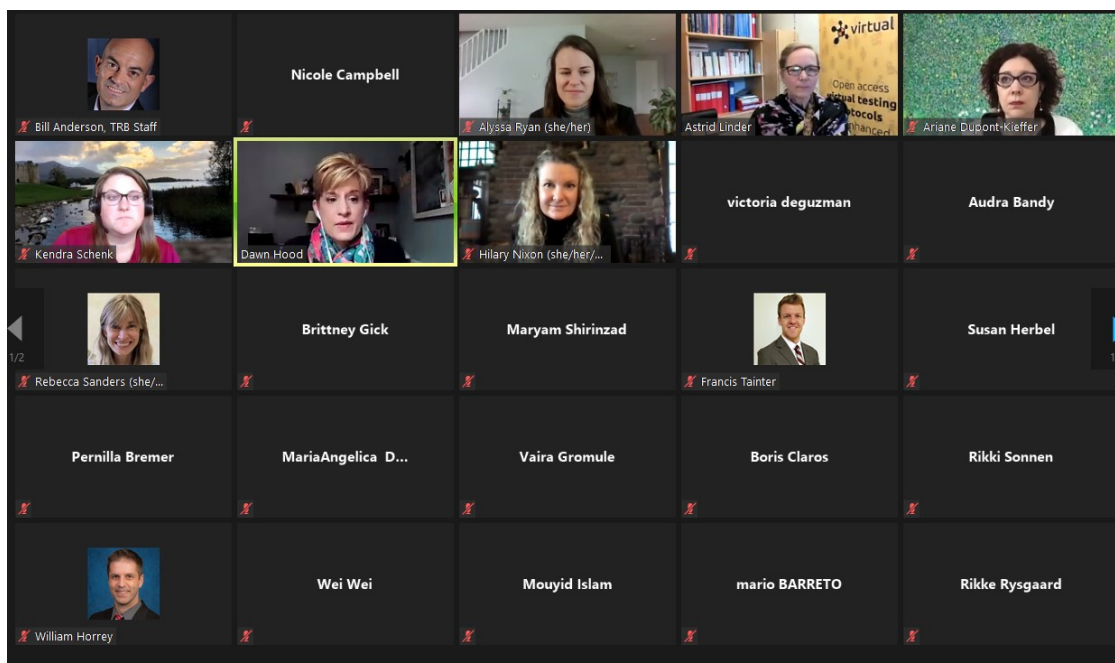
Wei-Shiuen Ng highlighted her research at ITF on gender equality, digitalization, equality, and accessibility. Two main aspects related to gender in transport that ITF researched involves women as transport users as well as women in the transport workforce. With the objective to better understand the types of barriers that exist in presenting gender equality in transport and provide policy insight, the research found that only 17% (2018) of the transport workforce is female (data from 46 countries) and the field is still male dominated.

Andree Woodcock shared her research and the TInnGO (Transport Innovation Gender Observatory) project which was sponsored by the European Union to help shift in "the way gender is regarded in the transport sector". Her work recognizes the key issues including: gender transport poverty, intersectionality, and agency. The work focuses on new approaches to data collection and design research; efforts to close data gaps with an integrated and collaborative approach to data collection and data sharing.

If you missed this webinar or if you missed any recent webinar you can now access an archive of webinar recordings on our new website [here](#).

### Wednesday April 14, 2021: A Vision – By 2030: Occupant Safety Performances of new cars are assessed for both women and men

During the April 14th webinar Dawn Hood officially ended her term as Chair and handed off her leadership role to Dr. Hilary Nixon. During the webinar Dawn and Hilary both shared some of the major accomplishments of the committee from the past 6 years. This includes the discussion and official name change of the committee (from ABE70 Women's Issues in Transportation to AME20 Women and Gender in Transportation), supporting the committee-sponsored 6th International Women's Issues in Transportation conference and TRR News special edition in 2019, the launching of the Mainstreaming Gender Data subcommittee, several committee workshops and the 2020-2021 webinar series. We are all very thankful for Dawn's 6 years of service. Dawn did a fantastic job leading us through 6 busy years of committee activities and has been an incredible supporter for members and friends looking to engage in this work. Thank you, Dawn!



# EMERGING RESEARCHER'S SHOWCASE

## FEATURING ANIA MCDONNELL

Ania McDonnell's interest in the intersection of gender and transportation was first sparked when she took a course on gender policy during her graduate studies at the University of Minnesota. One particular example, Ania recalls, was the concept that snow clearing schedules have the ability to be gendered, impacting women and caregivers more than men in society. After further research on gender and transportation, what she found "confirmed everything [she] had been feeling."

To date, Ania's area of research has focused on comprehensive city plans and their inclusion/exclusion of gendered language. In this work for her Master's degree, she found that there was little to no consideration of gender differences in the area of transportation and from this, that it is "key for local leaders and planners to understand and implement gender considerations into planning in the future to improve our communities." Her Master's Professional Paper entitled "Gender Mainstreaming City Comprehensive Plans: a Transportation Focus" has gained recognition by news outlets in Minnesota, including MinnPost and The Minnesota Daily.



From Ania's perspective, the concept of gender mainstreaming is the "concept of embedding gender diverse needs into all policies and plans" – a concept she mentions is widely used in Europe today in the area of transportation planning. Moving forward, she believes "all planners should include gender mainstreaming in their policies and practices to ensure that what they are doing is including all voices and perspectives." Motivated to make these changes, Ania has continued to lead in the area of gender research in transportation as Co-Founder of a group called the Gender Equity in Transportation Collaboration (GET Collaborative) in Minnesota. She describes this collaborative as a "group of individuals who are passionate about the topic of gender and transportation, want to push the conversation forward to change transportation, and to include diverse voices in the planning and policymaking process."

You can find more information about Ania McDonnell by reaching out to her via email at [aniamcdonnell@gmail.com](mailto:aniamcdonnell@gmail.com) or finding her on [LinkedIn](#).



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