

WOMEN & GENDER IN TRANSPORTATION

TRB Standing Committee AME20



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Wednesday, December 9th, 1:00 - 2:00pm CST

Features speakers from 2019 WliT conference and hosted by Southern Plains Transportation Center and Mineta Transportation Institute. Click [here](#) to register.

Webinar: Walk the Walk: Gender Differences in Pedestrian Planning - Thursday, December 10th, 10:30am - 12:00pm EST

Registration information will be distributed soon.

AME20 Committee Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2021 from 10am - 1pm EST

AME20 Data Subcommittee Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2021 from 2:00 - 3:30pm EST

TRB Annual Meeting Poster Session #1079:

Women and Gender in Transportation

Monday, January 25, 2021

11:30am - 1:00pm EST

TRB Annual Meeting LECTERN Session #1445:

Step In and Step Up: Sexual Harassment on Transit - What We Know, What We Need to Know, and a Call to Action

Friday, January 29, 2021 1:00 - 2:30pm EST

How Women Travel, A summary.

Written by the Los Angeles Metro Project Team:
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Summary written by Eva M. Moir

In 2017 Los Angeles Metro established the Women and Girls Governing Council. This Study, *Understanding How Women Travel*, is one of the council's first initiatives.

In 2019, Los Angeles Metro embarked on a study to answer the question: *How do women travel?* The study goals include:

- Ensure that the concerns of women commuters are incorporated into planning and operations of the LA Metro system
- Ensure that the concerns of women are incorporated into the design of both public transport infrastructure such as bus stops as well as the rolling stock.
- Increasing access to reliable service that meets the needs of women commuters and transit riders.
- Improving service for women.
- Increasing safety for women.

This brief summary attempts to cover the extensive analysis on women who ride transit and provide context to the ever changing nature of transportation as this study was prepared prior to the current COVID 19 pandemic.

In the analysis key themes emerged. Women's travel trends are different than what is being studied. Women are more likely to make many daily trips, but travel fewer miles, less likely to be licensed to drive, are more likely to make trips with the purpose of serving others. Women are making more trips per day and traveling mid-day more often. High up-front costs of a monthly pass is difficult for low-income women and Metro's one-way transfer policy also disadvantages women who take care of children or run household errands on transit.

Safety is a high concern for women and it changes the way women ride transit. Access as it relates to the design of vehicles and transit space, finances, and traveling with children or other family members plays a major role in the comfort and convenience of the ride. Reliability and frequent transit is a must for anyone however, as the study emphasizes, for women "it is a lifeline".

This study is the first step for LA Metro to better understand the needs of their women riders. The study takes the analysis a step further and identifies key next steps for Los Angeles Metro which includes conducting one of the first Gender Action Plans to explore: safety, fare Policy, station and vehicle design, services, frequency, and reliability.

To read more about this study visit the Los Angeles Metro Source article [here](#).



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New AME20 Website Launched!

After much hard work and dedication, the Women and Gender in Transportation Committee recently launched their new website! Please visit and explore the updates [here](#).

More to come in the coming months!

A Call for Papers.

Gender Issues and Mobility and Transport: Special Issue in Sustainability

To prioritize climate protection, social justice, and safe mobility in public spaces, it is crucial to understand and consider different user groups. As gender is one of the strongest determinants for individual mode choices and daily trip chains, gender differences are still hardly considered when relevant decisions are made. Although the gender mobility gap has been researched for decades, many underlying reasons stay hidden and known issues do not find their way into mobility planning.

The gender mobility gap can only be overcome with gender-sensitive data and statistics, mobility innovations that include different perspectives on transport requirements, desires and needs and, finally, recommendations for policy measures to be included in mobility planning.

With this Special Issue, we are looking for contributions that advance the research of gender and mobility. We do not aim to re-discover the known gender mobility gap; we are especially looking for findings regarding unresearched fields and concepts to implement findings into the field of transport and mobility planning, offering policy recommendations. The topics are as follows:

- Differences in specific aspects of transport behaviour such as cycling, leisure activities and/or commuting;
- Addressing safety issues that occur because of the different physiologies of women and men;
- Gender-sensitive data collection and analysis in mobility and transport;
- Best practice implementations and policy recommendations for inclusive transport systems;
- Gender issues regarding innovative mobility offers such as MaaS, micromobility or shared mobility.

You can find the call online [here](#):

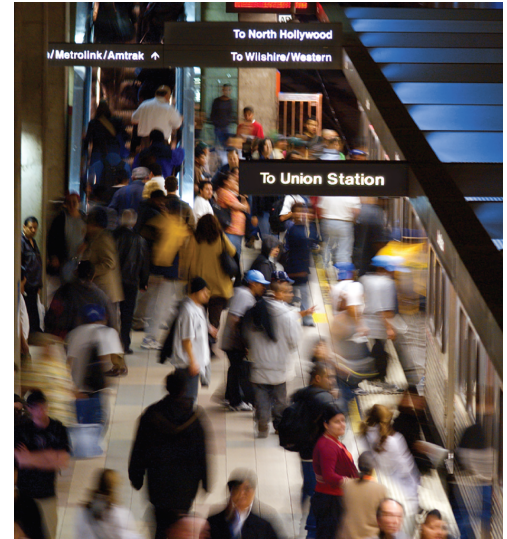


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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMITTEE CHAIR, DAWN HOOD

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Are you working on a research project that you would like featured?

Have you attended a recent event that has inspired you on this subject?

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