



TOPS Commission
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TOPS Commission Soliciting Letters of Interest from Persons Interested in Serving as Commission Members

The **Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) Oversight and Project Selection (TOPS) Commission** is currently soliciting letters of interest from persons interested in serving as Commission members. Persons interested in filling a seat on the TOPS Commission have this opportunity to express their interest by filling out **this form** with a letter of interest and a biographical sketch by Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Successful candidates will be well-established leaders in public transportation and related fields who can help fulfill the diversity of subject expertise necessary for program oversight and direction.

Commission members identify research priorities to address practical questions facing public transportation practitioners and provide overall program guidance to TCRP staff. The TCRP program (49 U.S.C. 5312(i)), is a cooperative undertaking among the **Transportation Research Board (TRB)**, the **American Public Transportation Association (APTA)**, and the **Federal Transit Administration**. TCRP serves as one of the principal means by which the public transportation industry can develop innovative solutions and adapt technologies and approaches to help meet the demands placed on the nation's public transportation systems.

Members serve three-year terms and fulfill oversight duties through participation in virtual and in-person meetings, providing written evaluation of research proposals, and proposing candidates for research panels. The ultimate goal will be to select projects to be undertaken by TCRP and to provide oversight and evaluation of the program. Travel expenses are covered by the program.

As the governing board for TRB's TCRP program, members of the TOPS Commission will be subject to the **conflict-of-interest policies and guidelines** (oversight committee guidelines) of TCRP's parent organization, the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, and will not be able to propose on TCRP requests-for-proposals.

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