

Study on Data, Metrics, and Analytic Tools for Transportation Investments that Support Family Quality of Life and Communities

PUBLIC AGENDA
Committee Meeting 5 (Virtual)
April 21, 2026

(All times shown are U.S. Daylight Savings Time)

Zoom Link to Join:

<https://nasem.zoom.us/j/91008423272?pwd=eppy7ashl1alwBGYPxkoztpdscyKurL.1>

PURPOSE

To gather perspectives and information from association and coalition leaders and from researchers about connections between transportation and quality of life for families and communities, and ways of measuring, assessing, or characterizing the effects of transportation on quality of life.

OPEN SESSION

11:00 Welcome

Joseph Schofer, Committee Chair

11:05 Panel: Transportation to Support Quality of Life for Families and Communities: Association and Coalition Perspectives

The purpose of the session is to understand from association and coalition leaders the perspectives of their constituencies on the transportation needs that should be addressed to support quality of life for families and communities and that should inform metrics used in decisions about transportation investments and actions. Each panelist will offer 10 minutes of remarks, followed by moderated discussion among panelists and committee members.

Moderator: Joseph Schofer

- Robin Phillips, Executive Director, National Rural Transportation Assistance Program
- Ben Gilsdorf, Associate Legislative Director, Transportation, National Association of Counties
- Ryan Russo, Executive Director, National Association of City Transportation Officials,
- Jim Tymon, Executive Director, AASHTO Liaison

12:30 Panel: Measuring Travel Needs and Behaviors Beyond the Daily Commute

Panelists will present methods and findings from research on trip interdependencies, travel surveys, such as the U.S. National Household Travel Survey, and human mobility data, and discuss implications for measures and data to assess impacts of transportation investments that support family quality of life and communities.

Moderator: Jill Hough, Committee Member

12:30 Kay M. Axhausen, Professor of Transportation Planning, ETH Zürich

12:55 Stacey Bricka, Senior Research Scientist, MacroSys, LLC

1:20 Cynthia Chen, Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Washington

1:45 General Discussion

2:15 Open Session Adjourn

2:15 CLOSED SESSION (Committee Members and Staff Only)

3:00 Closed Session Adjourn